

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 14, 2007

TO: Honorable Commissioners, Commission on the Environment

FROM: Monica Fish, Commission Secretary

RE: Commission Secretary Report November 14, 2007

Attachment

Commission Meeting Schedule for 2008.

Information

Commission Bylaws state that officer nominations and elections will be scheduled for the November Regular Commission meeting. Since this meeting is a Rescheduled Special meeting, nominations and elections will be held at the January 22, 2008 regular meeting. Commissioners may express their interest in office during New Business.

AB48 CURRENT BILL STATUS

Hazardous waste: electronic equipment.

AUTHOR(S): Saldana (Coauthors: Alarcon, Berg, Hancock, Huffman, Laird, Leno, Levine, Lieber, Nava, and Ruskin)
(Coauthor: Senator Kuehl).

LAST AMENDED DATE : 09/07/2007

LAST HIST. ACT. DATE: 10/13/2007

LAST HIST. ACTION : Vetoed by Governor

TITLE: An act to add Sections 25214.10.3 and 25214.10.4 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to hazardous waste.

Links:

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=ab_48&sess=CUR&house=B&author=saldana

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab_0001-0050/ab_48_bill_20070920_enrolled.html

Correspondence Received

November 13, 2007 Memo to Department Heads and City Commissioners on the City's Response and Activities to Cocso Busan Oil Spill of November 7, 2007 as of November 12, 2007. The memo discusses stand up of Unified Command (Department of Emergency Management has been directed to provide a representative to the Unified Incident Command); the Regional Situation (effect on birds, oil recovered and evaporated, spread); the San Francisco Situation (Port's assessment, closure of beaches, oil spill vapors); the volunteer coordination effort; cost recovery; recognition; and next steps (see attachment).

November 12, 2007 Press Release from Ms. Lisa Gautier www.Matteroftrust.org regarding an Immediate Oil Spill Remediation Solution.

October 19, 2007 Memo to All City and County Commissions from Bayview Hunters Point Project Area Committee (PAC) expressing their support of the joint stadium and Hunters Point shipyard projects.

Update on City Legislation

October 2— Resolutions Introduced

Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to retroactively accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$206,125.00 from the California Integrated Waste Management Board for the purpose of increasing Used Motor Oil Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Management. Supervisor Mirkarimi presented. Adopted by full Board 10/23.

Resolution of intent initiating the nomination of the mature blue gum (*Eucalyptus globulus*) trees located at 1661 Octavia Street (Assessor's Block 647 lot 002) for landmark tree status pursuant to Public Works Code Section 810(b), acknowledging the temporary designation of such tree pursuant to Public Works Section 810(d), and authorizing other official acts in furtherance of the Resolution. Supervisors Maxwell, Mirkarimi presented. Adopted without reference to Committee at 10/16 meeting. The Urban Forestry Council's Landmark Tree Committee held a meeting on November 13, 2007 and determined no further action would be required on landmarking these trees as they had been previously landmarked by the Department of Public Works Resolution 142-96 on February 12, 1996.

October 23—Ordinances Introduced

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 175-07 (Annual Salary Ordinance FY 2007-2008) to reflect the deletion of all positions, except class 0962 - Department Head II, at the Department of the Environment. Supervisors Peskin, Maxwell, Sandoval presented. Determined illegal by City Attorney.

November 6—Ordinances Introduced

Ordinance amending section 486 of the Police Code to specify that the feeding of any bird or wild animal is prohibited in any park of the City and County. Mayor presented. RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee.

Resolutions

Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to retroactively accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$11,175 from the California Integrated Waste Management Board for the purpose of increasing proper disposal of Household Hazardous Waste and supporting San Francisco's involvement in the California Product Stewardship Council. Supervisor Maxwell presented. RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee.

Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$11,002 from the California Integrated Waste Management Board for the purpose of increasing proper disposal of Household Hazardous Waste and supporting San Francisco's involvement in the California Product Stewardship Council. Supervisor Maxwell presented. RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee.

November 13, 2007—Ordinances

**[Landmark Tree Designation of Coast Live Oak tree at
4124 - 23rd Street]**

Supervisor Dufty

Ordinance designating the Coast Live Oak tree at 4124 23rd Street (Assessor's Block 2803, Lot 3) 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. (Environment). Adopted by the full Board 11/13/07 Passed for Second Reading.

**COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
MEETING SCHEDULE
2008**

Commission on the Environment 4 th Tuesday Odd numbered months 5:00 p.m. City Hall Room 416	Meeting Dates	Commissioners: Paul Pelosi, Jr., President Johanna Wald, Vice President Ruth Gravanis Darian Rodriguez Heyman Angelo King Jane MarieFrancis Martin Alan Mok
	1.22.08	
	3.25.08	
	5.27.08	
	7.22.08	
	9.23.08	
11.25.08		

Policy Committee 2nd Monday January – September December 2007 4 th Monday, October 5:00 p.m. City Hall Room 421 3 rd Monday, November Rescheduled	Meeting Dates	Committee Members: Commissioners: Johanna Wald, Chair Ruth Gravanis Jane MarieFrancis Martin
	1.14.08	
	2.11.08	
	3.10.08	
	4.14.08	
	5.12.08	
	6.09.08	
	7.14.08	
	8.11.08	
	9.08.08	
	10.27.08	
11.17.08		
12.08.08		

Operations Committee 3 rd Wednesday quarterly 4:00 p.m. Dept. Environment Ground Floor Conference Room	Meeting Dates	Committee Members: Commissioners: Alan Mok, Chair Paul Pelosi, Jr. Darian Rodriguez Heyman
	1.16.08	
	4.16.08	
	7.16.08	
10.15.08		



To: Elected Officials
Department Heads
City Commissioners

From: Phil Ginsburg, Chief of Staff, Mayor Gavin Newsom
Laura Phillips, Director, Department of Emergency Management

Date: November 13, 2007

Subject: City's Response and Activities to Cosco Busan Oil Spill of 11/7/07 as of 11/12/07

This summary is intended to update City representatives on last Wednesday's oil spill and subsequent clean-up and recovery efforts.

Event:

An oil spill occurred during the morning of November 7, 2007 when the container ship Cosco Busan, collided with a support of the San Francisco Bay Bridge. Initial reports from the Coast Guard indicated the leakage of approximately 140 gallons bunker fuel. Later that evening, during a 9 pm OES region conference call the Coast Guard revised the leakage to be more in the range of 58,000 gallons. As a result of the spill, Governor Schwarzenegger declared a State emergency on Friday, November 9th. The Cosco Busan has since been off loaded of containers and is at Anchorage 9 near Hunter's Point. There is an ongoing investigation of the cause of the collision being conducted by the National Transportation Safety Board.

Stand up of Unified Command:

Following a series of conference calls that the Mayor convened on Wednesday, November 7, City response departments and affected City agencies mobilized to respond at 7:00 am on Thursday, November 8th. The Mayor directed the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) to provide a representative to the Unified Incident Command that was initially located at Fort Mason Center and is now located on Treasure Island. The Unified Command is comprised of the United States Coast Guard, which serves as the lead agency, the California State Fish and Game Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) and a contractor hired by the ship owners to respond and clean up the spill on land and water. Local agencies serve as liaisons only, not as part of the command structure. The Incident Command Post (ICP) will continue to operate from Treasure Island. San Francisco, Marin, Contra Costa, Sonoma, Solano, San Mateo and Alameda Operational Areas, as well as the Cities of Berkeley and Albany, and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area have Agency Representatives assigned to the incident. State OES Fire and Law Branches are represented at the ICP. Coastal Region has two staff to assist and support Operational Area coordination related to this incident.

Regional Situation

To date 12,271 gallons of oil has been recovered from the water and an estimated 4,060 gallons of oil has evaporated. Seven miles of containment boom has been deployed to confine and collect oil in the water. According to the Oil and Wildlife Care Network, 465 live birds and 196 dead birds have been received in their facilities. The oil has spread to the north coastline of Stinson Beach and to the south coastline of Ocean Beach. Inside the bay, it has spread south to Hunter's Point and north to Richmond.

