

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **2      [18-0796](#)      Eco-district Feasibility and Incentives (Study Issue ESD 13-05C)**

Melody Tovar, Regulatory Programs Division Manager, presented the findings of the Eco-District Feasibility and Incentives report. She shared a summary of the EcoDistricts™ program and its objectives and case studies of EcoDistricts in U.S. cities. She noted that most EcoDistricts were community-led with public agency support and were used to integrate sustainability into existing neighborhoods focused on urban revitalization. Ms. Tovar noted that there is a significant overlap between the EcoDistricts approach and the City's long-range/specific area planning. The Moffett Park Specific Plan Update is next opportunity to consider implementing an EcoDistrict approach.

Chair Paton asked how the City would approach a community-led initiative for EcoDistricts. Ms. Tovar clarified that such requests would be evaluated by the City on a case-by-case basis; however, staff concludes that a city-led EcoDistricts program is not recommended given the alignment of the City's current planning approaches with the EcoDistricts approach.

The Commission discussed the strengths and limitations of the EcoDistricts model and noted the importance of the City developing specific targets and performance indicators to track, monitor and report on the efficacy of the approach. Commissioner Zornetzer recommended that the Moffett Park Specific Plan area could serve as a pilot project for for the future expansion of the EcoDistricts approach. Ms. Tovar noted that while Moffett Park would serve as an opportunity to test the approach, it is not clear when the next opportunity for applying the EcoDistricts approach would arise, given that most Specific Area Plans in the City were already developed.

Chair Paton opened the public hearing.

No public comments.

Chair Paton closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Joesten moved, and Commissioner Srinivasan seconded, a motion to recommend Alternative 1 to the City Council: Accept this staff report on eco-district

feasibility and incentive and staff findings that a broad EcoDistrict program is not required and evaluate the feasibility of identifying and potentially certifying the Moffett Park Specific Plan as an EcoDistrict, with a specific emphasis on developing targets and monitoring performance indicators for the Moffett Park area, regardless of whether the final decision is to certify it as an EcoDistrict. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 6 - Chair Paton  
Vice Chair Wickham  
Commissioner Joesten  
Commissioner Kunz  
Commissioner Srinivasan  
Commissioner Zornetzer

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Padgett

Vice Chair Wickham moved, and Commissioner Joesten seconded a motion to recommend that the City use the experience of the Moffett Park EcoDistricts approach to consider how it may strengthen or develop targets and indicators, as well as processes for monitoring performance for future planning initiatives. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 6 - Chair Paton  
Vice Chair Wickham  
Commissioner Joesten  
Commissioner Kunz  
Commissioner Srinivasan  
Commissioner Zornetzer

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Padgett