

Commission on the Environment Survey

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If so, on what topic(s)? Please tell us about the experience.

5. If your organization hasn't attended a Commission meeting, please indicate why: The Commission is doing great work; there's no reason for us to be involved. The agendas aren't relevant to us. No one sees the agendas or knows about the meetings. The meetings are held at inconvenient times/location. No one from our group is available to go to meetings.

Other (please specify)

6. You can provide input to the Commission by letter, email or telephone. Are there other ways you'd like to be able to weigh in on issues?

7. Has your group worked with Department of the Environment on any projects?

Yes

No

If yes, please elaborate

**8. Have you ever visited the Department of the Environment's website?
(www.sfenvironment.org)**

Yes

No

Do you have any comments or suggestions for making it more useful?

9. Would you like to have a representative of the Commission attend a meeting of your organization to discuss ways to work together and ways the Commission can be more relevant to your organization's priorities?

Yes

No

Possibly/Need more information

Please elaborate

10. Are there general environmental areas of concern that you feel need more attention, or specific environmental problems to be solved? Is there legislation you feel needs to be introduced? Any other comments, questions, suggestions?

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1. Please provide the following information:

Your name: - Chas Martin

Company/Organization: - The Natural Step Network USA

Email Address: - chas.martin@thenaturalstep.org

Phone Number: - 503 241 1140

2. Summary of your organization's mission:

We educate individuals and organizations act according to the principles of sustainability.

3. Was your organization previously aware of the Commission on the Environment?

Not sure

4. Has your group been represented at any Commission meetings?

No

5. If your organization hasn't attended a Commission meeting, please indicate why:

The meetings are held at inconvenient times/location.

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Surveys, web casts, conference calls

7. Has your group worked with Department of the Environment on any projects?

No

We are primarily an educational, not a policy organization. We do work with government organizations, municipal governments as well as private companies to help create systems approaches to sustainability.

8. Have you ever visited the Department of the Environment's website? (www.sfenvironment.org)

No

9. Would you like to have a representative of the Commission attend a meeting of your organization to discuss ways to work together and ways the Commission can be more relevant to your organization's priorities?

Yes

Our events are listed at: <http://www.naturalstepusa.org/natural-step-events/>

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Our perspective is triple bottom line focused. While we are all focused on environmental issues, it is always balanced by economy and social implications.

1. Please provide the following information:

Your name: - Lynn Axelrod

Company/Organization: - Resource Renewal Institute

Email Address: - lynni@rri.org

Phone Number: - 928-3774

2. Summary of your organization's mission:

Environmental policy

3. Was your organization previously aware of the Commission on the Environment?

Yes

4. Has your group been represented at any Commission meetings?

No

5. If your organization hasn't attended a Commission meeting, please indicate why:

No one sees the agendas or knows about the meetings.

6. You can provide input to the Commission by letter, email or telephone. Are there other ways you'd like to be able to weigh in on issues?

No Response

7. Has your group worked with Department of the Environment on any projects?

Yes

Years ago, RRI's president Huey Johnson, advised on green planning. Also invited recently to a brief meeting.

8. Have you ever visited the Department of the Environment's website? (www.sfenvironment.org)

Yes

9. Would you like to have a representative of the Commission attend a meeting of your organization to discuss ways to work together and ways the Commission can be more relevant to your organization's priorities?

No Response

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No Response

1. Please provide the following information:

Your name: - Troy Arnold

Company/Organization: - Center for Resources Solutions

Email Address: - troy@resource-solutions.org

Phone Number: - 415-724-0347

2. Summary of your organization's mission:

CRS promotes policy and market solutions to advance sustainable energy.

3. Was your organization previously aware of the Commission on the Environment?

Not sure

4. Has your group been represented at any Commission meetings?

Not sure

5. If your organization hasn't attended a Commission meeting, please indicate why:

No Response

6. You can provide input to the Commission by letter, email or telephone. Are there other ways you'd like to be able to weigh in on issues?

No Response

7. Has your group worked with Department of the Environment on any projects?

No

8. Have you ever visited the Department of the Environment's website? (www.sfenvironment.org)

No

9. Would you like to have a representative of the Commission attend a meeting of your organization to discuss ways to work together and ways the Commission can be more relevant to your organization's priorities?

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Increasing the amount of renewable energy used by the city of San Francisco should be a priority.

1. Please provide the following information:

Your name: - Bradley Angel

Company/Organization: - Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice

Email Address: - bradley@greenaction.org

Phone Number: - 415-248-5010

2. Summary of your organization's mission:

Greenaction mobilizes community power to win victories and change industry and government policies and practices to protect health and promote environmental justice.

3. Was your organization previously aware of the Commission on the Environment?

Yes

4. Has your group been represented at any Commission meetings?

Yes

5. If your organization hasn't attended a Commission meeting, please indicate why:

No Response

6. You can provide input to the Commission by letter, email or telephone. Are there other ways you'd like to be able to weigh in on issues?

