Finding aid to the San Francisco Department of the Environment Records on the Loma Prieta Earthquake 1989 SFH 565

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Abstract: The Commission on the Environment was created by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1993. The Belongings Return Project of 1989, which coordinated the city's effort to return lost property from earthquake damaged homes to their owners, predates the department's existence and includes materials from the Chief Administrator's Office.
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Administrative History
The Commission on the Environment was created by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1993, and charged with developing a Sustainability Plan for San Francisco. The original Commission was replaced by a seven-member Commission appointed by the Mayor as a result of a voter initiative passed in 1996, which also created the Department of the Environment. A citywide effort, involving hundreds of San Franciscans, culminated in the adoption of the City's Sustainability Plan by the Board of Supervisors in 1997. The Department was initially responsible only for public outreach, implementing the City's Integrated Pest Management Program, and implementing Green Building.
By 2000, the Department had eight employees, and added a Clean Air Program and an Energy Program. In 2001, the Department grew to more than 30 employees after integrating all the functions of the Solid Waste Management Program, including toxics reduction and recycling. Today SF Environment has more than 115 employees, and has active programs in the area of Climate, Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Clean Air Transportation, Outreach, Environmental Justice, Green Jobs (Environment Now), Zero Waste, Toxic Reduction, School Education, Green Building, and Urban Forestry.
Scope and Contents
Memoranda and correspondence from the Chief Administrative Office, waste disposal, earthquake relief, animal care and control department report, and details relating to the Belongings Return Project.
Arrangement
The collection is arranged in alphabetical order.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
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