

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

SPECIAL SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: September 21, 2010
TIME: 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
PLACE: City Hall, Room 15

X Das Williams, Chair
X Helene Schneider
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X Bob Samario, Finance Director
X Kristy Schmidt, Employee Relations Manager
X Cameron Benson, Creeks Manager
X Jim Dewey, Facilities and Energy Manager
X Karen Gumtow, Environ. Services Supervisor
X Lorraine Cruz Carpenter, Environ. Services Spec.
X Alelia Parenteau, Energy Analyst
X Lori Pedersen, Administrative Analyst

AGENDA

1. **Public Comment** - *None.*

2. **Status of Previous Agenda Action Items**

ACTION: Receive a status report on previous agenda items, including:

- a. Regional Reach Code
- b. Renewable Energy Projects at El Estero
- c. Hauler Contract for Zone 1
- d. Conversion Technology Project

The Committee received the status updates. On September 28th, staff will update the City Council on the California Green Code and present information on the South Coast Reach Code. The design of the Fats, Oils and Grease project at El Estero is in process and Council will receive an update at today's City Council meeting regarding the El Estero co-generation project. The Hauler Contract for Zone 1 is scheduled for the October Sustainability Committee meeting. City and County staff continue to evaluate the proposals that were received for the Conversion Technology Project and anticipate finishing their review by the end of October. This item will return to the Sustainability Committee in November.

3. **Green Business Program Update**

ACTION: Receive a status report on the City's participation in a regional Green Business Program.

The Committee received a report from Francis Gilliland, Green Business Program Director. There are 14 certified businesses in the City of Santa Barbara and 23 countywide. Businesses can apply for certification for: office/retail, restaurant, lodging, and automotive. The Green Business Program annual event was held in Santa Maria, celebrating the certification of 13 new businesses since January 2009. In FY 11 program activities will focus on metrics, finalizing the checklists for dentistry and wineries, and certifying additional businesses.

4. **Single Use Plastic Bags**

ACTION: Receive an update on state legislation banning single use plastic bags and consider local options to encourage the use of reusable bags.

The Committee received an update on AB 1998 (Brownley) and discussed options to encourage the use of reusable bags. Assembly Bill 1998, which would have banned the use of plastic bags by retail outlets, did not pass in the State Senate. If the City wishes to continue to encourage the use of reusable bags there are several options. These options include going forward with a survey on implementing a local single use bag tax, exploring a ban on plastic bags, implementing a single use bag tax, or implementing an ordinance to require participation in the Where's Your Bag? program. The Committee forwarded a recommendation to Council to pursue a Where's Your Bag? Ordinance, hold talks with the local Grocers Association regarding the ordinance, and to defer conducting a survey regarding a single use bag tax.

5. **South County Energy Efficiency Partnership**

ACTION: Receive a presentation from City staff and Southern California Edison on the City's participation in the South County Energy Efficiency Partnership (SCEEP), recent achievements, and community outreach efforts.

The Committee received a presentation from Patricia Bartoli-Wible, SCE Local Public Affairs Manager and Jim Dewey, City Facilities and Energy Manager. They provided information on the SCEEP partnership, incentives for City Energy Conservation Projects and the FY 11 budget for the partnership. They will return to the Sustainability Committee in November with detailed information about the allocation of funds in the budget, planned projects, and the current spending plan.

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