No Response

7. Has your group worked with Department of the Environment on any projects?

Yes

lots of projects including power plants and diesel pollution in Bayview Hunters Point

8. Have you ever visited the Department of the Environment's website? (www.sfenvironment.org)

Yes

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Possibly/Need more information

Depends on scheduling

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The City/County should increase its commitment for environmental justice and continue supporting the EJ groups that really do this work in the community

1. Please provide the following information:

Your name: - Andrew Hyder

Company/Organization: - Urban Ecology

Email Address: - andrew@urbanecology.org

Phone Number: - 4156170158

2. Summary of your organization's mission:

To bring professional design and planning services to lowincome communities.

3. Was your organization previously aware of the Commission on the Environment?

Yes

4. Has your group been represented at any Commission meetings?

No

5. If your organization hasn't attended a Commission meeting, please indicate why:

No one sees the agendas or knows about the meetings.

6. You can provide input to the Commission by letter, email or telephone. Are there other ways you'd like to be able to weigh in on issues?

No Response

7. Has your group worked with Department of the Environment on any projects?

Yes

We were conservation auditors for two years under the Green Business program.

8. Have you ever visited the Department of the Environment's website? (www.sfenvironment.org)

Yes

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No Response

1. Please provide the following information:

Your name: - Dave Stockdale

Company/Organization: - CUESA

Email Address: - info@cuesa.org

Phone Number: - 415-291-3276

2. Summary of your organization's mission:

Cultivate a sustainable food system by supporting farmers and educating consumers.

3. Was your organization previously aware of the Commission on the Environment?

Yes

4. Has your group been represented at any Commission meetings?

No

5. If your organization hasn't attended a Commission meeting, please indicate why:

No one sees the agendas or knows about the meetings.

6. You can provide input to the Commission by letter, email or telephone. Are there other ways you'd like to be able to weigh in on issues?

No Response

7. Has your group worked with Department of the Environment on any projects?

Yes

Waste Management; having the Dept table at our Ferry Plaza Farmers Market

8. Have you ever visited the Department of the Environment's website? (www.sfenvironment.org)

Yes

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No Response

1. Please provide the following information:

Your name: - Jennifer Clary

Company/Organization: - Clean Water Action

Email Address: - jclary@cleanwater.org

Phone Number: - 415-369-9160x311

2. Summary of your organization's mission:

To use grassroots activism and advocacy to protect and improve our environment

3. Was your organization previously aware of the Commission on the Environment?

Yes

4. Has your group been represented at any Commission meetings?

Yes

Passage and implementation of the Precautionary Principle

5. If your organization hasn't attended a Commission meeting, please indicate why:

Since they don't meet every month, I tend not to keep track of their meetings

6. You can provide input to the Commission by letter, email or telephone. Are there other ways you'd like to be able to weigh in on issues?

No Response

7. Has your group worked with Department of the Environment on any projects?

Yes

Precautionary Principle, Purchasing Ordinance, Green Chemistry

8. Have you ever visited the Department of the Environment's website? (www.sfenvironment.org)

Yes

9. Would you like to have a representative of the Commission attend a meeting of your organization to discuss ways to work together and ways the Commission can be more relevant to your organization's priorities?

We're already working with staff on areas of joint interest, and look forward to briefing the Commissioners as we move forward.

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- additional waste diversion and reduction issues, including waste reduction programs in City Departments, fees on waste prone items like coffee cups and takeout food containers, and additional pollution prevention activities

1. Please provide the following information:

Your name: - David Lewis

Company/Organization: - Save The Bay

Email Address: - dlewis@saveSFbay.org

Phone Number: - 510-452-8261

2. Summary of your organization's mission:

Protect and Restore San Francisco Bay

3. Was your organization previously aware of the Commission on the Environment?

Yes

4. Has your group been represented at any Commission meetings?

Yes

oil spill response, respectful

5. If your organization hasn't attended a Commission meeting, please indicate why:

The agendas aren't relevant to us.

6. You can provide input to the Commission by letter, email or telephone. Are there other ways you'd like to be able to weigh in on issues?

No Response

7. Has your group worked with Department of the Environment on any projects?

Yes

water pollution prevention

8. Have you ever visited the Department of the Environment's website? (www.sfenvironment.org)

Yes

9. Would you like to have a representative of the Commission attend a meeting of your organization to discuss ways to work together and ways the Commission can be more relevant to your organization's priorities?

No

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No Responses

1. Please provide the following information:

Your name: - Bob Isaacson, Pres

Company/Organization: - Mission Creek Conservancy

Email Address: - rblsaacson@gmail.com

Phone Number: - 415-552-4577

2. Summary of your organization's mission:

Enhancement of Mission Creek environment to maintain the presence of wildlife including charismatic shorebirds (Hérons, Egrets, Cormorants, Pelicans, etc) under pressure of the Mission Bay development

3. Was your organization previously aware of the Commission on the Environment?

Yes

4. Has your group been represented at any Commission meetings?

No

Not specifically represented, though Ruth Gravanis, a Commissioner is a member of MCC's Board

5. If your organization hasn't attended a Commission meeting, please indicate why:

The Commission is doing great work; there's no reason for us to be involved.

