



DATE: October 13, 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. State plastic bag ban law
3. Council agenda items

Attachment:

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

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Approved 2014/15 Work Plan rev. 9-8-2014

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	Subc. will report in Oct.
	Public Information Forums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initially focus on forums relevant to CAP reduction goals and water conservation (Ardehali, Eyre, Keller) 	October report water conserve.	Interest survey results completed. Report on CAP and water conserve. outreach in Oct.
	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	Subc. – BPAC Sub.c – Water conserve.
	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
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 CCA

	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 Completed	TBD Received staff report and EC motion to support staff report 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) 	Under discussion	In progress