

**CITY OF ALHAMBRA**

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING**

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a **Regular Meeting** of the Alhambra Environmental Committee will be held on **Thursday, May 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room A, on the second floor of the Alhambra City Hall, 111 S. First St., Alhambra, California,** pursuant to the President of the Environmental Committee and Section 54956 of the Government Code of the State of California.

An agenda of such regular meeting is attached hereto, incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein.

Cynthia Jarvis, Committee Secretary

Notice #: N2M17- 46

Dated: May 4, 2017

**CITY OF ALHAMBRA  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
AGENDA  
Regular Meeting**

**Thursday, May 11, 2017 - 7:00 pm  
Alhambra City Hall, 111 S. First St.  
Conference Room A, Second Floor**

- I. Roll Call**  
Joseph Fong  
John Vuong  
Kim Luu  
Lillian De Loza-Gutierrez  
Daniel Lewis
  
- II. Flag Salute.**
  
- III. MINUTES FOR MEETINGS OF MARCH 9, 2017**  
**Recommended Action:** That the committee review and approve the minutes for the regular meeting of January 12, 2017.
  
- IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**  
Each year the committee is appointed by the City Council. At that time it is appropriate to conduct an election to determine which members will chair the meeting as president and in the event the chair cannot attend the meeting, determine which member will step in as Vice President to conduct the meeting.  
**Recommended Action:** That the Committee elect a new president and vice president to chair the meeting.
  
- V. LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY**  
Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), authorized by California AB 117 (2002) and SB 790 (2011), allows local governments (counties and cities) to purchase electricity in the wholesale power market, develop and operate generation assets, sell electricity to their residents and businesses and provide customer programs such as energy efficiency and renewable energy incentives. The Los Angeles County is forming a CCA in partnership with interested local governments. Staff will provide an update regarding the County's proposed CCA.  
**Recommended Action:** Information only. No action required.
  
- VI. RECYCLED BEVERAGE CONTAINER ART CONTEST**  
Grant funds are available from CalRecycle to promote recycling beverage containers. With the approval of CalRecycle, the City of Alhambra promoted recycling by conducting an art contest that will include artwork of an educational nature or artwork that incorporates recycled beverage containers. The City Arts and Cultural Events (CACE) Committee spearheaded this contest and invited the

Environmental Committee members to assist as judges to determine the winners. Staff and participating committee members will report on the event.

**Recommended Action:** Information only. No action required

#### **VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Discussion from the public of any item not specified on the agenda. Comments are welcome, but must pertain to the business of the Alhambra Environmental Committee. Please limit all oral communication to five (5) minutes. Speakers must fill out a blue speaker's card, prior to the meeting and submit it to the Committee Secretary. Comments must pertain to the business of the Environmental Committee. Please limit all oral communications to five (5) minutes.

#### **VIII. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION**

Discussion from the Committee members of any item not specified on the agenda. Items must pertain to the business of the Alhambra Environmental Committee.

#### **IX. Adjournment**

*If you wish to address the Committee during the meeting, please complete a speaker's card and give it to the secretary. When making your presentation, please give your name and address for the record. Please make your statement as brief as possible. The maximum time for addressing the Committee is five minutes.*

*If you wish to address the Committee on an item which appears on the agenda, your comments will be heard during the Committee's discussion of that item. If you wish to address the Committee on a subject which does not appear on the agenda, but is of an environmental concern, your comments will be heard under Public Comments. Please be advised that under the State of California's Ralph M. Brown Act, the committee cannot take action on any item which does not appear on the agenda.*

*Copies of staff reports or other written documentation relating to each item of business described above are on file in the Management Services office and are available for public inspection upon request during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Any question concerning agenda items should be directed to Cynthia Jarvis, Environmental Resources Director at (626) 570-5011.*

**MINUTES**  
**Environmental Committee**  
**Regular Meeting of March 9, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Environmental Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 9, 2017 at Alhambra City Hall, 111 S. First Street, Conference Room A, Alhambra, CA.

**I. Roll Call**

Committee Members Present: Yamauchi, Luu, Vuong

Committee Members Absent: Fong

Also Attending: Environmental Resources Director, Jarvis.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

After discussion of the Superfund Site issue and how the Lowe's project and Vapor Intrusion Barriers fit into the issue, the minutes for January 12, 2017 were approved as written, on the motion of Vuong with a second by Luu.

**IV. LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY**

Staff provided a brief overview of the background for the LACCE program and upon approval of the committee members, showed the videotaped presentation made by Gary Gero, Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Officer, at the regular meeting of the Alhambra City Council on January 23, 2017. Yamauchi expressed concerned that there was no mention of continuation of programs that benefit the senior/disabled/low-income population. Staff clarified that those programs are provided through a tax levied to all customers and that those programs would continue regardless of which company was providing energy. A discussion ensued regarding the manner in which "green" energy is delivered to the customer and there was concern over a customer paying for "green" energy, but receiving other types of energy. Staff explained that the quality of the energy does not change based on its source, but the source affects the overall carbon footprint from energy generation and that even though a customer might pay for 100% "green" energy, the actual energy would be comingled, much the way water would mix together. Energy actually transmitted to customers would be a combination of "green" or not "green" energy, but greater the purchase of "green" energy, the greater the overall reduction in the carbon footprint from energy generation. Environmentally minded customers would be attracted to this reduction. The committee inquired as to which cities could participate and staff explained that only cities that are currently served by SCE would be eligible. The committee requested that staff continue to keep them informed on how the LACCE progresses.

**V. RECYCLED BEVERAGE CONTAINER ART CONTEST**

Staff described the art contest, which will be held in conjunction with the Eco Fair on April 30, 2017. The committee members were invited to attend to act as judges. All three committee members agreed that they would like to participate as judges.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**VII. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION**

Vuong stated that he felt the recycling bins should be reconfigured to source separate various types of recyclable material and stated that he was unsure about what materials can be recycled. Yamauchi said that information about specific recyclable materials can be found on the website. Staff offered that if there is doubt about the material it should be put in the regular trash bin so that the recycled material is not contaminated and described the process for separating recyclable materials at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). Staff further explained how the MRF facilities operate and offered to organize a tour of a facility if the committee was interested.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM to the next regular meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

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