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**TORRANCE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION
COMMISSION AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 1, 2022
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. IN WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM CITY HALL
3031 TORRANCE BOULEVARD
TORRANCE, CA 90503**

**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMISSION MAY
TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

2. FLAG SALUTE:

3. REPORT OF STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. and on the City's Website on Thursday, August 25, 2022

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to a 15-minute period)

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6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: AUGUST 4, 2022

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

**7A. PRESENTATION BY SUNNY WANG, WATER RESOURCES MANAGER, CITY OF
CITY OF SANTA MONICA – “MAXIMIZING LOCAL WATER RESOURCES TO
ACHIEVE WATER SELF SUFFICIENCY”**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that the Commission file and accept the presentation.

ROLL CALL: Endo-Roberts _____ Hill _____ Jendrucko _____ Love _____ Seferian _____ Stecker _____ Chairperson Wright _____

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8. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE SCHEDULED

9. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

10. ADJOURNMENT

10A. Adjournment of Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission Meeting, tentatively, to Thursday, October 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND
ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 4, 2022, via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Endo-Roberts, Hill, Jendrucko, Love, Seferian, Stecker, and Chair Wright.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Senior Environmental Quality Officer Sharron Jones, Environmental Quality Officer Nora Duncan, Environmental Permit Technician Karen Guevara, and Community Development Director Michelle Ramirez.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Love led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. REPORT OF STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Environmental Quality Officer Duncan reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

– None

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

– None

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JULY 7, 2022

MOTION: Commissioner Seferian moved to approve the July 7, 2022 minutes as submitted. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a 6-0 approval (Commissioner Stecker abstaining).

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. DISCUSSION OF CLIMATE SMART AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Environmental Quality Officer Nora Duncan requested input / feedback from the Commission regarding the Climate Smart Awards fillable online form.

Chair Wright stated that he partially filled out the form and thought it worked well.

Commissioner Stecker inquired who would choose the winners, if there would be multiple winners per category, and if notifications would be sent to nominees informing them of their nomination / win / rejection. Environmental Quality Officer Duncan replied that the Commission would choose the winners and that there could be multiple recipients.

Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that the youth council does not start until October and their last meeting is in May giving them a short window of opportunity.

Chair Wright inquired how one could find the Climate Smart Award nomination form on the website. Environmental Quality Officer Duncan replied that Staff will place the form on both the CDD and Commission website.

Commissioner Jendrucko pointed out that forms currently can be submitted without selecting a nomination category. Environmental Quality Officer Duncan replied that Staff will make sure that a category must be selected before submission.

7B. DISCUSSION OF CLIMATE SMART AWARDS CERTIFICATE

Environmental Quality Officer Duncan presented (3) Climate Smart Award certificates and (1) certificate cover for approval.

CERTIFICATE OPTION 1

Chair Wright stated that the certificate has a cap and gown symbol and should only be for the student awards.

Commissioner Endo-Roberts concurred with Chair Wright and stated that the symbol in the left corner needed an adjustment.

CERTIFICATE OPTION 2

Chair Wright stated that the City logo was missing on the certificates.

Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she liked the border used on the certificate and would like to see the City logo on the certificate.

CERTIFICATE OPTION 3

Commissioner Jendrucko stated that she preferred the third option and requested that the wording be adjusted. Environmental Quality Officer Duncan acknowledged the request.

Commissioner Stecker stated that he preferred the third option.

Commissioner Hill inquired if the City logo would go on the certificate. Environmental Quality Officer Duncan replied that Staff can investigate.

7C. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON & VICE CHAIRPERSON

Commissioner Love nominated Commissioner Stecker as Chair.

Commissioner Endo-Roberts nominated Chair Wright as Chair.

Chair Wright seconded the nomination for Commissioner Stecker as Chair.

A roll call reflected a unanimous vote for Commissioner Stecker as Chair.

Commissioner Stecker nominated Commissioner Love as Vice Chair. Commissioner Hill seconded the nomination; a roll call reflected a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Stecker stated that he will not be available for the September 1, 2022 meeting.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

– None

9. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Stecker spoke on the fireworks during the Fourth of July; Commissioner Stecker stated that cities are doing drone shows or laser shows with concerts in place of a fireworks show and that the City of Torrance should investigate being a leader in implementing new methods. Chair Wright replied that he agreed.

Commissioner Endo-Roberts requested an update on the battery issue and the Santa Monica desalinization plant.

Commissioner Love thanked Chair Wright for his leadership as Chair.

Chair Wright requested an update from the sewage treatment plant off Sepulveda and Figueroa. Environmental Quality Officer Duncan replied that Staff can investigate.

Environmental Quality Officer Duncan followed up on Commissioner Stecker's inquiry regarding electrical lawn equipment; the City does not have electrical lawn equipment currently, but it is being investigated.

Commissioner Stecker requested an excused absence for the September 1, 2022 meeting.

MOTION: Chair Wright moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Stecker for the September 1, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Seferian seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:36 p.m., Commissioner Endo-Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting to Thursday, September 1, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Love; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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