San Francisco Situation

After the initial spill, Port offices were evacuated due to noxious vapors. Oil spill vapors become less prevalent over time as oil dissipates, sinks, evaporates or washes up on beaches. The spill spread south to Hunter's Point inside the Bay, around our coastline and south to Ocean Beach and Fort Funston outside the Golden Gate. San Francisco has been spared the largest concentrations of heavy oil which traveled north towards the Richmond Bridge inside the Bay and north along the Marin Coast outside the Golden Gate. San Francisco has experienced lighter ribbons and small pockets and balls of oil, and oil stains and residue along its coast line, piers and beaches.

Port Director Monique Moyer assessed the scene via water on Monday. She reports the following:

- Generally speaking the condition of the water is good
- There are oil stains on piers, breakwaters and sea walls. The spill happened at high tide so some of the stains are visible dependant on the tide.
- There is a very obvious stain on the base of the Bay Bridge support where the collision occurred. Sausage booms remain surrounding the base.
- Oil has not entered into the marina where significant historic vessels are docked. The Park Service put booms out early on.
- Aquatic Park is boomed except for an opening on the north side. (the tide was too low to reach that area at the time of the installation.) The contractor said it will be boomed no later than Tuesday. The current booms are saturated with oil which indicates they are doing the job.
- At Pier 39 the water is very clean. The booms inside the breakwater are also clean indicating no presence of oil
- The cruise ship terminal water looks clear.
- Booms remain at Pier One, but the oil slicks are no longer present.
- On Monday, a number of oiled birds were observed on breakwaters and at the end of piers. GPS coordinates were reported by the NRC representative aboard to the appropriate number for pick up.
- Piers 17 through 23 were all clean.
- 20 local fishing boats were deployed on both Sunday and Monday to assist the regional recovery and were sent up the Tiburon Straits to either skim or vacuum the water.
- No recreational vessels were sighted during this assessment. The message to boat owners encouraging them to refrain from using the bay seems to be working.
- Crab Season was scheduled to start on November 15th. In anticipation, crab fishermen usually lay their traps two days ahead. No traps have been laid and the Governor and the State Department of Health are expected to officially delay the season for health reasons until it is deemed "safe".
- The Cosco Busan owners are in negotiation for a "wet dock" in San Francisco. (The site for repair is above the water line so the ship can be repaired while in the water)

As of Tuesday morning November 13, 2007 9:00 AM at the following beaches and piers are closed: Crissy Field, Clipper Cove Marina at TI, Aquatic Park, SF Municipal Pier, Ft Point, Baker Beach, and China Beach.

Ocean Beach has an advisory posted. However, Ocean Beach is expected to experience tides on Tuesday which may deposit additional oil and tar balls on shore, resulting in the need for additional clean up. The Mayor formally requested that Unified Command and GGNRA to close Ocean Beach.

To remedy the impact of the spill upon San Francisco assets, the following resources were deployed in our jurisdiction as of 1:00 pm on Monday, November 12, 2007:

- Recovery vessels – 7 skimmers
- Four vessels at piers
- 49 contractors cleaning at Baker Beach (closed)
- 60 contractors cleaning at China Beach (closed)
- 52 contractors cleaning at Fort Funston Beach with assessment teams
- 50 contractors cleaning at Piers 1 through 29
- 100 volunteers with 20 City workers cleaning at Ocean Beach
- 169 Wildlife teams (98 are volunteers)
- 23 SCAT teams (specialized teams to assess beaches and make recommendations for priorities for cleaning)
- 200 more feet of boom placed at Aquatic Park after review by Port Director Monique Moyer.

As conditions change, and subject to policy decisions by the Unified Command, GGNRA and San Francisco officials, beaches may open or close. DSW volunteer and city worker teams will be directed to aid ongoing clean-up efforts in affected areas as needed.

The Volunteer Coordination Effort

After initial reluctance to include volunteers as part of the clean-up effort, Unified Command agreed to hold information workshops in three counties on Saturday morning regarding volunteer opportunities and required training. San Francisco DEM coordinated this class, with other city agencies, at the Bill Graham Auditorium on Saturday morning. Over 300 people attended this two-hour workshop and provided us with a volunteer database.

