



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT POLICY COMMITTEE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Monday, July 9, 2012

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1. STAFF/ PERSONNEL

- Donald Oliveira is SFE's new Outreach Program Manager
- There will be a hiring halt from August until September
- SFE in the process of hiring for several open positions before the end of July

2. OUTREACH AND PRESS EVENTS

- Adam Stern, Alexa Kielty, and Katherine Michonski presented at Rio+20, representing SFE
- Zero Waste and Outreach completed second of five bag fairs. The event brought together vendors and small business retail community
- Mission High School Green Guardians video training course made informational videos about recycling and composting using some of our Green Businesses
- The 2012 Green and Blue Awards were held successfully on 6/27/12
- Director Nutter participated in a clean water press event with the PUC and Supervisor Chiu on 6/26/12
- Director Nutter presented at the Canadian Green Building Council Conference in Toronto re: Sustainable Cities 6/12/12

3. PROGRAM MILESTONES/ACHIEVEMENTS

- Zero Waste: achieved full compliance with AB 341 (all large businesses and apartment buildings needed to arrange for recycling service by 7/1). We've actually gone way beyond AB 341, ensuring smaller businesses and residences also have recycling (including 318 businesses in the last 6 weeks), not to mention composting
- Clean Air: convened briefing workshop for representatives of Multifamily Buildings awarded EV chargers (~40 San Francisco buildings) through MultiCharge SF/ChargePoint California demonstration program – installation to occur during the summer months
- Clean Air: helped convene and participated in quarterly meeting of Bay Area EV Council, comprised of senior officials of Bay Area regional agencies and other high level stakeholders
- Admin: the Building Move Committee has broken up into sub-committees, fundraising, design, furniture to keep the internal process moving

4. GRANTS/FUNDRAISING

- Zero Waste selected 6 grantees out of 17 proposals to be awarded a total of \$150,000 for fiscal 2012-2013
- Clean Air: SF County Transportation Authority's Plans and Programming committee approved our Prop K (\$271 K) and TFCA (\$124 K) projects for next FY
- A successful teleconference with vendors and manufacturers in the Regenerative Network about providing products and services for the move was held on 6/18/12
- Graffiti remover alternatives analysis has been funded by US EPA Region IX. \$150K will go to Institute for Research & Technical Assistance (Katy Wolf) via BAAQMD – SFE is major collaborator – work begins late Fall
- Environmental Justice: the EPA awarded SFE with a grant to support out brownfield assessment work and to support our work on the Blue Greenway in the Bayview

5. LEGISLATION

- Zero Waste worked with our lobbyist and others to successfully amend SB 1118 (mattress recovery) into a producer responsibility bill

- Submitted AB 298 (single-use plastic bag ban) support letter including opposition to any pre-emption of our bag ordinance. State Superior Court judge heard City Attorney's request for a demurrer on plastic industry's lawsuit against our checkout bag ordinance. The judge delayed decision so lawsuit proceeds with next hearing 8/ 27
- Assisted with preparation and participated in Supervisor Olague's City Operations & Neighborhood Services Committee recycling hearing
- Legislation to create a coordinated urban ag program has been introduced by Supervisor Chiu. It was unanimously passed in committee, and was continued to the July 10th hearing
- Green Building discussed proposed "Drink Tap Ordinance" with SFPUC to be introduced by Sup. Chiu on June 26 to require water bottle filling capabilities at new and renovated water fountains. DBI will inform permit applicants of requirements, SFPUC will provide list of qualified vendor/installers, and SFE will perform outreach to subject properties

6. UPCOMING EVENTS

- The 2012 Sr Staff Retreat will be held on 7/11/12 at the Ralston White Retreat Center in Mill Valley
- Environmental Justice is conducting outreach for SF Healthy Homes project to prepare for development of a BVHP Community Action Plan. Action planning meetings (on 7/9 and 2 meetings on 7/12) will be held at Bayview YMCA to address 4 priority issues: (1) address post-traumatic stress among youth; (2) violence prevention; (3) promote access to quality, affordable housing; and (4) promote community education to address health disparities