

Council Meeting of
June 19, 2012

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Community Development – Accept and file the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission 2010-2011 annual report.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission and Community Development Director that City Council accept and file the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission fiscal year 2010-2011 annual report.

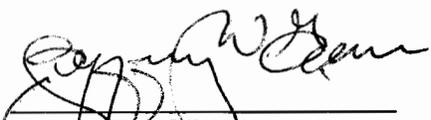
BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The Annual Report of the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission for 2010-2011 is attached for your information and review. The Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission reviewed and approved this report at their meeting of November 3, 2011 and recommended that it be forwarded to Council for review.

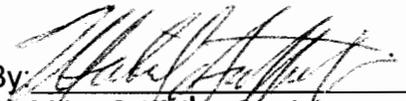
Respectfully Submitted,

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION

CONCUR:

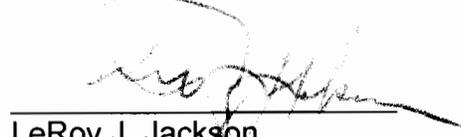


Jeffery W. Gibson
Community Development Director

By: 

Mike Griffiths, Chair

NOTED:



LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

JEFFERY W. GIBSON
Community Development Director

By: 

Linda Cessna
Deputy Community Development Director

Attachment: A) Environmental Quality Commission 2010-2011 Annual Report

TORRANCE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION 2010-2011 Annual Report

The Environmental Quality Commission may make recommendations to the City Council on any matter concerning environmental quality or energy conservation in the City; has jurisdiction over the removal of abandoned or wrecked vehicles, hears appeals from the Animal Control Program; and presents Green Pride in Torrance awards.

Following is a review of the cases, workshops, presentations and other activities that took place at Commission meetings in 2010-- 2011.

Sign Hearings: Requests were heard for four electronic reader boards. Later in the year, as a result of the recommendations of the Council ad hoc Committee on commissions, purview over sign requests was transferred to the Planning Commission.

Animal Matters: The commission held a preliminary workshop to consider banning the feeding of birds on public property. An appeal of the findings of a Vicious Dog Hearing Board was also heard.

Oil Matters: The Commission reviewed reports regarding the operation of the oil well adjacent to West High.

Environmental Matters: The Commission held hearings on proposed changes to the existing municipal code regarding the issue of living in RVs on private property and forwarded the proposal to Council for adoption. A resolution allowing the city to participate in the Los Angeles County Energy Program implementing AB 811 was also forwarded to Council. Presentations were heard from the City Recycling Coordinator, AQMD representatives, SBESC regarding the Carbon Baseline report for Community operations, and American Honda regarding the electric vehicle partnership. Staff brought reports discussing current garage sale regulations, and implementation of portions of the Strategic Plan Stewardship of the Environment priority.

The third Environmental Fair was held at the Madrona Marsh in March, and was a major project for the Commission. The Honda Fit Electric Vehicle was driven into the Fair and displayed as part of a Honda/City presentation. Information was gathered from residents regarding the placement of EV charging stations within the City. Participation was slightly lower than last year, due in part to rainy weather.

The Commission also presented Green Pride in Torrance Awards this year to the 187th Street neighbors for their amazing work helping a neighborhood family clean up their property and to an Amapola resident for their California Native landscape.