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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 30, 2014
TO: Commissioners, Commission on the Environment
FROM: Monica Fish, Commission Secretary
SUBJECT: Commission Secretary Report for the September 30, 2014 Commission Meeting

Board of Supervisors Legislative Activity
(As reported weekly by Department of the Environment Communications and Policy Director Guillermo Rodriguez)

Week of July 28, 2014

Legislation Introduced

Resolution supporting and encouraging the Department of the Environment and the Port in developing a policy to prohibit the transportation and export of hazardous fossil fuel materials including crude oil, coal, and petroleum coke in the City and County of San Francisco. REFERRED FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

Board of Supervisors – Items of Note (Tuesday, July 29, 2:00PM)

Resolution authorizing the Recreation and Park Department to accept and expend a grant of \$100,000 from Yellow Pages, made possible by a partnership with EcoMedia, to support the construction of the Vertical Garden component at the Golden Gate Park Community Garden, for the period of August 1, 2013, through November 30, 2013. (Mar) **ADOPTED**

August – Board Break, no meetings were held.

Week of September 1, 2014

Legislation Introduced

Hearing with the Public Utilities Commission, Department of Public Works, Recreation and Park Department, and the Department of the Environment to report on San Francisco's overall strategy to reduce water usage, and each department's efforts to reduce water usage, to determine whether or not to move forward with legislation 1) to require that multi-unit buildings be separately metered for water, and 2) to require increased water recycling/reuse through City recycling plants, other means of recycling and code changes to require that new construction have the capacity to have

separate new and recycled water systems. RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Land Use and Economic Development Committee. (Wiener)

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to rename the Energy Efficiency Steering Committee as the Energy Efficiency Coordinating Committee; to reauthorize the Committee for one year unless further extended by the Board of Supervisors; to change the qualifications for membership on the Committee; and to revise the Committee's powers and duties. (Mar) **PASSED**

Week of September 8, 2014

Legislation Introduced

Resolution urging the United States Congress to enact a revenue-neutral carbon tax. REFERRED FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING. (Avalos)

Government Audit and Oversight Committee (Thursday, September 11, 11:00AM)

Hearing on the recently published 2013-2014 Civil Grand Jury report, entitled "Rising Sea Levels... At Our Doorstep." (Clerk of the Board) **HEARD AND TABLED.**

Resolution responding to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on the findings and recommendations contained in the 2013-2014 Civil Grand Jury Report, entitled "Rising Sea Levels...At Our Doorstep;" and urging the Mayor to cause the implementation of accepted findings and recommendations through his/her department heads and through the development of the annual budget. (Clerk of the Board) **RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT.**

Week of September 15, 2014

Legislation Introduced

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to mandate reduction of the nonessential City vehicle fleet, implement modern technology-based systems in measuring utilization of the fleet and vehicle access, and allow the City Administrator to document the existence of and restrict assignments of underutilized vehicles; require that officers and employees seek to use car sharing services first instead of City owned vehicles; authorize the City Administrator to enter into master agreements with vendors for the procurement of car sharing services; and making environmental findings. ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Budget and Finance Committee. (Farrell; Avalos, Kim)

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to include the National Association of City Transportation Officials Urban Street Design Guide and Urban Bikeway Design Guide as an additional reference in City transportation planning and design projects and programs. ASSIGNED to Land Use and Economic Development Committee. (Wiener)

Ordinance amending the Environment Code to revise the composition and meeting schedule requirements for the Urban Forestry Council. ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

By Departments

Resolution responding to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on the findings and recommendations contained in the 2013-2014 Civil Grand Jury Report, entitled "Rising Sea

Levels...At Our Doorstep;" and urging the Mayor to cause the implementation of accepted findings and recommendations through his/her department heads and through the development of the annual budget. (Clerk of the Board). RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

Board of Supervisors – Items of Note (Tuesday, September 16, 2:00PM)

Resolution responding to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on the findings and recommendations contained in the 2013-2014 Civil Grand Jury Report, entitled "Rising Sea Levels...At Our Doorstep;" and urging the Mayor to cause the implementation of accepted findings and recommendations through his/her department heads and through the development of the annual budget. (Clerk of the Board) **ADOPTED**

Rules (Thursday, September 18, 2:00PM)

Hearing to consider appointing one member, term ending February 1, 2015, to the Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee. (Clerk of the Board) **Appointment of Jane Weil, seat 18, recommended.**

Week of September 23, 2014

Legislation Introduced

Hearing on bicycle access on Muni busses and Light Rail Vehicles. RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Neighborhood Services and Safety Committee. (Mar; Avalos)

Board of Supervisors – Items of Note (Tuesday, September 23, 2:00PM)

Ordinance designating the Giant Sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) tree at 3066 Market Street (Assessor's Block No. 2656, Lot. No. 020) as a landmark tree pursuant to Public Works Code, Section 810, making findings supporting the designation, and requesting official acts in furtherance of the landmark tree designation. (Wiener)

Motion appointing Michael Sullivan, term ending November 18, 2016, to the Urban Forestry Council. (Rules Committee) **ADOPTED**

GAO (Thursday, September 25, 11:00AM)

Hearing on the recently published 2013-2014 Civil Grand Jury report, entitled "Survey of San Francisco Commission Websites." (Clerk of the Board)

Communications Received:

- ✚ City Attorney's Office memo "Political Activity by City Officers and Employees."
- ✚ City Hall Events
- ✚ Department of the Environment event announcements, newsletters, employment opportunities, informational updates, articles, press releases.
- ✚ Department of Public Works Press Release. "New Night Market to Light Up United Nations Plaza."

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- ✚ Mayor's Office Commission updates, announcements, invitations, press releases, media advisories, Notice of EIR's.
- ✚ Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services newsletters.
- ✚ Nature in the City news.
- ✚ Neighborhood Empowerment Network news.
- ✚ Planning Department Urban Forest Master Plan updates.
- ✚ San Francisco Parks Alliance Newsletters and information.
- ✚ Sea Scavenger event invitations.

Attachments: Correspondence Log