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## **APPROVED MINUTES**

Summary of Board of Directors  
Climate Protection Committee Meeting  
Thursday, February 20, 2020

### **1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

Climate Protection Committee (Committee) Chairperson, Teresa Barrett, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Present: Chairperson Teresa Barrett; Vice Chair John Gioia; and Directors Scott Haggerty, Davina Hurt, Katie Rice, and Mark Ross.

Absent: Directors David Hudson, Liz Kniss, Brad Wagenknecht, and Shirlee Zane.

Also Present: Board Chairperson Rod Sinks.

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.3**

No requests received.

### **3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2019**

#### Public Comments

No requests received.

#### Committee Comments

None.

#### Committee Action

Director Haggerty made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Gioia, to **approve** the Minutes of December 2, 2019; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Barrett, Gioia, Haggerty, Hurt, Rice, Ross, Sinks.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Hudson, Kniss, Wagenknecht, Zane.

#### **4. CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOOD – AN OVERVIEW**

Abby Young, Climate Protection Program Manager, introduced Geraldina Grunbaum, Senior Environmental Planner, who gave the staff presentation *Climate Change and Food – An Overview*, including: climate change and food; climate change affects food production and climate change; greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from food production and consumption; food choice affects GHG emissions; and Air District efforts to reduce food GHG emissions.

##### Public Comments

Public comments were given by Anthony Myint, Zero Foodprint; and Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area.

##### Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the correlation between the demand for cheese pizza and GHG emissions.

##### Committee Action

None; receive and file.

#### **5. FOOD WASTE REDUCTION IN ALAMEDA COUNTY**

Ms. Young introduced Cassie Bartholomew, Program Manager at StopWaste, who gave the presentation *Food Waste Reduction in Alameda County*, including: StopWaste organics priorities in 2018; the food cycle; the problem and opportunity; stopping food waste at home; Stop Food Waste campaign; baseline research from September 2016; along with milk and dairy, vegetables, and fruit were the most likely to be thrown out, due to spoiling; date labels are by far the most common reason parents throw out food; parents who compost or use a green bin are more likely to prevent food waste than are those who use the garbage bin for food scraps; when parents learned more about the issue, their likelihood of preventing food waste grew; Stop Food Waste campaign tactics; website; food-saving tools; prevention and food scrap composting tips; videos; advertising and social media; community outreach; Senate Bill 1383 (Edible Food Recovery Program) in action; and creating solutions: donation guide for Alameda County businesses.

##### Public Comments

Public comments were given by Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area.

##### Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed whether StopWaste has considered expanding to multi-county jurisdiction, rather than solely Alameda County, and why this would be difficult; food waste that can be generated from buying food in bulk to reduce single-meal plastic containers; whether StopWaste has a gardening program; impacts on air quality due to emissions from food packaging and flatware manufacturing; the lack of composting receptacles in grocery stores; how confusing messaging can yield undesired results, and the need for more succinct, obvious messaging that will convince the biggest group of people to implement best food waste reduction practices; whether regulation or changing people's behavior will result in significant reductions in climate change; the status of legislation regarding food date labeling standards; Extra Food, a food recovery organization in Marin

County; gleaning participation from grocery stores; and tradeoffs of excess produce delivery companies, who reduce food waste but use gas-powered vehicles for delivery.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

**6. REGIONAL FOOD AND CLIMATE EVENT**

Wayne Kino, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer of Operations, introduced Lisa Fasano, Communications Officer, who gave the staff presentation *Regional Food and Climate Event*.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the target audience of the event; outreach methods; the suggestion of requesting input from the Committee and the Board of Directors' new Ad Hoc Committee on Equity and Environmental Justice; the suggestion of hosting a public fair to precede this event to generate the public's interest in the Regional Food & Climate event; whether the Air District is interested in providing funding for natural gas-to-induction cooking conversions; cities' bans on natural gas in commercial kitchens; and the request for regular updates on the planning of this event.

Committee Actions

None; receive and file.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS**

No requests received.

**8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**9. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

At the meeting, it was announced that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, April 16, 2020, at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105 at 9:30 a.m.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka  
Marcy Hiratzka  
Clerk of the Boards