



**DRAFT MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011- 6:00 PM  
PERMIT CENTER, HEARING ROOM  
175 N. GARFIELD AVE.  
PASADENA, CA 91101**

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) was called to order by Chair Williams at 6:03 pm.

**Agenda item 1: ROLL CALL**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Felicia Williams, Bryan Reese, Michael Brady, Ken Farley, Michael Hurley and Gabrielle C. Woods

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Carol Hunt-Hernandez (Excused), Alan Lamson (Excused)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Eric Klinkner (PWP)

**Agenda item 2: PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA** (None)

**Agenda item 3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

It was moved by Commissioner Hurley with a second by Vice Chair Reese to approve the minutes of August 23, 2011. (motion carried unanimously)

**Agenda item 4: OLD BUSINESS:** (None)

**Agenda item 5: NEW BUSINESS:** (None)

**Agenda item 6: REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM STAFF**

- A. Update on the Environmental Review for the Plastic Bag Ban Recommendation Scheduled for City Council on October 3, 2011.

The EIR addendum is in the public review process and staff will present the recommendation on October 3<sup>rd</sup> to City Council. The L.A. County EIR and the addendum are published on the City's website for public review. In addition to the addendum staff is including a statement of overriding consideration. Staff will recommend to Council to adopt the resolution and the addendum; once adopted staff will have a first reading in November.

**Agenda item 7: COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Vice Chair Reese discussed being randomly selected by PWP as one of the residents to have their power use monitored by a power energy report.

Erik Klinkner explained that this report is generated by a customers' power use history and their use is compared with each neighbor who has a similar sized property. This is a measurement of energy efficiency in a neighborhood and is used as a tool to assist customers in reducing energy consumption within their homes.

Chair Williams discussed an event on September 24, 2011, with Neighborhood Church and an organization called 350.org. called *Moving Planet Day*. This event begins at 10 am at Memorial Park and is designed to have people walk around Pasadena to promote a reduction of fossil fuels. Chair Williams will give a speech on the IRP update.

**Agenda item 8: REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEES**

A. IRP Ad Hoc Committee Update

Chair Williams gave an update on the first meeting. The committee discussed updating the assumptions for the new IRP. The committee is deciding on whether to recommend keeping the 2009 portfolio of 40% renewables by 2020 or recommend lowering them to the 33% that the State mandates. City Council is concerned that exceeding the State standards might be a financial burden for consumers.

The next IRP Ad Hoc committee meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2011; at that meeting recommendations on the IRP will be made and a public hearing will take place at a later date.

B. Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee (None)

C. Open Space and Conservation Element Committee

The Open Space Committee reviewed the EAC's recommendations and was agreeable to two of the three amendments to the draft as outlined in the August 23, 2011 minutes.

The third recommendation which was that the EAC and Parks and Recreation should meet jointly to review the implementation of the plan was not supported. Instead it was decided to form a committee that includes members of the EAC and Parks and Recreation which will meet periodically.

D. Zero Waste Ad Hoc Committee (None)


E. General Plan Update Advisory Committee

The committee met to review the results of the online survey and the results can be reviewed on the General Plan website.

**Agenda item 9: INFORMATIONAL HANDOUTS**

Water Supply & Conservation Update – Copy of Report Presented to Municipal Services Committee\*  
Eric Klinkner gave a brief presentation and answered questions on the report. The decrease of water usage citywide has caused a shortfall of funds to the capital plan program. The capital program was 100% volumetric rate and should have brought in 8 million a year and we're 2 million short of the capital plan. Will move forward with two revisions; 1) We have a fee schedule for hooking up new customers and we will request to have that schedule eliminated and replaced with billing at cost; 2) Regarding the water rate issue, PWP will bring a proposal to MSC in December.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm by Chair Williams.



Lorraine Nava, Recording Secretary