



MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2012

7:00 P.M. - REGULAR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

Council Chambers, Los Altos City Hall
One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California

ROLL CALL

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1. Commission Minutes
Approval of minutes – Regular Meeting of May 14, 2012.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Climate Action Plan
Activity progress report by staff memo and from the Environmental Commission Task Force.
3. Disposal and Management of Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) and Single-Use Bags
 - a. Staff update on Short-Term Trash Load Reduction Plan followed by discussion.
 - b. Status update on Environmental Impact Report for EPS and Single-Use Bags.
 - i. First public hearing, to receive verbal comments, will be at the San Mateo County Planning Commission meeting on July 11, 9am, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA.
4. Increasing Watershed Awareness and Stewardship in Los Altos
 - a. Fremont Bridge Creek signage.
5. Environmental Commission Website

- a. Staff report on monthly hits to website.
- b. Discussion of information and resources to add to website.
6. Environmental Commission Work Plan Progress Review
Review and discussion of May action items in 2012-2013 Work Plan approved by Council at the Joint Meeting on April 3, 2012.
7. City of Los Altos 60th Anniversary Celebration
Report by Commissioner Anderson on Planning Committee meeting progress.
8. Announcements and Items for Information
 - a. Recognition and thanks to former Commissioner Steve Anderson for his years of service.
 - b. Comments - Annual Commission Training will be held on Tuesday, May 15th. Sign-ins will start at 5:30 pm and the training will start at 6:00. Remember this is mandatory for all those commissioners appointed by the Los Altos City Council and for staff liaisons.
 - c. Environmental Commissioner Representative at May 22 Council meeting - comments on meeting and June 12, 2012 Council Meeting – Commissioners Ardehali to attend.
 - d. Comments - Creek Clean up with GreenTown Los Altos event on May 19, 2012 and request for few words by an Environmental Commissioner; start at Heritage Oaks Park.
 - e. Council will appoint Environmental Commissioner to fill vacancy at the June 12, 2012 City Council meeting.

COMMISSION REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
ADJOURNMENT

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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 14, 2012 AT
7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD,
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Bray, Eyre, DeMichiel, Keller, Reed, Ardehali

ABSENT: Anderson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

1. Commission Minutes
MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DeMICHIEL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER REED to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 9, 2012. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Tour of Newby Island Composting Facility
Report by Subcommittee attending tour on April 30, 2012.
3. Climate Action Plan
Activity progress report by Environmental Commission Task Force. Data collection is occurring to update City inventory. Environmental Commission will begin activities for public engagement in a few months.
4. Disposal and Management of Expanded Polystyrene
 - a. Staff update on Short-Term Trash Load Reduction Plan.
 - b. Report by Chair Bray who attended San Mateo County Plastic Bag Scoping session on April 25, 2012. Scoping does not included single-use bags from restaurants. Competition of Environmental Impact Report (EIR) projected for September/October, 2012.
5. Increasing Watershed Awareness and Stewardship in Los Altos
 - a. Fremont Bridge Creek signage – no report.
 - b. Comments by Commissioner Eyre on water awareness activities.
6. Environmental Commission Website
Staff reported 150 hits to website from April 1, 2012 and site updates.

7. Environmental Commission Work Plan Progress Review
Review and discussion of April action items in the 2012-2013 Work Plan approved by Council at the Joint Meeting on April 3, 2012.
8. City of Los Altos 60th Anniversary Celebration
No report by Commissioner Anderson (absent) on Planning Committee meeting progress.
9. Announcements and Items for Information:
Reports or comments given on:
 - a. Annual Commission Training will be held on Tuesday, May 15th. Sign-ins will start at 5:30 pm and the training will start at 6:00. Remember this is mandatory for all those commissioners appointed by the Los Altos City Council and for staff liaisons.
 - b. Report by Chair Bray on May 8, 2012 Council meeting - Extension of Los Altos involvement in the county Household Hazardous Waste Program through 2015 and zoning code discussion for two story buildings in downtown.
 - c. Reminder - Environmental Commissioner Representative at May 22 and June 12, 2012 Council Meeting – Commissioners Anderson and Ardehali respectively.
 - d. Annual Volunteer Recognition Event, Thur. April 19, 2012 at 5:30pm at LAYC – comments from attendees.
 - e. Earth Day Activities on April 21, 2012 report by attending Subcommittee.
 - f. Creek Clean up with GreenTown Los Altos event on May 2012 and request for few words by an Environmental Commissioner; start at Heritage Oaks Park.
 - g. Free disposal of household hazardous waste for residents of Los Altos on April 14, 2012 at Foothill College – comments.
 - h. Distributed 500 feet maps and street addresses to Commissioners per Brown Act compliance for recusal on agenda items.

COMMISSION REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bray adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

J. Logan, Assistant City Manager and Staff Liaison



Item # 2

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 11, 2012

TO: Environmental Commission

FROM: Zachary Dahl, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Climate Action Plan Update

RECOMMENDATION: None

BACKGROUND:

State Assembly Bill 32 requires public agencies in California to implement measures to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to year 1990 levels by 2020. While the great majority of this responsibility rests with the State and regional air quality boards, cities also need to have a plan in place that addresses carbon emissions when planning for programs and facilities and when issuing permits. This Climate Action Plan (CAP) is intended to provide a framework to achieve those goals.

City Council approved a capital project for FY 2011-2012 to prepare a CAP. On November 8, 2011, the City Council awarded Pacific Municipal Consultants (PMC) with a contract to prepare a CAP for the City of Los Altos. On March 12, 2012, PMC made a presentation to the Environmental Commission on the CAP. PMC presented an anticipated timeframe to prepare the CAP, discussed how the Environmental Commission would be involved in the project and answered questions from the Commissioners.

DISCUSSION:

Since the March 12, 2012 Environmental Commission meeting, staff has been working with PMC to update the City's municipal GHG emissions inventory that was prepared by ICLEI in 2009 and the communitywide GHG emissions inventory that was prepared by the Commission in 2010. The goal will be to present the updated inventories to the Environmental Commission at the August meeting (Monday, August 13, 2012). This will also include a discussion about the next phase of the CAP development which includes setting a GHG reduction target for the City in order to meet the goals of AB 32.

During this update process, staff and PMC have been discussing ways to involve the community in the CAP preparation and to ensure that the CAP is reflective of the character, challenges and opportunities that are unique to Los Altos. Since the CAP will be developing policies to reduce the City's GHG emissions, it is important to have a good understanding of the energy usage and transportation characteristics of our residents. As a result, staff worked with PMC and the Environmental Commission's CAP sub-committee to develop two surveys (attached) to involve residents.

The first survey focuses on the energy and water usage of Los Altos households. This survey could yield useful information about the effectiveness of the City's Green Building Ordinance and potentially identify Los Altos specific opportunities for GHG reduction with regard to residential construction and development. The second survey focuses on individual resident travel patterns. This survey will help us better understand the modes and methods of travel for Los Altos residents and help guide CAP policy choices in order to be most effective.

These surveys will also allow the CAP to contain data and information that is specific to our community and help facilitate community outreach and involvement. But, it is important to note that these surveys will not be scientific and results are intended to help guide, rather than dictate, CAP policies and programs.

Both surveys should be available as PDFs on the Los Altos City website in the next week. In addition, staff is using surveymoney.com to collect online survey information. Once posted online, staff will be reaching out to the community and encouraging residents to provide input via the surveys. Since the Environmental Commission will be providing a forum for public comments and participation during the CAP process, Commissioners are encouraged to help with community outreach and resident participation with the surveys. Once the surveys have been uploaded to the City's website, the Commission will receive instructions and information that can be provided to residents who interested in participated in either or both surveys.

Attachments:

- Los Altos Residential Energy and Water Use Survey
- Los Altos Resident Travel Patterns Survey

Los Altos Residential Energy and Water Use Survey

As part of the process to develop the Los Altos Climate Action Plan, we would like to better understand residential energy and water usage within the City. While this survey is not intended to be scientific, it will help guide us in looking at new and existing policies related to green building, energy conservation, etc. **This survey should be filled for your entire household and should only be filled out for households located within the City of Los Altos.** This survey is confidential. Results will be aggregated and anonymous, and will not identify your name or your address.

1. **How many people, including you, reside at your house (for at least six months in the past year)?** _____

2. **How many square feet is your house (excluding garage and non-habitable space)?**
 - 1,500 or less sq ft
 - 1,501-2,500 sq ft
 - 2,501-3,500 sq ft
 - 3,501 or more sq ft

3. **What year was your home originally built?**
 - Before 1970
 - 1970s
 - 1980s
 - 1990s
 - 2000s
 - 2008 or newer

4. **If your home has been substantially remodeled, affecting and/or adding more than 50% of your home's habitable square footage, when was this work most recently completed?**
 - 1970s
 - 1980s
 - 1990s
 - 2000s
 - 2008 or newer
 - No Substantial remodeling has occurred

5. **Have you made energy efficiency improvements as part of a remodel or at some other time? If so, please check the applicable improvements below:**
 - New water heater
 - New windows on at least 50% of the house
 - New insulation (attic, under-floor or walls) on at least 50% of the house
 - New heating/ventilation system
 - New air conditioning unit(s)
 - Photovoltaic/solar electric panels
 - Energy Star appliances (refrigerator, stove, washer/dryer, etc.)
 - Solar water heater for household water or swimming pool
 - Electric vehicle charging station
 - Other: _____

6. **Does your house have a swimming pool and/or spa?**
 - Swimming pool
 - Jacuzzi/spa
 - No

7. How many kWh (kilowatt hours) of electricity did your household use in the last 12 months?

_____ kWh

If you do not have your previous 12 bills, you can either call PG&E at 1-800-743-5000 and ask for your total kilowatt hour usage for the last 12 months or make an online request for this information via the "Contact Us" screen on www.pge.com

8. How many therms of natural gas did your household use in the last 12 months?

_____ therms

If you do not have your previous 12 bills, you can either call PG&E at 1-800-743-5000 and ask for your total natural gas usage for the last 12 months or make an online request for this information via the "Contact Us" screen on www.pge.com

9. How much water (Consumed Cubic Feet or CCF) did your household use in the last 12 months?

_____ CCF

If you do not have your previous 12 bills, you can call CalWater at 1-650 917-0152 or view your usage at www.Calwater.com, "Account Activity and Water Usage"

10. Have you had a home energy audit done on your house?

- Yes
- No
- I do not know

11. What is the address of your household in Los Altos?

This question will be kept confidential and is only asked in order to ensure the validity of the data collected.

Address number: _____ Street: _____

You can complete this survey online at <http://www.losaltosenvironment.org/> or complete this form and submit it via email to zdahl@losaltosca.gov. Or, you can submit it via mail or in person here:

Community Development Department
Attn: Zachary Dahl
1 North San Antonio Road,
Los Altos, CA 94022

Los Altos Resident Travel Patterns Survey

As part of the process to develop the Los Altos Climate Action Plan, we would like to better understand our resident's travel patterns. **This survey should be filled by individuals who are Los Altos residents.** This survey is confidential. The results will be aggregated and anonymous, and will not identify your address.

1. **How old are you?**
 - 20 or younger
 - 21-30
 - 31-40
 - 41-50
 - 51-60
 - 61-70
 - 71 or older

2. **What is your occupation?** _____

3. **Do you own or lease a vehicle?** Yes No
 - a. **If yes, what is the year, make and model (i.e. 2005 Ford Explorer) of the primary vehicle you drive?**
 - Year: _____
 - Make: _____
 - Model: _____

4. **In an average week, approximately how many miles do you drive?** _____
 - a. **Of the total miles you drive in an average week, how many does your commute to and from work account for?** _____

5. **When you think about an average week, what percent of the mileage you drive is for the following (the percentages of the below categories should total 100%)**
 - a. **Commuting to work, school, volunteer activity, etc.:**
 - 0%
 - 20%
 - 40%
 - 60%
 - 80%
 - 100%
 - b. **Shopping/errands/taking kids to school:**
 - 0%
 - 20%
 - 40%
 - 60%
 - 80%
 - 100%
 - c. **Social/Leisure/Recreation activities:**
 - 0%
 - 20%
 - 40%
 - 60%
 - 80%
 - 100%

- d. Other: _____
- 0%
 - 20%
 - 40%
 - 60%
 - 80%
 - 100%

6. **When you think about an average week, what percent of the mileage you drive is within the City of Los Altos?**

- 0%
- 20%
- 40%
- 60%
- 80%
- 100%

7. **When traveling inside Los Altos, how do you travel? (check all that apply)**

- Drive alone in your car
- Carpool in a car
- Take public transportation
- Walk or bicycle
- Other: _____

8. **When traveling outside Los Altos, how do you travel? (check all that apply)**

- Drive alone in your car
- Carpool in a car
- Take public transportation
- Walk or bicycle
- Other: _____

9. **How often do you carpool (drive with more than one person in your vehicle) when traveling to destinations outside of Los Altos?**

- Never
- Rarely (once or twice a year)
- Sometimes (several times a month)
- Often (multiple times per week)
- Every day

10. **How often do you use public transportation when traveling outside of Los Altos?**

- Never
- Rarely (once or twice a year)
- Sometimes (several times a month)
- Often (multiple times per week)
- Every day

11. **How often do you bike or walk to commute or run an errand (this does not include recreational biking or walking)?**

- Never
- Rarely (once or twice a year)
- Sometimes (several times a month)
- Often (multiple times per week)
- Every day

12. How often do you telecommute in place of traveling to work?

- I am not permitted to telecommute for my work
- I can telecommute, but I never do it
- Rarely (once or twice a month)
- Regularly (once a week)
- Often (at least 3 days/week)
- Every day

13. When thinking about your air travel, how many plane trips (roundtrip) did you make in the past 12 months? _____

a. **Approximately how many miles did you travel by plane in the past 12 month? _____**

b. **What percentage of the plane miles traveled were business/work related verses for pleasure/vacation?**

____ % Business/work
____ % Pleasure/vacation

14. Are you a resident of Los Altos? Yes No

15. What is the address of your household in Los Altos?

This question will be kept confidential and is only asked in order to ensure the validity of the data collected.

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Los Altos Environmental Commission – Workplan 2012-13 – updated May 8, 2012

Approved Projects & Projects for Approval

Goals approved by City Council April, 2012	Goals
Projects 2012-2013, updated 5/20/12	-- Progress Updates
1	<p>Provide approved community education and outreach activities to advance natural resource conservation and environmental quality in Los Altos. (Linda DeMichiel, Steve Anderson,)</p> <p>a. Maintain updated 'Los Altos Environment' website with relevant, high-value content, in a manner that is visually pleasing, navigates well, and ties into the city website. (Owner: Linda)</p> <p>b. Provide approved public information forums for topics of interest to the public. (e.g. Climate Action Plan) (Owner: Steve)</p>
2	<p>Work with Planning Services Manager and city residents to develop Climate Action Plan for City Los Altos. (Joe Eyre, Don Bray, TBD)</p> <p>a. Aid in developing, reviewing, and facilitating public input to a Los Altos Climate Action Plan (Owner: Joe, Don)</p>