We have a small and local focus, not known to be on the Commission's agenda.

6. You can provide input to the Commission by letter, email or telephone. Are there other ways you'd like to be able to weigh in on issues?

No, we want to keep our local focus and are doing fine.

7. Has your group worked with Department of the Environment on any projects?

No

8. Have you ever visited the Department of the Environment's website? (www.sfenvironment.org)

Yes

nope

9. Would you like to have a representative of the Commission attend a meeting of your organization to discuss ways to work together and ways the Commission can be more relevant to your organization's priorities?

No

We're a very small organization with no paid staff and a minimal budget. Yet we're succeeding in our goals, so are happy the way things are. If we expand our goals we will get in touch.

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Global warming may create a catastrophic situation world-wide. The Commission could keep an on-going look at this and sound warnings if it threatens to reach such catastrophic proportions - i.e. rather than a gradual increase of several feet, a parabolic increase of ten feet or more.

1. Please provide the following information:

Your name: - Manish Champsee

Company/Organization: - Walk San Francisco

Email Address: - manish@walksf.org

Phone Number: - 415-431-WALK

2. Summary of your organization's mission:

Walk San Francisco promotes walking as a safe and sustainable form of transportation that increases our city's livability, enhances public life, and improves public and environmental health. We are a coalition of organizations and individuals that seeks to improve San Francisco's walking environment through activism and policy advocacy that educates residents, city agencies, and elected officials regarding the need for more pedestrian-friendly streets.

3. Was your organization previously aware of the Commission on the Environment?

Yes

4. Has your group been represented at any Commission meetings?

No

5. If your organization hasn't attended a Commission meeting, please indicate why:

The Commission is doing great work; there's no reason for us to be involved.

6. You can provide input to the Commission by letter, email or telephone. Are there other ways you'd like to be able to weigh in on issues?

no

7. Has your group worked with Department of the Environment on any projects?

Yes

attended some meetings with DoE staff

8. Have you ever visited the Department of the Environment's website? (www.sfeenvironment.org)

Yes

9. Would you like to have a representative of the Commission attend a meeting of your organization to discuss ways to work together and ways the Commission can be more relevant to your organization's priorities?

No

10. Are there general environmental areas of concern that you feel need more attention, or specific environmental problems to be solved? Is there legislation you feel needs to be introduced? Any other comments, questions, suggestions?

No Response

1. Please provide the following information:

Your name: - Peter Brastow

Company/Organization: - Nature in the City

Email Address: - peter@natureinthecity.org

Phone Number: - 415-564-4107

2. Summary of your organization's mission:

Restore the city's biodiversity, wildlife habitats and natural areas by connecting local urban people and nature where they live.

3. Was your organization previously aware of the Commission on the Environment?

Yes

4. Has your group been represented at any Commission meetings?

Yes

Mostly the Urban Nature section of the Urban Environmental Accords, but also regarding the Biodiversity objective of the DRAFT new Recreation and Open Space Element of the General Plan. I think there have been a couple of other related issues as well.

5. If your organization hasn't attended a Commission meeting, please indicate why:

No Response

6. You can provide input to the Commission by letter, email or telephone. Are there other ways you'd like to be able to weigh in on issues?

No Response

7. Has your group worked with Department of the Environment on any projects?

Yes

World Environment Day, 2005 and the San Francisco Weed Management Area.

8. Have you ever visited the Department of the Environment's website? (www.sfenvironment.org)

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Possibly/Need more information

Concern for our issues is well represented by members of the Policy Committee, but the Department is not doing anything about biodiversity or natural areas management.

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Same as above. We would like to see the Department prioritize biodiversity to be equally important as the rest of the issues that it works on, and hire a City Biodiversity Director to conduct and make policy recommendations across the City family, and to write legislation to create stronger protections for San Francisco's natural heritage.

1. Please provide the following information:

Your name: - Becky Evans

Company/Organization: - Sierra Club

Email Address: - rebae@earthlink.net

Phone Number: - 415-775-3309

2. Summary of your organization's mission:

Explore, protect the environment - including wilderness, parks, urban settings including clean air and water, environmental justice

3. Was your organization previously aware of the Commission on the Environment?

Yes

4. Has your group been represented at any Commission meetings?

Yes

Probably not recently. One of our activists was on the original commission; another serves currently

5. If your organization hasn't attended a Commission meeting, please indicate why:

It's not on our radar at this time though we do attend when a specific agenda item is called to our attention.

6. You can provide input to the Commission by letter, email or telephone. Are there other ways you'd like to be able to weigh in on issues?

No Response

7. Has your group worked with Department of the Environment on any projects?

Yes

Creation of the department and the commission.

8. Have you ever visited the Department of the Environment's website? (www.sfenvironment.org)

Yes

9. Would you like to have a representative of the Commission attend a meeting of your organization to discuss ways to work together and ways the Commission can be more relevant to your organization's priorities?

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Does the department/commission weigh in on environmental effects of city planning decisions?