



DATE: December 8, 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 Council agenda items for December 9, 2014 pertaining to the environment

Attachment:

- A. Environmental Commission approved 2014/15 Work Plan, revised November 2014

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Approved 2014/15 Work Plan rev. 11-10-2014

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) 	On-going	Subc reported in Nov. Commissioners reviewing and editing
	Public Information Forums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on forums relevant to CAP reduction goals and water conservation (Ardehali, Eyre, Keller) 	2015	Dec. report on water conservy Forum with LAM
	Speakers at EC meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite several speakers to present relevant environmental information at EC meetings (All) 	Occurring as appropriate	CCA; solid waste ordinance revisions
	Understand community's needs for environmental information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct a community survey to understand resident' and businesses' environmental information needs (Ardehali, Eyre, Hedden) 	July 10, 2014 July 24, 2014 completed	-Rpt to Council pending -Subc – BPAC (Yuan, Hedden) -Subc – Water conser. See above
	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 	EC part of focus group on layout of comm. center	Completed
	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) 	On-going	Staff will report to EC Feb. 9, 2015 with draft annual report
Climate Action Plan				

	Investigate and recommend ways for our community to improve on CAP measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus 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) 	On-going	Pending Council/Staff guidance
	CAP Measures dashboard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define and implement in coordination with staff (Bray, Keller) 	On-going	Subc discussions with staff
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 	On-going	2014 data gathering from Calwater
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) 	2015	TBD
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assignment from Council, 3-25-2014: Council directed the Environmental Commission to review the revised solid waste ordinance. Subcommittee: Hedden, Yuan, Keller 	Completed	Received staff report and EC motion to support staff recommendations to Council
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) 	On-going	Determine next steps or projects