



DATE: July 14, 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

Review and discuss Environmental Commission approved by Council 2014/15 Work Plan goals, projects, assignments, target dates, status, and subcommittee assignments.

Attachments:

A. Environmental Commission approved 2014/15 Work Plan

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
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) 		
	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 subcommittee: Ardehali, Eyre 		
	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 		
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) 		

	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	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 		
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 		
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 		
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) 		