

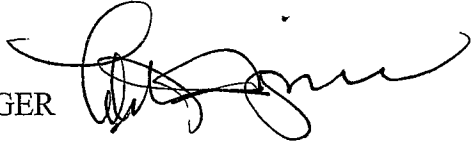


MEETING DATE: 6/18/07
STUDY SESSION
DESK ITEM

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: June, 18, 2007

TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: DEBRA J. FIGONE, TOWN MANAGER 

SUBJECT: INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON "GREEN" INITIATIVES RELATED TO CLIMATE PROTECTION/GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND DIRECTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS IN STAFF REPORT

Attached is a summary of the June 7, 2007 Santa Clara Cities Association's Joint Policy Collaborative Committee meeting. Page one identifies Climate Protection "next steps" approved by the Board of Directors.

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June 7, 2007 Meeting Summaries

joint policy Collaborative committee:

- Received information regarding Greenhouse Gases and AB32 (Presentations are posted at www.sccca.gov (see "Presentation Downloads"))
- ; Inventory Processes; Reduction Strategies and Goals; and Overviews of local Organizations involved in Climate Protection – including Sustainable Silicon Valley (<http://www.sustainablesiliconvalley.org>), Joint Venture Silicon Valley Network (<http://www.jointventure.org/programs-initiatives/climateprotection/climateprotection.html>), Silicon Valley Leadership Group (<http://www.svmg.org/campaigns/cleanandgreen>), Institute for Local Government (<http://www.cacities.org/index.jsp?zone=ilsg>), ABAG's Energy Watch Program (<http://www.abag.ca.gov/abagenergywatch>), and PG&E's Climate Smart Program (http://www.pge.com/about_us/environment/features/climatesmart_how_it_works.html).
- Distributed a matrix of city responses to how they have begun to address climate protection, shared best practices/lessons learned, and how to establish a Green Ribbon Task Force.
- Received information from Brenna Bolger, PRx Communications, regarding Green Challenge (<http://www.prxinc.com/whatsnew.php>)
- Next Steps: The JPC recommended the following Next Steps to the Board of Directors at it June 7 Meeting, which followed the JPC Meeting.
- The JPC will recommend the following next steps to the SCCCA Board of Directors:
 - Recommend that the cities attend a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory and Planning workshop to be hosted by the BAAQMD and ICLEI and supported by SSV, JVSU, SVLG, PG&E and others in early September. The workshop will help cities develop a draft baseline inventory of their GHG emissions. Recommend that cities consider participating in some of the related climate protection efforts and meetings currently underway, including programs such as ABAG's Energy Watch, which is a joint project of PG&E and PG&E's Climate Smart Program to help reduce emissions. Recommend that cities use the League of California Cities Institute for Local Government resources for emissions and energy reduction.
 - Recommend that cities work together to draft a model "Green Building" Ordinance for Santa Clara County (Like the uniform County Building Code) and partner with organizations such as SVLG in these efforts. Consider forming a joint working group to initiate a draft with interested stakeholders such as SV Climate Protection Task Force, SVLG, SSV, JVSU, and League of California Cities.
 - Support taking action now. Cooperate regionally in gathering emissions data. Support cities joining SSV and using their web-based tool for reporting energy use by city-owned facilities, fleets, employee commutes.
 - Support city staff joining the Silicon Valley Climate Protection Task Force which is among other things, looking at a Purchasing Pool for cities.
 - Support Mayors signing the US Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement.

Board of directors:

- Received a presentation from Phaedra Ellis-Lamkins, Working Partnerships, on a New Health Care Program for Small Businesses that has been developed by Working Partnerships USA. Presentation is posted at www.sccca.gov (see "Presentation Downloads")
- Received a presentation from Chris Block, Charities Housing, on the Task Force that has been created to End Homelessness and Solve the Affordable Housing Crisis. Mayor Pat Mahan represents the Cities Association on the Task Force.
- Received report on JPC recommendations on Climate Protection and by consensus, agreed with the

recommendations as presented above in the JPC Meeting Summary.

- Received information that a broad coalition of homeowners, small business representatives, labor, environmental, community and ethnic organizations have introduced an Eminent Domain Reform Package in Sacramento. ACA 8 and a Companion Statutory Measure are designed to protect Homeowners and Small Businesses from Eminent Domain. The League of California Cities is supporting this constitutional amendment.
- The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 20 and will be a General Membership Meeting with City Managers and City Planning Staff invited. 1st Act Silicon Valley will present how its program will bring economic vitality to all of our cities. Please mark your calendars for this event.