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Meeting Minutes

Resource Management and Climate Protection Committee (RMCP)

Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2021

1. Roll Call – Introductions

Staff completed the roll call of Committee Members with the following quorum:

Committee Members in Attendance:

Maryann Moise Derwin - Portola Valley
Rick DeGolia - Atherton
Tom Francis – BAWSCA
Christine Kohl-Zaugg – Sustainable San Mateo County
Diane Papan – San Mateo
Ortensia Lopez - El Concilio
Donna Colson – Burlingame
Deborah Ruddock – Half Moon Bay
Alex Fernandez - Filoli

Not in Attendance

Don Horsley - San Mateo County Supervisor
Drew Combs - Menlo Park
Jeff Smith – Sares Regis Group
Bill Chiang - PG&E

Additional Attendees

Nicole Sandkulla - BAWSCA
Sean Charpentier – C/CAG
Kim Springer – C/CAG
Susan Wright – Office of Sustainability
Drew – Member of Public
Carol Steinfeld – Sierra Club
Lena Silberman – Supervisor Horsley’s Office
Reid Bogert – C/CAG
Denise Lin – County OOS
Josie Gallaird - Presenter
Peter Dreckmeier – Toulumne River Trust
Misti Bruceri - Consultant

Tom Kabat - Presenter
Rebecca Lucky - Presenter
Veronika Vostinak - Presenter

A quorum of eight Committee members was achieved.

2. Public Comments on items not on the agenda

There were no public comments.

3. Approval of minutes of August 18, 2021 RMCP Committee meeting

Motion: Ruddock Second: Papan

Motion passes unanimously.

4. Update on BayREN single-family residential electrification case studies project.

Josie Gaillard & Tom Kabat, consultants to the County Office of Sustainability for completion of case studies for electrification of 10 single family homes of varying types and locations across the county. The case study project includes gaining a cost and implementation perspective for replacement of all fossil fuel appliances in a home (furnace, dryer, range, water heater) and adding solar with battery back up and electric vehicle charging. The effort will result in publishing of the case studies to help homeowners develop their approach to electrification. The project is funded by the BayREN program, which is implemented in San Mateo County by the Office of Sustainability.

5. Presentation from two San Mateo County cities on public meeting and study session feedback to draft single-family residential electrification policies.

Veronika Vostinak, City of Half Moon Bay, and Rebecca Lucky, City of Menlo Park, both city staff working on electrification policy, provided a presentation to share their early efforts as they vetted their policies through their councils and constituents. Though there is considerable support in their communities, there are several concerns, such as the reliability of the electric grid, cost of implementation, desire to keep gas cooking, need for understanding real costs, and concern about new technologies, all were top of mind for the public.

6. Presentation on equity perspectives of single-family decarbonization from the Regional BayREN Forum on September 1, 2021.

Denise Lin, from the County Office of Sustainability, provided a recap of Equity Perspectives on home electrification, presented at the September BayREN forum. The recap included two presentations: one given by Habitat for Humanity, and one from the City of Berkeley.

The major barriers to home electrification in disadvantaged communities is cost and home disturbance for electrical upgrades needed. Best approaches are to ask questions and listen, educate the communities, and ensure an understanding of the benefits, such as lower utility bills, healthier families, increased home value, and more resilient communities. It was also shared that it is important to include targeted outreach about electrification to insure disadvantaged communities receive the education. The presentation should help communities approaching electrification develop a strategy to do so equitably.

7. Presentation on model water conservation ordinances in development by the Sierra Club

Carol Steinfeld, volunteer with the Loma Prieta Chapter of the Sierra Club presented an early view of model water conservation ordinances being developed by the Sierra Club. In general, the Model targets integration of greywater into new development and additional examples of local policy were presented. The Sierra Club Water Committee is currently focused on approaches that are easier to implement, "Eco-Justice" around water, tours, and leak prevention; in general helping the public understand the

effects of not using water efficiently on the upstream populations, both fish habitat and agricultural needs.

8. Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency update on Water Supply Reliability Roundtable and drought in San Mateo County.

Tom Francis, Water Manager at BAWSCA, provided an update. Statewide, the drought continues, even though we've had some rain, and 2021 has been the fourth driest year on record.

The state issued curtailments, requiring inflows to reservoirs from streams be released to the environment rather than being stored, throughout the state on most river systems. Though the SFPUC was going to declare a water shortage emergency and request a 10% voluntary water rationing on November 9, 2021, that was held off due to the recent rains. If implemented, the declaration could cause rate increases. The SFPUC has analyzed the impacts of drought, similar to the extreme drought of 1976-78, on water supply through 2024. With curtailments, and if we have a few more years of extreme drought, we will run out of water sometime around the end of 2023. However, a health and safety exemption will likely be established, allowing a maximum of 55 gallons per person per day.

Tom shared a short update on the previously discussed One Water Roundtable. BAWSCA is working on hiring a consultant to support the Roundtable effort. The intention is to launch the Roundtable in January.

9. Committee Member Updates

Christine Zaugg reminded the committee of the monthly happy hour events held by Sustainable San Mateo County

Sean Charpentier shared with the Committee that the C/CAG Board resolution supporting remote meetings for the Board and Committees only lasts 30 days. Therefore, since the new C/CAG Board meeting will occur after the next RMCP meeting (over 30 days) the RCMP Committee will need to make a finding of health risk in order to conduct the November meeting.

10. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: November 17, 2021