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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 26, 2010

TO: Honorable Commissioners, Commission on the Environment

FROM: Monica Fish, Commission Secretary

SUBJECT: Commission Secretary Report for Meeting of January 26, 2010

Update on City Legislative Activity December 2009 – January 2010

December 8

Resolution accept and expend \$250,000 from Sidney Frank Fund for Environment Department to initiate SF Zero Energy Homes. Adopted.

Resolution to accept and expend \$175,000 from Living Cities Initiative for Environment Department to initiate SF Zero Energy Homes. Adopted.

Resolution to accept and expend \$60,000 from US Department of Energy to support SF Environment work with Clean Cities Coalition to reduce petroleum use. Adopted.

Resolution supporting findings and recommendations of the Peak Oil Task Force. Assigned to City Services Committee.

December 15

Ordinance establishing an Energy Efficiency Steering Committee to advise the Board on planning and decision making for energy efficiency projects. Referred to Rules Committee under 30 day rule.

Ordinance and accompanying **Resolutions** to authorize and levy special taxes in CCSF to establish SF Sustainable Finance program, and initiate program. Adopted.

Ordinance amending Planning and Public Works codes to create requirement for the establishment of new street trees, and defining terminology. Assigned to Land Use Committee under 30 day rule.

January 5

Resolution extending the term of service of the Biodiesel Task Force to December 31, 2010. Adopted.

January 12

Ordinance amending the Environment Code to require that all solar installations receiving city incentives be installed by employees trained under the workforce development program. Assigned to Land Use Committee under 30 day rule.

Ordinance allowing SF Environment to accept and expend \$80,000 from the US EPA to develop Energy Star program for multifamily high-rise and multi-use buildings, and to hire one grant funded position. Assigned to Budget and Finance.

Important Dates to Remember-Commission Retreat is scheduled for February 25, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A presentation will be heard on the Environment Now Program and Green Jobs. The retreat will be held at the Port of San Francisco, Pier One, Conference Rooms Bayside 1-3, San Francisco, CA 94111.

Document Distribution: Commissioner W2 Forms Distributed to all Commissioners in attendance at the meeting.

Correspondence Received November 24, 2009 – January 26, 2010

All correspondence has been emailed to Commissioners as received and is available as requested. Correspondence includes:

Allied Services – December 16, 2009 certified letter copying all Commissioners regarding the Disposal Services Procurement Process.

Joshua Arce, Brightline Defense regarding (1) local hiring on Department of the Environment landfill project; (2) Brightline calls for Green Hiring in 2010, and (3) closure of Potrero Hill Power Plant.

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to all Commissions—distribution of Ordinance No. 228-09—Confidentiality of Juveniles' Immigration Status.

Event invitations.

Department news, announcements, event invitations, newsletters and job announcements, release of 2010-2012 grant application for Environmental Justice and Zero Waste grants (RFP).

Ethics Commission December 17, 2009 memorandum regarding new contracting rules for City officials addressed to all members of Boards and Commissions.

EUEC announcements of USA's largest Energy and Environment Conference on February 1–3.

Happy Holidays from Food from the Parks.

Garden for the Environment newsletters and announcements.

Announcement of "Go Green Expo 2010" on January 23-24—"Sustainable Building Interiors with Annette Stelmack: The Greening of Residential, Multi-family and Commercial interiors."

Announcement of "Green California Summit 2010" on March 16-17.

Announcement of "Next Generation Bio-Based Chemicals Summit" on February 8 -10.

Municipal Transportation Agency December 4, 2009 announcement to City employees regarding service changes.

Nature in the City news and events.

National Parks Council News and announcements.

Mayor's Office Press Releases

Green Technologies News

Request from Leah Grant to forward correspondence to Commissioners regarding a December 9, 2009 letter from the Golden Gate Audubon Society to Recreation and Park and Planning Department staff regarding the applicability of the California Environmental Quality Act to Artificial Turf Playfield Conversions in San Francisco. Correspondence was presented to the Policy Committee during new business at the December 14, 2009 meeting.

Sharing Knowledge from Carlos Leite, Architect, Ph.D.--Subject—"Approaching Architectures in Sao Paulo: Choosing a Sustainable City Redevelopment Model" report.

Reports Prepared

Green Cities California Urban Environmental Accords Progress Report Card for 2009.

Commission Annual Report Draft for 2009 that will be included in the Department's Annual Report and Efficiency Plan.