At the Mayor's direction, City agencies and non-profits met on 11/10 and 11/11 to continue developing a volunteer management plan. On Sunday, with DPW in the lead, a coordinated volunteer clean up effort occurred from 9:30 to 12:30 at Heron Point Park in the Southeast section of the City. This event and subsequent ones were advertised via media advisories, email blasts to the DEM volunteer database, postings on the City Call Center 311 system, postings on the San Francisco Volunteer Center and email blasts from SF Connect. On Sunday, approximately 120 people responded and picked up over 7,000 pounds of garbage and green waste.

On Sunday afternoon, Unified Command agreed to allow us to place volunteers who complete a four hour hazmat training class on Ocean Beach to clean-up oil under the supervision of qualified city personnel. The first training occurred on Monday, November 12th at the United Irish Cultural Center. Teams were subsequently deployed to Ocean Beach in the afternoon. The City ended up training and credentialing 188 volunteers as Disaster Services Workers certified to perform cleanup. 72 City employees also participated in the training. As of this writing, only volunteers who have participated in the four hour training and received a photo ID as a Disaster Service Worker (DSW) will be allowed to access personal protective equipment from City workers and be placed on cleanup teams. Cleanups at Ocean Beach will continue on Tuesday, November 13th. More hazmat trainings are being scheduled in the coming weeks.

Cost Recovery

On Friday November 9, 2007, the Controller's Office advised affected departments' financial officers and disaster coordinators to begin tracking all personnel and supply/materials costs related to the oil spill, including lost revenue, overtime and other expenditures. The Controller's Office will be following-up on cost recovery procedures in the coming days.

Recognition

While the clean-up work is far from complete, a number of City representatives -- too numerous to mention individually -- have worked closely together since the spill to help insure that San Francisco has provided the best response possible in the face of this declared disaster.

After some initial challenges, our communication and coordination with the Unified Command has improved significantly under the leadership of Coast Guard Rear Admiral Craig Bone. Unified Command is now working more collaboratively with City representatives, enhancing our overall clean-up efforts.

Since the inception of the Unified Command, several City Agencies have contributed to the overall response including the Mayor's Office, the Board of Supervisors, DEM, Port, SFFD, SFPD, DPH, DPW, PUC, Rec and Park, DHR, 311, the City Administrator's Office, the General Services Agency, the Controller's Office, the City Attorney's Office, Treasure Island, Animal Care and Control, and DTIS, among others.

Special thanks to our local, state and federal elected officials, the Coast Guard, the EPA, the GGNRA, the San Francisco Volunteer Center, the Irish Cultural Center, SF Connect, our sister cities and counties affected by the oil spill, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and Unified Command personnel for their dedicated support and involvement.

The Mayor wishes especially to thank Supervisor Bevan Dufty who was acting Mayor for a period of time the Mayor was out of town. He did an excellent job.

Next Steps

The Mayor has directed that Department of Emergency Management partially activate the Emergency Operation Center today to continue to coordinate support for the Unified Command at Treasure Island and to provide continuing City leadership and support for volunteer clean-up efforts, beach closures and health and safety assessments of City piers, coastline and beaches.

The Mayor will be introducing a proclamation of local emergency at today's Board of Supervisors meeting. This proclamation will allow us to be eligible for state and federal disaster relief funds and would also allow for the use of the Mayor's emergency powers under the Administrative Code to the extent necessary.

For More Information

For more information about the spill please visit the Coast Guard website at www.uscgsanfrancisco.com. Additional updates will be provided as warranted by the Department of Emergency Management.

Monday November 12, 2007

SAN FRANCISCO, CA.... Over 500 concerned citizens came out to Ocean Beach in San Francisco on Sunday 11/11/07 to encourage government agencies to hire professional toxic clean up crews. It's important that people don't go out and touch this bunker oil with their bare hands. Where there are no volunteers, we've seen picnicking families with kids making sand castles and using the oil as decoration. Some people are picking up dog poo and oil in the same bags and putting toxic waste in public garbage cans. So surfers and environmentalists have unofficially banded together to create some method to the madness where Committees in charge may be overwhelmed." said Lisa Gautier of MatterOfTrust.org We're believe that if people do go out to clean up, then they really should be protected. They are also using our donated extremely efficient hair mats (absorbent hair mats made out of human hair see <http://www.matteroftrust.org/programs/natural.html#mats>). We've also joined other groups in donating hundreds of suits, gloves, mats, garbage bags, face masks, and tarps (to consolidate the toxic waste) and now this grassroots campaign called "Kill the Spill" has collected, in 2 designated spots, thousands of pounds of oil and hair in bags. They've also put up warning signs all along Ocean Beach. "We have been talking with the official agencies and contracted companies. Everyone is trying to help everyone else.

