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# Agenda

## Sustainability Task Force

A Committee of the Chico City Council

Meeting of Thursday, April 9, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.

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

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1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
2. **APPROVE FEBRUARY 26, 2015 MEETING MINUTES**  
Draft 02/26/15 minutes attached.
3. **DISCUSSION REGARDING CAL WATER'S WATER EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, EFFORTS AND OPPORTUNITIES, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAP – STF RECOMMENDATIONS (Cal-Water)**
4. **UPDATE REGARDING THE STF-SPONSORED 2015 SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS SERIES (STF Member Chastain and Principal Planner Vieg)**
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, June 11, 2015.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Draft 02/26/15 STF Meeting Minutes

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### **Sustainability Task Force Members:**

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Lucas Ross Merz

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Mike Rubio, Vice Chair

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Mark Stemen, Chair

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**CITY OF CHICO SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
February 26, 2015**

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

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

STF Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Brendan Vieg, Principal Planner

Guests Present: Armando Navarro, PG&E, Community Energy Manager  
Tino Nava, PG&E, Account Manager  
Nathan Aronson, RHA, Technical Director  
Joseph Oldham, Local Government Commission  
Sanja Cerni, GRID Alternatives  
Becky Holden, BEC

**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 01/22/15 minutes were approved (7-0).

**3. DISCUSSION REGARDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, EFFORTS AND OPPORTUNITIES, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAP – STF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Principal Planner Vieg provided background on the agenda topic and introduced Armando Navarro, PG&E, Community Energy Manager.

Mr. Navarro gave a presentation to the STF entitled *City of Chico and PG&E Sustainability*

*Collaboration.* The presentation included a Community/City energy summary, status of CAP Actions involving PG&E, changes to PG&E's electricity mix and generation sources, and highlights of PG&E's new green initiatives (see attached presentation). Key STF discussion points included:

- Assistance available to communities interested in implementing Green Building Codes (Reach Codes)
- Success of PG&E's low income weatherization program, the parties involved (RHA and Butte Community Action Agency), and opportunities for the STF and City's Sustainability Website to aid the program
- PG&E's ability to provide data to the STF on its programs, GHG emissions reductions, etc.
- Upcoming effort to install 2,000+ new LED lights in Chico
- PG&E's statewide E/V fueling station program (25,000 stations statewide)
- Desire of the City to collaborate with PG&E on any new programs and initiatives

Sanja Cerni, GRID Alternatives, shared her organizations efforts to help low-income families install clean solar energy, and offered to collaborate with the STF in any way.

Becky Holden, BEC, shared details of a program that she is leading locally to provide education and connect residents with opportunities to improve energy efficiency for their residences.

Nathan Aronson, RHA, Technical Director, explained that his company is assisting PG&E locally to promote its many programs to the community.

Joseph Oldham, Energy Efficiency Best Practices Statewide Coordinator, Local Government Commission, expressed support for the STF's efforts and asked to be placed on a future agenda to share opportunities for potential collaboration.

The STF offered to provide exposure for the different programs on the City's Sustainability Website.

#### **4. UPDATE REGARDING THE STF-SPONSORED 2015 SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS SERIES**

STF member Chastain and Principal Planner Vieg provided an update to the STF on development of the 2015 Sustainable Business Series. The series is a joint collaboration between the STF, Sierra Nevada Brewery, Chico Chamber, and the DCBA to engage and connect the business community with information (e.g., rebates), inspiration, and motivation to incorporate sustainable business practices. The first session is focused on energy efficiency, and will be held Thursday, March 12 @ 8a.m. at Sierra Nevada's Big Room.

5. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

6. **REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business from the STF, the meeting adjourned at 6:57pm to the **meeting of Thursday, April 9, 2015.**

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Date Approved

Brendan Vieg, Principal Planner