Sustainability Task Force Agenda



A Committee of the Chico City Council Mayor Ann Schwab, Chair

Meeting of December 5, 2011 – 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street, Conference Room No. 1

*** PLEASE NOTE NEW MEETING TIME ***

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 11-7-11 TASK FORCE MEETING (Exhibit "A").

2. <u>CONSIDERATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE) PROGRAM FOR CHICO BUSINESSES.</u>

California law now allows cities to offer programs to enter into voluntary agreements with property owners to finance the installation of renewable energy sources or energy/water efficient improvements, and to pay back the loans as an assessment on their property taxes. At the 11/7/11 meeting, a representative presented the California Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program for consideration. Prior to making a recommendation on this program, the Task Force requested that staff obtain additional information from cities participating in the program and to report back at today's meeting.

3. CONSIDERATION OF A POSSIBLE PLASTIC BAG BAN ORDINANCE

As "Business from the Floor" at the November meeting, the Task Force received a citizen request that the Task Force discuss whether Chico should consider adopting an ordinance to ban "single-use" plastic bags. The Task Force agendized this discussion for today's meeting and is being requested to provide a recommendation to the City Council on whether to pursue such an ordinance. A staff memo with background information on plastic bags and ban ordinances is attached as Exhibit "B."

- 4. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS No Action Required
 - a. <u>Update on the Sustainable Business Recognition Program</u> The Business Outreach Ad-Hoc Committee will provide an update on the Sustainable Business Recognition program.
- 5. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Members of the public may address the Task Force at this time on any matter not already listed on the agenda, with comments being limited to three minutes. The Task Force cannot take any action at this meeting on requests made under this section of the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting will adjourn no later than 7:30 p.m. to a regular meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2012, which was changed to the second week due to the New Year's Day Holiday.

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit "A": 11-7-11 Meeting Minutes Exhibit "B": Plastic Bag Ordinance Memo

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