

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.  
AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS,  
CALIFORNIA**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Anderson, Rosewater, DeMichiel, Schink, Coombs

ABSENT: Chien-Hale

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Resident, Ron Labetich, expressed his disagreement and non-support of the \$0.25 tax for single use carry-out bags. Mr. Labetich asked the Commission about its mission and about its role regarding the plastic bags. Chair Anderson will find out the Commission's role from City Council.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Commission Minutes

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DEMICHIEL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROSEWATER to approve the minutes of the special meeting of December 15, 2008 as amended. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. City Council Meeting Assignments – 2009 Schedule

Chair Anderson will represent the Environmental Commission at the January 13, 2009 City Council meeting.

Commission members will send liaison Fairman their availability for the rest of the 2009 City Council meetings. Liaison Fairman will provide this list to the City Clerk when complete.

3. GTLA – Water Conservation Recommendations

Margie Suozzo of Green Town Los Altos (GTLA) made a preliminary presentation regarding Overview of Water Use and Watershed for Los Altos. The following topics were presented and discussed: Understanding our Water System, Sources of Los Altos Water, Residential Per Capita Water Use, Biggest Water Use is Landscaping, Regional Wastewater Treatment, The Water/Energy Connection, Stormwater Runoff and Bay Health, Overall Goals for Water and Water Recommendations.

GTLA will identify the short and long term recommendations and will come back to the Environmental Commission to present them at a future meeting.

Commissioners suggested scheduling a tour with City Council to visit the Palo Alto wastewater treatment plant. Linda Gass of GTLA will send liaison Fairman the contact information and liaison Fairman will send it to the Commissioners.

**COMMISSION REPORTS AND DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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Aida Fairman, STAFF LIAISON