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Meeting Minutes of the

Resource Management and Climate Protection Committee (RMCP)
155 Bovet Rd. - Ground Floor Conference Room
San Mateo CA, 94402
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 Time: 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Tom Francis – BAWSCA (Vice Chair)
Mary Hufty – Town of Portola Valley
Kaia Aiken – City of Redwood City
Gina Papan – Millbrae
Jeff Smith – Ceres Regis Group
Alex Fernandez – Filoli
Sue Beckmeyer – Pacifica
Sarah Hubbard

Committee Members not in Attendance

Donna Colson – Burlingame (Chair)
Dave Pine – County of San Mateo
Ortensia Lopez – El Concilio - online
Bill Chiang - PG&E

Additional Attendees

Sean Charpentier – C/CAG
Kim Springer – C/CAG
Jacob Evans – Loma Prieta Chapter - Sierra Club
Carol Steinfeld – Loma Prieta Chapter - Sierra Club
Peter Drekmeier – Tuolumne River Trust
Susan Wright – County Sustainability Department
Laura Wong – County Sustainability Department
Alero Moju – County Sustainability Department
Dave Warner - Public

Note: All presentations for this meeting have been posted on the C/CAG RMCP Committee website:
<https://ccag.ca.gov/committees/resource-management-and-climate-protection-committee/>

Meeting was called to order at 3:11 P.M.

1. Roll Call and Introductions, including welcoming members recently appointed by the C/CAG Board to the RMCP Committee.

Committee staff completed Roll Call and a quorum of eight members was eventually achieved.

2. Public Comments on items not on the agenda.

Public comments were related to water rate increases, what's the right forum for talking about water quality issues, and a judge's ruling related to lawsuits files challenging the Sta Board's adoption of the Bay Delta Plan.

3. Approval of minutes of the January 17, 2024 RMCP Committee meeting.

The January 17, 2024 minutes were adopted with one change to the date of the next meeting. A motion was made by Member Papan, seconded by Member Smith. A roll call vote was taken, (8,0,0).

4. Information only: BAWSCA Water Supply report.

No presentation

Tom Francis, Committee member and BAWSCA Water Resources Manager, provided a brief overview of the report.

5. Presentation on a CalNEXT study completed for investor-owned utilities on all-electric commercial kitchen electrical requirements.

Kim Springer, RMCP Committee staff provided a presentation on a study by CalNEXT on commercial kitchen electrification retrofits. The committee provided comments, including: how would food trucks fit into the study, if carbon pricing would be a better approach, future operating expenses after a retrofit, time span of the study, and any feedback from the restaurant industry.

6. Presentation on development of commercial kitchen electrification pilot for San Mateo County.

Laura Wong, staff at County Sustainability Department, provided a short presentation on a potential commercial kitchen retrofit case study pilot being proposed to PG&E under the San Mateo County Energy Watch program. The committee provided comments and questions, including: risk of underestimating costs, considerations about long term commercial leases, how tenant improvements work, risk for future tenants removing access to natural gas, a potential policy to redistrict use of gas, availability of equipment, cost for upgrades, potential other grant resources, opportunities to share successful completed projects, who would pay for fixtures between the tenant and the landlord, would electric food trucks be possible, need for close collaboration between local governments to avoid pushing businesses away, why the focus on small businesses, would SFO be a potential site because of all the small businesses in one location, labor fit into this, other considerations such as air quality and health, is there a marketing angle for small restaurants, potential for partial electrification projects.

Frontier Energy is invited to present of their PG&E-funded resources for commercial kitchens at the next meeting.

7. Presentation on Bay Area Regional Area Network single family energy program and redesign.

Alero Moju, from the County Sustainability Department, provided a presentation on a redesign, currently underway, for the BayREN single family energy program. Committee members provided feedback on the following: the need to do door to door selling of the program, the need for multilingual outreach, leveraging a concierge approach to reduce cost, focus on a more local contractor pool, would program budget increase with inflation, for outreach to leverage CBOs and

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religious organizations, potential for leveraging students in schools as outreach and seniors, good to see income limits higher, partnering with organizations already touching target audience, building insulation might be a cost effective approach, a copay approach seems a good idea, possibility for job creation, provide food at events, knocking on doors is more expensive but also more effective, libraries could be a good outreach approach, will more homes retrofitted occur even if not counted, can energy date be used (after the fact) to show effectiveness, and can the contractors be local in order to reduce service worker travel.

8. Discussion of future meeting topics for the RMCP Committee.

Kim Springer, Committee Staff, briefly suggested that, for this item, he send out a survey and then discuss the results at the next meeting. The Committee agreed.

9. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: April 17, 2024

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:04 P.M.

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