The great news is that this waste doesn't have to stay toxic. Since it's just hair and oil, there is an oyster mushroom that will cling to the hair and eat the hair and oil and detoxify it within 4-6 months. "A donation of \$10,000 worth of oyster mushroom spawn from Paul Stamats of Fungi.com has been made to Matter of Trust and thanks to helpful information from contractors like Universal Environmental we're hoping to contact and donate the spawn and technology to The O'Brian Group who's in charge of shore activity and toxic waste collection and disposal." said Lisa Gautier. Other Bay Area cities and counties are asking for hair mats and even for the loose hair Matter of Trust has in storage (mailed in by thousands of philanthropic hair salons throughout the US). Since growers also use hair mats (industrial sized made in China) for fertilizer we're also telling them to contact SmartGrow.net for supplies. San Francisco is the "City that can" get through this with people power and help from Mother Nature.

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October 19, 2007

To: All City and County Commissions
San Francisco City and County Department Heads
And Concerned San Franciscans

Attn: Dear Mr. Crowfoot, we would appreciate if you would also distribute our letter to the appropriate city commissions, departments and interested stakeholders.

To all interested parties,

Since 1998, the Bayview Hunters Point Project Area Committee has been leading revitalization and planning efforts in the Bayview Hunters Point. These efforts are intimately tied to the long awaited development of the Shipyard. In early 2007, in an unprecedented collaboration in the city's history, the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors endorsed a plan to integrate the planning and development of the the 49'er Stadium which is under the Pac's jurisdiction, and the Shipyard which is under the CAC, a Citizen's Advisory Board. This action was needed to facilitate the planning processes because our community stands to benefit tremendously from the jobs, housing and economic opportunities created by these projects.

The challenges regarding the development of Parcel A on the Hunters Point Shipyard have been much publicized. No other project in San Francisco has been under such scrutiny and monitored as close by regulators than the Shipyard development. Initially, there were problems mitigating the fugitive dust but there is a comprehensive plan in place for prevention, control and abatement. The community stands resolutely in agreement with the Dept. of Public Health, State Dept. of Toxics and Chemical Substances, EPA, the Center for Diseases Control (CDC), and other noted scientists that there are no long term health impacts from naturally occurring asbestos or fugitive

constructive dust from the Lennar Project. And Lennar has continued to engage the community, the city, and all stakeholders in the development planning processes.

In fact, no other development project in the Southeast sector of the city – Executive Park, Mission Bay, Bay Bridge Retro Fit – can claim such oversight and protections for public health and community engagement, and all of them have had challenges because such is the nature of construction.

The Advisory Committees (CAC), and other Community Groups have stated their fervent support for the joint Stadium and Shipyard projects. The community has worked to improve the dust control plan, support protocols for testing, presented mitigations alternatives, and performed outreach to residents to present the facts regarding dust and asbestos. We will continue to work diligently with the city and developer to ensure ongoing community participation as the development efforts unfold.

Therefore, we humbly ask all concerned San Franciscans to follow the lead of our advisory committees, the Hunter Point Shipyard Citizen Advisory Committee, the Project Area Committee, indigenous community leadership, the Mayor, Redevelopment Agency Commission, and the majority of the Board of Supervisors who have all exhaustively followed this issue for the last year to conclude that there are no long term health impacts and that the monitoring and oversight superseded most known requirements.

Given all we know, we will not waste anymore public time and resources mobilizing people to meetings to give testimony on issues the experts have already concluded and confirmed should cause no adverse public health, and we ask you to do the same.

We must now return our focus on ensuring that the benefits from development increase the quality of life for the people living in Bayview Hunters Point.

Sincerely,



Angelo P. King

Chair, Bayview Hunters Point Project Area Committee