



Planning Commission Agenda Report

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TO: Planning Commission

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RE: SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE UPDATE

REPORT IN BRIEF

At its May 5, 2016 meeting, the Commission requested an update regarding the efforts of the Sustainability Task Force (STF). **Attachment A** is an annual update memorandum to Council from STF Chair Mark Stemen dated January 15, 2016. It includes the STF's 2015 accomplishments and the upcoming year's work plan. Chair Stemen and staff will provide a verbal update to the Commission and be available for questions.

Recommendation:

The Community Development Director recommends that Commission consider the STF's 2016 Work Plan and the presentation, and provide feedback.

ATTACHMENT

STF Annual Update to Council dated 01/15/16

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Full STF (via e-mail)

was provided to Council under a separate memo, is a combination of estimates of GHG emissions associated with activity in three Sectors – Energy, Transportation and Waste. The methodology used in the inventory is transparent, consistent, and easily replicable.

- Submitted a proposal to the Local Government Commission’s CivicSpark program for a half-year member to assist the STF and other local partners to implement a number of community engagement and education efforts identified in the City’s CAP. The response from CivicSpark was extremely positive, but in order to place a member in Chico, the program needs a full-year member commitment. The STF intends to submit a proposal again next year.
- Held special meetings with community sustainability partners, including:
 - PG&E: Discussed PG&E’s numerous energy efficiency programs and efforts, and coordinated opportunities to collaborate in implementing the City’s CAP.
 - CalWater: Discussed Cal Water’s efforts to promote water conservation and reduce water use, the status of CAP Actions involving Cal Water, and coordinated on the Governor’s directive to reduce water use state-wide.
 - Neal Road Land Fill, local waste haulers, and City Recycling Coordinator: Discussed the following topics: 1) use of metrics for assessing reductions of GHGs, 2) addressing the state’s mandates regarding commercial recycling, 3) plans to address state mandated organic waste reductions, and 4) the effect of state mandates on operational costs and cost to clients.
- Consistent with the CAP, supported a comprehensive LED light installation throughout all City government buildings resulting in improved energy efficiency and a reduction of GHG emissions.
- The STF re-confirmed and implemented several of its previous Council recommendations:

Energy Sub-Committee

Increased Building Code Requirements - City should adopt voluntary Green Building Code measures that would further the City’s GHG emissions reduction goal during the Building Plan Check process. (**Status:** Recommendation is a Phase 2 Action, which will be brought to Council in 2016)

Incentives for Alternative Energy Installation – City should incentivize Building Fees (e.g., reduce fees) for alternative energy installations. (**Status:** As part of its adoption of revised Building fees in October 2015, Council agreed to reduce the Building fee for single-family residential solar installations from \$164.00 to \$77.00. This approximately 53% fee reduction is intended to serve as an incentive to advance an important City initiative.)

Transportation Sub-Committee

Provision of EV Fueling Stations – City should amend development standards (Title 19) to require EV fueling stations for new parking lots of a certain size, and retrofit strategic City-owned Downtown parking lots to include EV fueling stations. (**Status:** Recommendation regarding amending development standards will be incorporated into 5-Year General Plan

Update process to proceed in 2015/2016. Meanwhile, the City plans to install an EV fueling station at two of its Downtown parking lots in 2016, and BCAG has submitted a County-wide EV fueling station readiness grant to the State.)

Solid Waste Sub-Committee

Solid Waste Franchise Agreement – Incorporate the following two recommendations into the underdevelopment Franchise Agreement: 1) ensure that the Solid Waste Franchise Options document includes all relevant actions and concepts from the City's adopted Climate Action Plan, and that any future franchise agreement provide an opportunity to incorporate new technology that would further the Climate Action Plan's goals; and 2) ensure that the Solid Waste Franchise Options document includes a requirement that any future hauler under a new franchise agreement provide quarterly reporting on its education and outreach efforts regarding recycling to multi-family and commercial clients and provide quantitative data regarding meeting state-mandated recycling goals. (**Status:** Recommendations have been forwarded to the City's consultant, R3, and are consistent with previous direction.)

2016 Work Plan

Over the course of two (2) meetings, the STF developed a Work Plan to focus its 2016 efforts. Below are the key components and proposed timeframes:

- Collaborate with the Chamber and Sierra Nevada Brewery to re-run the highly successful Sustainable Business Series (3 workshops over 12 months).
- Continue to focus on the following Phase I Actions: cool roofs, low income housing energy efficiency upgrades, and commercial lighting upgrades.
- Review and prioritize Phase II CAP Actions with a focus on EV fueling stations, adopting voluntary Green Building Code, and waste/composting education and outreach.
- Continue to meet with key sustainability partners to discuss relevant CAP Actions, identify areas of mutual support, and assist the STF in its development of recommendations for Council's consideration. Partners to invite, include: 1) PG&E; 2) CalWater; 3) BCAG/Chico Velo/Butte Bike Coalition/Chico State; 4) City and County solid waste representatives; 5) CUSD; 6) Butte County Community Development Department regarding implementation of the County's CAP; and 6) Butte County regarding its under-development PACE program (wait 6 months).
- Update the City's annual GHG Indicator and share information with Council and community.
- Maximize use of the City's Sustainability website as an information hub for how residents and businesses can implement sustainable practices (ongoing).
- Re-submit a proposal to the Local Government Commission for a CivicSpark member to assist the STF and other local partners to implement a number of community engagement and education efforts identified in the City's (12 months).

Proposed 2016 Meeting Schedule

The STF plans to meet nine (9) times in 2016:

Thursday, January 14th @ 5:30pm in CR 1

Thursday, January 28th @ 5:30pm in CR 1

Thursday, March 10th @ 5:30pm in CR 1

Thursday, April 28th @ 5:30pm in CR 1

Thursday, June 9th @ 5:30pm in CR 1

Thursday, July 28th @ 5:30pm in CR 1

Thursday, September 8th @ 5:30pm in CR 1

Thursday, October 27th @ 5:30pm in CR 1

Thursday, December 8th @ 5:30pm in CR 1

cc: CM, ACM, CDD, L. Herman, STF, Chamber of Commerce, BEC