



DATE: August 11, 2014

AGENDA ITEM # 5

TO: Environmental Commission

FROM: J. Logan, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Monthly staff report

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive monthly staff report

BACKGROUND

Monthly staff reports and updates will be discussed as listed below.

DISCUSSION

1. Review and discuss Environmental Commission approved by Council 2014/15 Work Plan goals, projects, assignments, target dates, status, and subcommittee assignments.
2. Review of City of Cupertino Council agenda item to discuss increase cost of bags
3. Water conservation update

Attachments:

- A. Environmental Commission approved 2014/15 Work Plan

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Approved 2014/15 Work Plan rev. 7-14-2014

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 website changes. Add additional content as appropriate (Reed, Bray, Yuan) 	TBD	In progress
	Public Information Forums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initially focus on forums relevant to CAP reduction goals and water conservation (Ardehali, Hedden, Keller) 	TBD	Waiting survey results and staff report on CAP and water conservation progress
	Speakers at EC meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite several speakers to present relevant environmental information at EC meetings (All) 	Occurring monthly	CCA; solid waste ordinance revisions
	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 subcommittee: Ardehali, Eyre 	July 10, 2014 July 24, 2014	Completed Completed
	Provide suggestions on environmental aspects of Community Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Conservation and as a way to demonstrate sustainability methods to the community 	TBD	TBD
Climate Action Plan	Assist departments on CAP implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subcommittee to work with staff to develop additional Work Plan items and community outreach activities (Eyre, Bray, Hedden) 	TBD	Waiting for staff report and suggestions

	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) 	Under discussion	In progress
	CAP Measures dashboard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define and implement in coordination with staff (Bray, Keller) 	Under discussion	In progress
Water Conservation	Programs to reduce water usage and encourage conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist staff, as appropriate, in developing and/or communicating water conservation measures 	Under discussion	In progress
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 	Visits to food establishments	completed
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: Council directed the Environmental Commission to review the revised solid waste ordinance. Subcommittee: Hedden, Yuan, Keller 	TBD	TBD
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Green Business Practices	Encourage Green Business Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to research means of getting more businesses to achieve Green Business certification (Yuan) 	Under discussion	In progress

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