

**NORTHERN WATERFRONT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE
AD HOC COMMITTEE – Meeting Record
August 7, 2024 11:30 A.M. In Person/Via Zoom**

Supervisor Diane Burgis, District III

Supervisor Federal Glover, District V

1. Welcome and Introductions

Supervisor Glover called to order at 11:30 AM. Supervisor Glover and Burgis introduced themselves.

2. Public comment on any item not listed on this agenda.

Fran Sticha, member of the Contra Costa public forwarded an email from Kathryn Riley of San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC). BCDC will hold a public hearing and vote to initiate Bay Plan amendment to update the San Francisco Bay plan to establish guidelines for preparation of sea level rise plans pursuant to Senate Bill 272. The public hearing and vote will take place on August 15, 2024, in a hybrid format at 1 pm. The in-person meeting place will be at 375 Beale Street in San Francisco.

3. REVIEW and APPROVE meeting record from the June 5, 2024, Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative Ad Hoc Committee

Sup. Glover approved of the meeting minutes, as did Sup. Burgis. Will pass on to the BOS.

4. RECEIVE presentation from Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (Central San) (Melody LaBella, P.E. Resource Recovery Program Manager).

Ms. LaBella gave an overview of Central San's coverage area and the work they do each year. For example, the organization produces over 600 million gallons of recycled water annually. Recycled water has specific uses and is treated for that use. Drinking water vs watering agriculture has different treatment levels, with drinking water having much higher standards. Central San and Contra Costa Water District agreed in 1994 on an area within the 680 corridor where recycled water can be utilized. 15 miles of purple pipe have been installed in the area. The recycled water program users were chosen due to proximity to Central San infrastructure which lessens costs. A truck filling program is also in place for commercial uses. In conclusion Central San is a potential partner for the County who is willing and motivated. The organization is interested in augmenting the region's water supply and has a potential supply of recycled water that could support Northern Waterfront redevelopment.

Supervisor Glover Question: Has Central San entered conversations with refineries?

Answer: Central San has not spoken with refineries out of respect for Contra Costa Water district.

Supervisor Burgis Question: What is the cost of recycled water compared to raw water?

Answer: Raw water currently comes from aqueducts. These agreements were set in place many years ago. Recycled water is more expensive than raw water. The main cost comes from internalized costs that the raw water agreements did not have to account for.

Public Comment: Are there plans to do distillation of sewage water to make it potable?

Answer: It is not being pursued in Contra Costa but Central San and EBMUD have begun to investigate the topic. That type of water reuses it currently being done in areas where water is scarcer.

Public Comment: What impacts are anticipated on Central San's workforce as the recycled water program expands?

Answer: Central San anticipates that the traditional roles will shift to more of a technician role as automation becomes more common in the industry.

5. RECEIVE updates from staff and/or PROVIDE directions to staff regarding Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative Work Program (Alyson Greenlee, Economic Development Manager).

- Staff will attend the Delta Heritage Forum. Also, the Innovation to manufacturing the California Battery Manufacturing Summit.
- The Battery Summit is being hosted by Lawrence Berkeley Labs and will have members of the Federal and State government in attendance, as well as private industry consultants.

- The County's Economic Development Staff have directly assisted over 25 business that have reached out. Staff continue to work with Public Works, airport divisions, and Supervisor Burgis' staff for business looking to locate near the Byron airport.
- Staff are developing an application for an EDA economic adjustment assistance grant program. An EPA Brownfields grant is also being pursued and working with cities to build a coalition application.
- George Carter will be announcing at the 2024 Team California that Contra Costa will host the 2025 conference.
- A quarterly county meeting with all cities will be held on August 28th.

The Supervisors requested that Staff pursue outreach opportunities to attract new business to the area. The Supervisors would like to be involved in the process.

The Supervisors requested that the Northern Waterfront AdHoc Committee turn its focus to a county wide focus.

6. Comments from Representatives of Partner Cities

Oakley: The Makers Market launched a Sunday market in the city. The Tri Delta Hub proved useful.

7. Committee Member Comments

Supervisor Burgis emphasized the importance of the Delta Heritage Forum and how the county could utilize the event for pursuing opportunities.

8. Adjourn to the next meeting (Wednesday, December 4, 2024)

Sup. Glover adjourned the meeting.