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Sustainability Committee Meeting
October 14, 2009 at 11:00 AM
Santa Monica Main Library,
2nd Floor, Staff Conference Room
601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, CA

MEETING NOTES

I. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 11:09am with Council member Malsin, Council member McKeown, and Mayor Land (via conference call) present. See attached for other attendees.

II. Presentation on Los Angeles County's AB 811 Municipal Green Building Financing Program

Following a presentation on the current status of the program, the Committee discussed the program components and the anticipated commitment on the part of COGs and Cities. It was emphasized that a lot of the administrative program questions are still under review and that a consultant will be brought on board to develop the administrative program and perhaps to review of contemplated program components, as well.

It was indicated that the Cities will be asked to adopt a resolution in support of the program in order to participate in the program. Cities opting into the program will also be asked to allocate a portion (10%) of their Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funds to the county for program support. Finally, the COGs and participating cities will be asked to advocate and assist in the marketing of the program.

The Sustainability Committee adopted a motion recommending that the COG governing board support and encourage member jurisdictions to adoption a resolution in support of LA County's AB 811 Municipal Green Building Financing Program.

III. Discussion of Sustainability Committee Work Program for 2010-2012

Following a presentation on the work program developed by staff, the Committee emphasized the desire for collaboration among the COG jurisdictions where every possible. This would be particularly important with the AB 811 Municipal Green Building Financing Program. The committee and staff were reminded that collaboration would also be important with the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission ([SMBRC](#)) on stormwater matters. A concern was expressed that there was nothing in the work program addressing green house gases and carbon foot print bench marking. However, the Committee acknowledged that this may be covered under SB 375 and the development of a Sustainable Community Strategy for the Westside. Therefore, the Committee wanted to have a placeholder in the work program for SB 375, given that the CMs and staffs from the COG jurisdictions will receive a presentation from SCAG on SB 375, specifically the preparation of a Sustainable Community Strategy later in the month.

The Committee agreed to add the following items to the work program: Food Sustainability, Development of a Regional Media Strategy, and the Landscape Ordinance which cities are required to adopt by 2010.

IV. Receive and File and Direction

A. August 12, 2009 Committee Meeting Notes

The meeting notes were received and filed without changes. However, the recommendation to the COG governing board on the Ahwanee Principles was clarified to be that upon acknowledgement that a majority of the COG jurisdictions have taken action to affirm support for the Ahwanee Principles, that the COG affirms its support of the Ahwanee Principles.

V. Public Comment on Items NOT on the Agenda

NOTE: Depending on the length of the agenda and number of individuals desiring to address the Committee, the time allotted for Public Comment may be limited.

Sharon O'Rourke, Public Affairs Manager with The Gas Co. provided the Committee with a brief presentation on a proposed Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) program. The AMI program will begin in mid-2010 and will retrofit 6 million gas meters with wireless communications modules. The Gas Co. is still in dialogue with various stakeholders such as the employee union of The Gas Co. The Gas Co. will ultimately need the approval from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to proceed with the program. The matter was referred to staff for review and recommendation to the Committee.

VI. Announcements and Future Meeting Agenda Items

- A. Invitation to ["Greening The Bottom Line"](#) with Senator Pavley in Santa Monica on October 15, 2009**
- B. Examination and Possible Recommendation Regarding the [Cool Foods Campaign](#)**
- C. Review of the Recent Approved Bike Routes and Plans to Insure Coordination**

It was expressed that the Committee should review the LA County bike plan because it didn't seem to connect or indicate all the bike routes on the Westside. It was indicated that a similar comment was made at the Transportation Committee meeting and that it's expected the matter will be referred to Transportation staff for review.

- D. Water Allocation Distribution Discussion**
- E. Working with LA Collaborative**
- F. Follow up on Greenhouse Gases Bench Marking**

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28pm to December 9, 2009 at 11:00am., Santa Monica Main Library.