



AGENDA

CITY OF EL SEGUNDO

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

MEETING LOCATION: CITY HALL
Executive Conference Room
350 Main Street,
El Segundo, CA 90245

REGULAR MEETING OF THE EL SEGUNDO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Friday, September 8, 2023 – 12:00 P.M.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – (Related to City Business Only and for which the Committee is responsible – 5-minute limit per person, 30-minute limit total) *While all comments are welcome, the Brown Act does not allow the Committee to take action on any item not on the agenda. Committee members may respond to comments after Public Communications is closed.*

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- a. El Segundo Blue Butterfly Conservancy Update – Barbara Boland and Monica Davis

5. **REPORTS: PUBLIC WORKS** – *this portion of the agenda is for City staff to provide brief reports to the Committee. These are “receive and file,” non-action items only. Any actions needed to be taken must be included on an upcoming agenda.*
 - a. Hyperion Update
 - b. Imperial Median Project Update
 - c. South Bay Local Travel Network Pilot Project Update
 - d. EV Charging Station Update
 - e. CAGBN Update

6. **REPORTS: ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS** – *this portion of the agenda is for members to discuss various ideas and for subcommittees established by the Committee to provide brief reports on the work being done by the subcommittee. These are “receive and file,” non-action items only. Any actions needed to be taken must be included on an upcoming agenda.*
 - a. City Utilization of State & Federal Programs & Grants
 - b. Calendar Check for Tours of Hyperion, Chevron and West Basin
 - c. Environmental Work Plan: Committee Priority Assessment

7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - a. Approval of August 4, 2023 Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes (attachment). Recommendation: Approval.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**



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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, August 4, 2023, 12:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm, held in the Executive Conference Room of City Hall in person.

2. ROLL CALL

The following Committee Members were present:

- Tracey Miller-Zarneke, Local Business, Committee Chair
- Kevin Butler, Resident, Committee Vice Chair
- Kevin Atmore, Resident, Member
- Shannon O'Toole, Resident, Member
- Dennis Falk, Resident, Member

Heather Sutherland, Member, was not present.

The following City staff were present:

- Elias K. Sassoon, Public Works Director
- Erica Miramontes, Management Analyst
- Ryan Baldino, Councilmember

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: None

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- a. West Basin Municipal Water District Presentation on Water Conservation – Scott Houston from West Basin gave a presentation on their ongoing mission to promote water conservancy within the City of El Segundo. He discussed the benefits of recycled water and how they are in the final stages of completing a Recycled Water Fill Station to make recycled water available to all businesses and residents in the area. Mr. Houston also discussed how currently the commercial and industrial sector use up to 15-20% of potable water and they are looking into how to reduce this. He added that legislation is currently being processed to impose restrictions on potable water use for non-functional turf on these commercial/industrial properties and there is grass replacement program in place for public agencies. Vice Chair Butler asked why more discharge from Hyperion is not being recycled. Mr. Houston stated that West Basin is currently servicing a large amount of that water, but they are looking to expand their operation to service even more.
- b. LADWP Presentation on Once Through Cooling Regulations – Glen Barry from LADWP gave a presentation regarding going before the state water board on 8/15/23 to request a 5-year extension on their Scattergood plant conversion. They discussed that the reason for the extension is due to grid reliability. The LA100 study identified that needed more capacity. LADWP once had 14 once-through cooling units and they are now down to 6. Katherine Rubin from LADWP added that they are prepared to pay for any fees, in addition to voluntary mitigation fees, throughout the 5-year extension for any environmental impacts. Councilmember Baldino asked where the money from these fees will go. Ms. Rubin informed the committee that the money will go to local coastal projects within a 35 mile radius of the Scattergood plant. Vice Chair Butler asked if there have been any updates with the transportation of hydrogen to the plant. Mr. Barry said there have been discussions to have a hydrogen hub approved in the area as opposed to having it trucked into the City. Chair Miller-Zarneke asked

how individuals can support their extension request. Ms. Rubin stated that they will provide a link on how to call in and provide support.

5. REPORTS: PUBLIC WORKS

- a. Hyperion Update: Director Sassoon provided a status report regarding Hyperion. He reported that the citizen's forum was held on 7/20/23. He also stated that Hyperion plans to work on their covers from 8/7/23 – 8/18/23. Director Sassoon asked if the work could be postponed to a later date due to the heat. But Hyperion stated that they could not due to the abatement order from AQMD, which requires the completion of installment of new primary tanks covers (with the exception of Battery D) before December 2023.
- b. Imperial Median Project Update: Director Sassoon reported that the City is currently working with the City of Los Angeles on the Memorandum of Agreement for the project. Director Sassoon has asked for Seacliff Buckwheat plants to be included in the median project to support the Blue Butterfly conservancy and habitat.
- c. South Bay Local Travel Network Pilot Project Update: Director Sassoon reported that the signs for the LTN project have been fabricated and will be installed soon. There will be a ribbon cutting and outreach to the community to prepare them for the implementation. A few parking spaces for the micro mobility vehicles will also be installed on the corner of Holly and Main.
- d. EV Charging Station Update: Director Sassoon provided a status update regarding the EV charging station. He reported that the City will be receiving \$700K from Al Muratsuchi's office to fund the installation of the EV station.
- e. CAGBN Update: Martha Segovia from SBCCOG provided a status update regarding the 2nd year of the Cal Green Business Network program. She reported that they have certified 10 businesses so far and they appointments to certify two more. Ms. Segovia also informed the committee that she attended a meeting with CAGBN where she was informed that there will not be funding for the 3rd year of the program. Chair Miller-Zarneke asked if the committee could start their own green business program for the City when this funding runs out, a discussion that will need to be continued.

6. REPORTS: ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- a. Calendar Check for Facility Tours of Hyperion and Chevron: The committee discussed possible dates to schedule tours for Hyperion and Chevron. Chair Miller-Zarneke will send out a list of dates to members to coordinate.
- b. El Segundo Blue Butterfly Conservancy Update: Chair Miller-Zarneke reported out on behalf of Monica Davis and Barbara Boland that the Conservancy hosted three free educational tours in July at Dockweiler Bluffs to see the butterflies in action; 18 residents signed up to purchase the host plant *Erigeron parvifolium*; Chevron purchased \$2000 in plants for ESB Butterfly Habitat; and the July 20 2023 *El Segundo Herald* printed an extensive article written by Liz Spear (Manhattan Beach) and featured photographs by ES residents Sarah Ainsworth and Vice Chair Kevin Butler.
- c. Environmental Work Plan: Committee Priority Assessment: Chair Miller-Zarneke tabled the item for next meeting due to time constraints.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval of Minutes for June 2, 2023 meeting. Member Falk moved to approve. Member Butler seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Closing announcement: Next meeting will be held in person on September 8, 2023, at noon, in the Executive Conference Room. Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.