

# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## SPECIAL SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING

### Finished Action

DATE: November 17, 2010  
TIME: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  
PLACE: City Hall, Room 15

X Das Williams, Chair  
X Helene Schneider  
X Michael Self

Office of the City  
Administrator

Office of the City Attorney

X Nina Johnson  
Assistant to the City Administrator

X Stephen Wiley  
City Attorney

X Christine Andersen, Public Works Director  
X Cameron Benson, Creeks Restoration/Clean Water  
Manager  
X Jeff McKee, Airport Maintenance Superintendent  
X Karen Gumtow, Environ. Services Supervisor  
X Alelia Parenteau, Administrative Analyst II  
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. emPowerSBC Program
  - b. El Estero Engine Cogeneration Project

*The Committee received the following status updates. At the Board of Supervisors meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup> County staff gave the board an update on the status of ongoing Federal policy deliberations regarding PACE programs. County staff will be returning to the Board on December 14<sup>th</sup> to present alternate funding options for emPowerSBC. The El Estero Cogeneration Project proposals were received and staff is reviewing the proposals. The Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) is scheduled for Council before the end of the year and the project should be in place and running by June 2011. Councilmember Williams asked about the revisions to the timeline for the procurement process for a new trash hauling franchise for Zone 1 (West of State Street). A revised timeline was not available.*

3. **Collaboration Opportunities with UCSB**  
ACTION: Discuss opportunities to partner with UCSB on sustainability efforts.

*The Committee received a presentation from Ron Cortez, Associate Vice Chancellor, UCSB, on the University's Sustainability Committee and sustainability projects. The University is interested in building relationships with South Coast jurisdictions to begin sharing ideas and information, as well as exploring opportunities for grant funding. UCSB is moving forward with several photovoltaic projects on the campus as well as exploring wind and other renewable energy projects to meet their energy needs. Mr. Cortez would like to plan a meeting, for staff at the City, University, and other neighboring agencies, to*

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*discuss environmental programs around Earth Week. Committee members expressed interest in working with UCSB on issues of joint interest.*

4. **Institute for Local Government BEACON Award**

ACTION: Discuss participation in the Institute for Local Government's BEACON Award process that recognizes local governments for sustainability achievements.

*Ms. Johnson provided the Committee with a summary about the Institute for Local Government's BEACON Award program. The program acknowledges agencies that have implemented best practices that promote sustainability and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. There are three levels, silver, gold and platinum. In order to participate in the program the City would need to submit an application and a Council Resolution in support of the application. There is no application deadline and the award is granted when the City accomplishes the designated best practices for the award level. The City has accomplished many of the best practices outlined in the program and could qualify for gold level with the completion of a Climate Action Plan.*

*The Committee recommended forwarding this item to Council for a Resolution in support of an application. (3/0/0)*

5. **Airport Solar Project**

ACTION: Receive an update on the proposed solar photovoltaic project at the Airport's Long-Term Parking Lot.

*The Committee received an update on the proposed solar photovoltaic project at the Airport. The request for proposals will go out in late December or early January for a third party owned and operated project. The project will be phased to work with the terminal project to reduce impacts to parking. The terminal project is scheduled to be completed in early 2012 and the photovoltaic project could begin in the summer of 2012. Councilmember Williams asked Airport staff to work with UCSB staff to identify opportunities for sharing technology and space.*