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**MINUTES  
HEALTH COMMISSION  
COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, June 19, 2012 2:00 p.m.  
101 Grove, Room 302, San Francisco, CA 94102**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Commissioner Margine Sako, Chair  
Commissioner Catherine Waters R.N., Ph.D., Member  
Commissioner Sonia Melara, Ex Officio Member

Excused: Commissioner Cecilia Chung, Member

The meeting was called to order at 2:06pm.

**2) APPROVAL OF THE MAY 15, 2012 COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Action Taken: The minutes of the May 15, 2012 Health Commission meeting were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Sako asked for the minutes to reflect that the Committee recommended the full Commission hear a presentation of the revised Bed Bugs Rules and Regulations because it is a model of effective community participation.

**3) ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OVERVIEW**

Rajiv Bhatia, MD, Director of Environmental Health Regulatory Programs, gave the presentation and asked for input on the accessibility of the Environmental Health website.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Melara asked whether non-therapeutic massage businesses are licensed. Dr. Bhatia stated that all massage businesses in California are licensed by the state.

Commissioner Sako asked whether state tattoo and arts services self-funded. Dr. Bhatia stated that these services are paid for by fees.

Commissioner Melara asked where the air pollution is heaviest in the City. Dr. Bhatia stated that the data show that the heaviest air pollution in the City is in the Tenderloin, SOMA and Marina neighborhoods; most of the pollution is caused by vehicles using diesel fuel.

Commissioner Sako asked for a written update on the progress of the Environmental Health massage; tattoo and body arts; onsite water reuse; and air pollution policies as they move forward.

#### **4) RESOLUTION: NON-POTABLE WATER PROGRAM**

June Weintraub, Senior Epidemiologist presented the resolution and stated that Supervisor Chiu introduced an Ordinance for the Non Potable Water Program to implement onsite water reuse projects.

##### Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Waters asked for the definitions of grey and black water. Ms. Weintraub stated that grey water comes from sinks, bathtubs, and laundry; black water is dirty waste water that must be processed to be reused.

Commissioner Sako asked the cost of administering the program. Ms. Weintraub stated that it will cost less than \$10,000 per year.

Commissioner Sako requested an amendment to the resolution to add language stating that the program will be "revenue neutral." She also suggested that the program be expanded to all new and renovated buildings.

Action Taken: The Committee unanimously recommended that the full Commission approve The amended resolution under the Consent Calendar.  
(See Attachment A)

#### **5) FOOD SAFETY UPDATE**

Richard Lee, Director of Environmental Health Regulatory Programs, gave the presentation.

##### Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Sako asked the status of the Sam Wo restaurant. Mr. Lee stated that the restaurant voluntarily decided to close based on the number of violations and the cost to bring the facility up to code. The restaurant is in the process of renovating.

Commissioner Sako asked how the public is made aware when the DPH has asked a restaurant to work on safety issues. Mr. Lee stated that only when a restaurants license is suspended or revoked is there a sign posted on the front door of a food establishment.

Commissioner Melara asked how often the DPH inspects restaurants. Mr. Lee stated that the DPH goal is to inspect each restaurant twice a year.

Commissioner Waters asked whether the DPH is the entity that people should report to when they get sick from food served at a professional food establishment. Mr. Lee confirmed that DPH is the correct entity.

Commissioner Sako asked if the Police Department is part of the enforcement of the inspection of food trucks. Mr. Lee confirmed that the Police Department does assist in the enforcement of the inspection of food trucks.

Director Garcia stated that before the DPH would propose a change to the type of food inspection scoring, she would first get input from the Mayor's Office and the community.

**6) PEDESTRIAN SAFETY UPDATE**

Rajiv Bhatia, MD, Director, Occupational and Environmental Health, gave the update.

Commissioner Comments/Follow-Up:

Commissioner Waters requested that the data be broken down by zip code in future updates.

Commissioner Melara stated that only a small percentage of students have the opportunity to walk or bike to school due to distance, safety and/or lack of supervision; in addition many families do not have the funds to buy bikes.

Commissioner Sako asked if there is any work being done to change traffic light timing in regard to pedestrian safety. Dr. Bhatia stated that the MTA is looking into changing the timing of traffic lights to increase pedestrian safety.

Commissioner Sako asked if pedestrian safety issues are being considered as new developments are being designed in Hunters Point and Mission Bay. Dr. Bhatia confirmed that pedestrian safety issues are imbedded in the planning of new developments in San Francisco.

**7) EMERGING ISSUES**

This topic was not discussed.

**8) PUBLIC COMMENT**

Barrett Brown stated that inmates of the San Francisco Jail do not receive prescription pain medication during court dates; the only exceptions are those inmates on methadone. He also stated that the slow response times from Jail Medical and Jail Psychiatric Services is unacceptable. He submitted a report, "JPS, JHS, and JMS: A Serious Threat to the Civil Rights of Every Inmate and a Blight on the Reputation of San Francisco," to the Commission for their review.

**9) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:59pm.

(Attachment A)

**Health Commission  
City and County of San Francisco  
Resolution No. 12-7**

**Endorsing an Ordinance to Create a Non-potable Water Program**

WHEREAS, water conservation and reuse is critical to sustainable future in California; and

WHEREAS, in urban areas, the capture and reuse of water generated on-site is a key strategy for expanding water savings and diversifying our water supply; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco has long been a leader in water conservation and expanding local water supplies to protect the environment and to mitigate the impacts of droughts; and

WHEREAS, on-site water treatment and reuse has been successfully implemented in San Francisco development under SFPDH oversight; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) has established the goal of 10 million gallons per day in conservation, recycled water, and groundwater in San Francisco by 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is considering an ordinance that amends the health code to authorize the Department of Public Health to provide oversight and enforcement to ensure the safety of voluntary projects that use on-site non-potable supplies for reuse in buildings; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission endorses the ordinance amending the health code and establishing a revenue-neutral Non-potable Water Program for the use of alternative water sources for non-potable applications

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission forwards this resolution to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of June 19, 2012 adopted the foregoing resolution.

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Mark Morewitz  
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission