



## MINUTES ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

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7:00 p.m., January 29, 2007  
City Hall, Council Chambers  
One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

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### CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

**ROLL CALL:** Chair DeMichiel and Committee Members Coombs, Dinkelacker, James, Orr, Cooper, and Schink

### MINUTES:

The Committee approved Minutes of November 27, 2006, as amended

### DISCUSSION

#### 1. **Staffing Changes**

Kornfield introduced Zito as the new staff liaison.

#### 2. **Water Resources Protection Collaborative Update**

Kornfield announced that a resolution on this matter would go before Council at the regularly scheduled Council meeting of February 13<sup>th</sup> to adopt guidelines.

#### 3. **Committee Goals and Brainstorming**

DeMichiel opened discussion asking committee members the level of activity and involvement they would like to have in developing and starting projects. Using past information about the committee's goals and objectives they were able to list areas of interest as a step towards identifying potential projects. .

Committee members were unanimously supportive of developing a website to highlight and become a single resource for environmental information and programs throughout the community. James offered to do some research on working with the city to build and/or link to the website. Committee members also brainstormed ideas on information the site could include as well as maintaining the site. Other areas of interest include: creeks, green building, renewable energies and energy conservation, air quality, smart building construction, trees, pest management policy and hazardous household waste.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Orr reported on the Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant and on a proposal to change disinfection system from chemicals to UV light. She also distributed a report on rate increases.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- There was brief discussion about holding an Arbor Day event to promote “Tree’s of Los Altos”.
- It was announced that the Santa Clara County Water District is holding an informational meeting on stream maintenance and erosion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no comments from the public

**ADJOURNMENT:**

9:08 PM.

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