



DATE: April 14, 2014

AGENDA ITEM # 4

TO: Environmental Commission

FROM: J. Logan, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: 2014/15 Draft Environmental Commission Work Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and discuss Joint Meeting with Council Regarding 2014/15 Draft Environmental Commission Work Plan

BACKGROUND

The Environmental Commission met with Council at a Joint Meeting on March 18, 2014 to discuss the 2014/15 Environmental Commission Draft Work Plan.

DISCUSSION

The Environmental Commission will present the 2014/15 Environmental Commission Draft Work Plan at the Joint Commissions training meeting on April 29, 2014 for Council review and approval.

The Environmental Commission will review the 2014/15 Draft Work Plan and make revision in accordance with the remarks and direction from Council.

Attachment:

1. 2014/15 Draft Environmental Commission Work Plan
2. "Be a Climate Champion"

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

DRAFT 2014/15 Work Plan

(as of March 11, 2014)

Goal	Projects	Assignments	Target Date	Status
Provide environmentally - relevant information to the community to improve sustainability.	City website – Environmental information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with staff on web site changes. Add additional content as appropriate. (Reed, Bray, Yuan) 		
	Public Information Forums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initially focus on forums relevant to CAP reduction goals and water conservation. (Ardehali, Hedden, Keller) 		
	Speakers at EC meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite several speakers to present relevant environmental information at EC meetings (All). 		
	Understand community's needs for environmental information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a community survey to understand residents' and businesses' environmental information needs. (Ardehali, Eyre) 		

Climate Action Plan	Assist departments on CAP implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subcommittee to work with staff to develop additional workplan items and community outreach activities (Eyre, Bray, Hedden) 		
	Investigate and recommend ways for our community to improve on CAP measures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial focus is on improving transportation and energy efficiency (e.g. investigate appropriateness of options such as PG&E programs, Acterra Residential Energy Efficiency Program, etc. (Eyre, Bray, Hedden) 		
	CAP Measures dashboard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define and implement in coordination with staff (Bray, Keller) 		
Water Conservation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist staff, as appropriate, in developing and/or communicating water conservation measures. 		
Restrictions for use of selected environmentally-harmful products	Expanded polystyrene (EPS) ban	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist staff on outreach before ban is implemented on 7/4/14 (Ardehali, Yuan) 		
Solid waste diversion and source reduction practices	MTWS diversion rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have Mission Trail present diversion trends at EC meeting. Investigate possible ways to improve diversion rates. (All) Assignment from Council, 3-25-2014: Action: Council members provided individual feedback on the draft ordinance and directed the Environmental Commission to review the revised ordinance. 		

Green business practices		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to research means of getting more businesses to achieve Green Business certification (Yuan) 		
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Additional possibility:

Provide suggestions on environmental aspects of Community Center, both for conservation and also as a way to demonstrate sustainability methods to the community.

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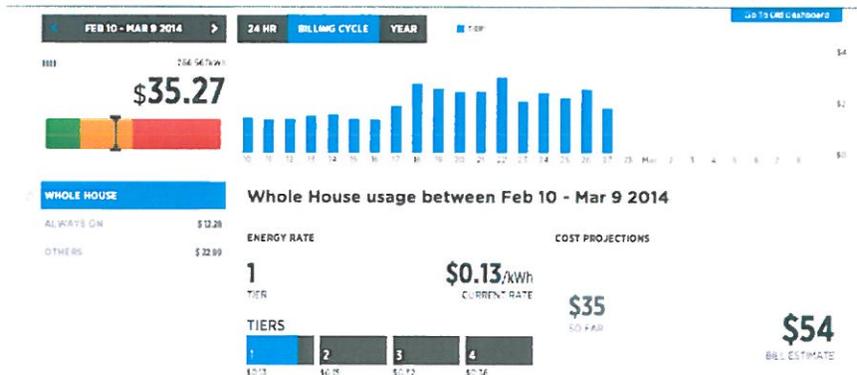
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