



Agenda

Sustainability Task Force

A Committee of the Chico City Council

Meeting of Thursday, February 26, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.

Municipal Center - 421 Main Street, Conference Room No. 1 in the Council Chambers

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
2. **APPROVE JANUARY 22, 2015 MEETING MINUTES**
Draft 01/22/15 minutes attached.
3. **DISCUSSION REGARDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, EFFORTS AND OPPORTUNITIES, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAP – STF RECOMMENDATIONS (PG&E, BEC, and GRID Alternatives)**
4. **UPDATE REGARDING THE STF-SPONSORED 2015 SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS SERIES**
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.
6. **REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS**
These items are provided for the Task Force's information. Although the Task Force may discuss the items, no action can be taken at this meeting. Should the Task Force determine that action is required, the item or items may be included for action on a subsequent posted agenda.
7. **ADJOURNMENT**
Next meeting will be Thursday, April 9, 2015.

ATTACHMENTS: Draft 01/22/15 STF Meeting Minutes

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Sustainability Task Force Members:

Cheri Chastain
Lucas Ross Merz

Dave Donnan
Mike Rubio, Vice Chair

Ryne Johnson
Mark Stemen, Chair

William Loker

**CITY OF CHICO SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
January 22, 2015**

Municipal Center
421 Main Street
Council Chambers, Conference Rm. 1

STF Members Present: Mark Stemen, Chair
 Mike Rubio, Vice Chair
 Cheri Chastain
 Ryne Johnson
 Lucas Ross Merz

STF Members Absent: Dave Donnan
 William Loker

Staff Members Present: Brendan Vieg, Principal Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stemen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. STF members and City staff were present as noted.

2. APPROVE DECEMBER 11, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

The 12/11/14 minutes were approved (5-0-2, Donnan and Loker absent) with a minor edit to the spelling of STF member Lucas Ross Merz's name.

3. DEVELOP 2015 STF WORK PLAN

Principal Planner Vieg provided a brief overview of why the STF decided to develop a work plan, how work plan ideas were solicited, and highlighted a number of themes that came from STF members' recommendations, including: launch the Sustainability website, complete the annual GHG emission indicator, assess effectiveness of "key" Phase I CAP actions, continue to develop recommendations for Council's consideration, and collaborate with community stakeholders/businesses and hold a series of workshops regarding energy efficiency, water conservation, alternative transportation, and solid waste.

STF member Chastain shared her work plan idea to partner with the Chamber of Commerce, DCBA, and others to engage large employers, key commercial hubs, CUSD, CalWater, PG&E, CSUC, etc. in a series of workshops to provide information, inspiration, and motivation to

incorporate sustainable business practices. Workshops would proceed in the following order: 1) energy efficiency, 2) alternative transportation, 3) water conservation, and 4) solid waste.

The STF expressed support for STF member Chastain's program, and STF member Rubio and Principal Planner Vieg agreed to assist with the first two workshops. STF members Ross Merz and Johnson agreed to assist with the final two workshops.

It was also agreed that collecting testimonials from businesses already engaging in sustainability efforts could be shared at the workshops and on the new Sustainability website to inspire similar efforts. The STF agreed it was critical to have a range of success stories to share ---- from smaller efforts to large-scale programs.

STF member Ross Merz volunteered to coordinate Sustainability website updates on behalf of the STF, and also inquired about the City's policy regarding social media (e.g., Facebook).

The STF directed staff to share the STF 2015 Work Plan, as well as a summary of 2014 accomplishments, with the City Council.

STF member Rubio shared that several of his work plan ideas are consistent and supportive of STF member Chastain's, and then shared the following additional items: 1) finalize the GHG metric to track the City's 25% GHG emission reduction goal; 2) review and evaluate whether key Phase I CAP action GHG emission reductions have been achieved; and 3) consider CAP amendments, if necessary.

STF Chair Stemen and STF member Rubio agreed to work with staff to review the draft annual GHG metric in the coming months.

STF Chair Stemen and STF member Rubio agreed to coordinate with staff to evaluate whether implemented key Phase I CAP actions have resulted in projected GHG reductions.

STF Chair Stemen, STF member Rubio, and STF member Ross Merz agreed to work on a future CAP amendment, if necessary.

The STF also directed that its 2015 Work Plan include dedicated meetings with PG&E and Cal Water to help develop additional recommendations for Council. The additional recommendations will be forwarded to Council along with the STF's 2014 recommendations.

STF Chair Stemen shared that his work plan recommendations are consistent with those already considered by the STF.

STF member Johnson asked that the STF consider STF member Donnan's recommendations (in his absence), specifically considering a vote on a new task force chair. The STF discussed the issue and decided to table it until there was more clarity on whether Council would continue its support for the STF's efforts.

4. **STF MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015**

The STF agreed to meet on the 4th Thursday of February (February 26th), and then to meet every other month on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

5. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

6. **REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business from the STF, the meeting adjourned at 6:25pm to the **meeting of Thursday, February 26, 2015.**

Date Approved

Brendan Vieg, Principal Planner