- J updated commissioner list, plastics list added; Linda will do another review of the site, updated 'what's new' ideas and check for broken links
 - Zahra presented additional ideas for website-based 'resource center'; Linda will look at ideas/content for a new Food tab menu tab the site, and Zahra for a Household & Personal Products tab. Joe will review an initial draft, and when a draft is fully developed, J will review with the city attorney.
 - Periodic reviews and updates to site content, news items on main landing page, and staff-provided website traffic statistics; regular item on EC meeting agenda; traffic of 150 since 4/1, ~560 ytd.
 - Joe, John and Zahra tabled at the History Museum Earth Day event; develop a one-page summary of EC background activities and plans and presented website. Good event; could use better signage next time.
 - Conduct forums, receive reports, etc. when there are specific opportunities related to city programs or policies. One upcoming opportunity will be for interim review and public input to Climate Action Plan development process.
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- Don and Joe to update community surveys on transportation patterns and home energy use; when the survey is finalized by PMC and city staff, it will be sent out electronically through various channels to the community.
 - At joint session, Council and EC discussed the question of the scope of the CAP vs an Environmental or Sustainability element in the General plan; agreement that potential scope additions would have to be identified and addressed after the CAP takes shape.
 - Work on the CAP began in March, with presentation of the project plan to EC and City Staff by the City's Planning Services Manager, and consultant PMC; EC providing GHG inventory data to PMC

Item #4

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The role of the Environmental Commission will be to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o provide input and policy recommendations on reduction targets, reduction measures, and 'level of ambition' o identify issues and opportunities and evaluate feasibility o provide a forum for community participation
3	<p>Improve watershed stewardship for the City of Los Altos (Joe Eyre, Zahra Ardehali)</p>
<p>a. Investigate potential education and outreach, and best practices associated with watershed awareness and protection, and identify near-term actions for implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - storm water & runoff (Owner: Joe, Zahra) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joe and J will follow up with Jim G. re status Fremont Ave bridge over Permanent Creek, and potential to design permanent engraving of creek name; also, Joe will inquire about the Storm Drain Master Plan (to be released in the mid-May timeframe?) and provisions for implementation of standard labeling at storm drain inlets 'NO DUMPING!' - Only Rain Down the Drain - Flows to xxxx Creek'. - Advance city storm drain labeling, incorporation of recently establish standards - Investigate development and implementation of creek signage, with possible initial focus on new Fremont Road bridge over Permanente Creek - Continue to support creek restoration activities and education, information on EC website - Monitor findings of quarry-related water discharges
<p>b. High-level review of selected city policies, practices, & implementation v/v watershed stewardship, to identify potential opportunity areas (Owner: Joe)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - E.g. selected muni guidelines for native landscaping, organic fertilizers/herbicides/pesticides Joe and Zahra will meet to discuss background and potential ideas - SCVWD guidelines and standards for land use near streams - Joe reported that these are in place and being utilized by the city; Joe to meet with city re watering and pesticide practices.
4	<p>Continue to foster water conservation in Los Altos (Joe Eyre, Zahra Ardehali)</p>
<p>a. Work with Cal Water to develop detailed Los Altos water usage baseline and trends, and ongoing process for tracking. (Owner: Joe)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with CalWater, City Staff and others to develop and present water use baseline, recent trends; Joe will check with staff on submission of official data request form to Cal Water

<p>b. Incorporate water conservation plans into broader Climate Action Plan above. (Owner: Linda)</p>	<p>- leveraging water baseline developed above, incorporate specific water efficiency measures into Climate Action Plan.</p>
<p>c. Continue to actively support community outreach and education activities related to water conservation (Owner: Zahra)</p>	<p>- Additional co-sponsorship of CalWater conservation classes - Promotion of such elements as SCVWD rebates (landscape conversion and hardware upgrades), weather-based irrigation controllers in muni and residential applications</p>
<p>5 Monitor and advance solid waste diversion and source reduction practices in Los Altos. (Don Bray, Steve Anderson, Joe Eyre, John Reed)</p>	<p>a. Monitor MTWS diversion rate and look for ways to help meet and exceed contracted 78% diversion rate in 2013; make results available to community, along w/ education on how they can help improve outcomes. (Owner: Steve, Don)</p>
<p>b. Monitor overall solid waste volumes relative to source reduction and longer-term 'zero waste' concepts & practices; (Owner: John)</p>	<p>- Overall diversion rate of 71.44% for calendar year 2011; need to achieve 78% in 2013; in 2011, estimate diversion rate for single family residential at 81% (75% of overall tonnage), commercial at 39% (23% of tonnage), and multi-unit residential at 52% (2% of tonnage). - Publication of 2011 results, and 'leading practices' article featuring top business/commercial participants in Los Altos; Feb 2012 - Discussed possible development of a news article featuring waste management efforts at leading local businesses – to highlight 'best practice' examples, and educate the public and other businesses; Don will look into this with Margie Suozzo, Town Crier - Educational visit to Newby Island conducted with EC, staff, council, community participants; learned about 85-day composting process, and issues with certain items such as compostable tableware that requires substantially longer than 85 days to compost; also, some biodegradable foodscrap bags contain GMOs, so all such bags are placed in the garbage stream; Joe working with Teresa and GTLA on 'best practices' guide for what is best introduced to organics stream to fully enable composting. - Continue to work on supporting and communicating 'Green Events' guidelines, e.g. for 60th anniversary event</p>
<p>- Incorporate source reduction measure(s) into CAP - Support education and outreach v/v source reduction, zero-waste practices (e.g. participation in free-cycling networks, e-waste collection)</p>	

6	<p>Evaluate and recommend program options, and assist in implementing effective city programs restricting use of selected environmentally-harmful products. (Chris Keller, Steve Anderson, John Reed)</p> <p>a. Engage in on-going analysis of program and implementation options v/v restricting use of expanded polystyrene and 'single use' plastic bags (Owner: Chris)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support city development and implementation of restrictions on use of expanded polystyrene, plastic shopping bags, etc. as recommended by the Santa Clara County RWRC, and required by the Santa Clara Valley Water District Water Board. Environmental Commission will study potential recommendations, timing, and approach. - Los Altos participating in San Mateo County EIR process for plastic bags; recommendations due out in September/October timeframe. Zahra will identify next step in the hearings process, and plan to participate. Don will send San Mateo county contact info to Zahra. - J will talk with staff to understand the status of a potential EIR for EPS; partnership with San Mateo County for plastic bag EIR is being proposed? <p>Notes: In January 2012, the EC subcommittee studying EPS met with Los Altos city engineer and staff to discuss perspectives on potential issues such as EPS ban enforceability, inspection, budgets, burden to merchants, etc; It turned out that banning EPS is part of a new Water Board requirement, related to trash load reduction in storm water outflows. City staff has prepared detailed recommendations, including an EPS ban, to meet the Water Board requirements of 40% load reduction by 2014.</p> <p>After a thorough discussion the EC voted to support staff's 'Baseline Trash Load and Short-Term Trash Load Reduction Plan' as written, with two additional recommendations. Firstly, the EPS ban be made effective 1/1/13, consistent with the original RWRC recommendation, and secondly, that the EPS ban requires that replacement products are compostable or recyclable, consistent with the MTWS diversion program (also per the original RWRC recommendation).</p>
7	<p>Other Council goals as directed</p> <p>a. City position on potential move at state level to relax CEQA guidelines?</p> <p>- J talked with City Attorney re knowledge of this; in Jolene's queue; does not believe this is a relaxation, more of a clarification</p>

General Comment from Council: If any programs require funding, case must be presented in time for annual budget cycle.

Miscellaneous Topics for Possible Discussion/Consideration TBD

- disposal of prescription drugs – police department will take; 'drugs and sharps' also collected elsewhere in the city, including some pharmacies?
- use of outdoor chemicals
- use of environmentally-friendly cleaning materials