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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE PROTECTION TASK FORCE
Minutes from the 3-19-2014 Meeting

In attendance:

Michael Barber, Supervisor Pine's office
Adrienne Carr, BAWSCA
Bob Cormia, Foothill De Anza Community College
Rick DeGolia, Town of Atherton*
Beth Bhatnagar, Sustainable San Mateo County
Brandi de Garreaux, Town of Portola Valley
Pradeep Gupta, South San Francisco City Council*
Debbie Kranefuss, Ecology Action
Erica Kudyba, Climate Corps Bay Area fellow for San Mateo County Energy Watch
Susan McCue, City of South San Francisco
Maryann Moise Derwin, Committee Vice Chair, Portola Valley Town Council*
Alex Palantzas, San Mateo County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Barbara Pierce, Redwood City Council*
Dave Pine, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors (by phone)*
Kim Springer, County of San Mateo RecycleWorks (staff)
Gauri Vilash, Student at Foothill College
Sandy Wong, C/CAG
Susan Wright, County of San Mateo RecycleWorks (staff)

Not in attendance:

Sapna Dixit, PG&E
Don Horsley, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors (not expected due to new appointment)*
Deborah Gordon, Committee Chair, Woodside Town Council*
Jorge Jaramillo, San Mateo County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Kathy Lavezzo, PG&E
Nicole Sandkulla, BAWSCA
Eric Sevim, A+ Japanese Auto Repair
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1) Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves and their organizations.

2) Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3) Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the February 19, 2014 meeting were approved with one addition: On page 4, it should reference the 9-county Bay Area.

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4) Review of Proposed RMCP Committee Progress Report (Kim Springer)

Kim Springer presented a draft for the progress report, which included color coded icons to indicate status. The committee made the following comments/suggestions:

- Add factual data pieces, such as total housing stock and total energy base case.
- Include key indicators – show the trend.
- County-level data could be helpful for policy makers, goal setting.
- The progress report could go to city managers twice a year to report to councils.
- There should be a link to adopted climate action plans on the SMC Energy Watch website.

Sandy Wong said that the committee can report back to the C/CAG Board when it's ready.

5) Presentation on Current Water Supply Conditions and Drought Messaging (Adrienne Carr, BAWSCA)

- San Mateo County has a 10% voluntary cutback. Reservoirs are 60% full instead of the usual 70-75% full at this time of year.
- The committee was interested in hearing more about gray water reuse and recycled water projects.
- Redwood City will have extra recycled water to sell. South San Francisco has a pipeline for recycled water.
- Education campaigns were discussed. Check water use compared to last year, compared to neighbors.
- PG&E has a website to show energy use, but water agencies don't do that. It's difficult to find that information on water bills. BAWSCA could put something in place that would be more effective.
- It would be helpful for cities to work with water agencies. Portola Valley has a new water task force.
- Could we combine water use data from all agencies to get a complete picture of water use county-wide?

6) Update on the San Mateo County Energy Watch Program – continued from February 2014 meeting (Susan Wright)

Susan Wright explained the countywide campaigns that are being developed to target specific commercial sectors: restaurants and offices/real estate. The committee made the following comments:

- Restaurant kitchens could be conserving more but don't. The message needs to be how it can profit you.
- This would be a good presentation for the Council of Cities meeting. Show the Colma example and level of success.
- The economic benefit is a good campaign message.
- Get some guinea pig restaurants to go through the program.
- The Food Service Technology Center partners with PG&E to help restaurants with energy and water efficiency.
- Restaurants that participate in the program could display a sticker: "I watch."

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7) Discussion about an Approach to Local Sea Level Rise Challenges in San Mateo County
(Dave Pine, Michael Barber)

Michael Barber explained that with 1 foot of sea level rise, everything east of 101 would be under water. Sea level rise plus storm events adds another foot. That jeopardizes the whole bayside. Dave Pine is working collaboratively with SFO, Colma Creek, San Bruno Creek. Sea level rise is a slow-moving emergency.

Barbara Pierce recalled how the San Mateo County Energy Strategy evolved: Jerry Hill came to CMEQ and asked for a group to look at energy. Jerry got funding from the County to get a consultant.

Kim Springer pointed out that the challenge of sea level rise is that stakeholders are broad. Planners, OES, elected officials, County Health, environmental health, County fire, nonprofits, utilities, etc.

Pradeep Gupta said that it requires an initial steering committee that is more focused. First question: science. What are the numbers, how urgent is it? Second question: Policy. How will it impinge on other actions we're planning. How will other groups get involved with setting standards? There will be a lot of real estate, commerce involved. Third question: Cities will need to implement policies. How can you force compliance? Need to figure out the value of land.

Bob Cormia pointed out that other countries have been thinking about this for 25 years. Invite them in as thought leaders.

Barbara: There may be an interest in sub groups: Bayside people vs. coastside people, those concerned about high fire danger. Need to address planning issues and potential education and awareness issues. People won't be inclined to divert any revenues unless they feel there's some danger. Education is important.

Kim: Planning and implementation can run parallel. Decisions are being made now about structure that will be around for 50 years. Things can be done now to be preventative. Two type of assets: resilient vs. at risk.

Dave Pine: Caltrans is thinking about sea level rise. They're not planning to abandon 101. It would be interesting to hear from city managers about how they're thinking about sea level rise. The Working Group would be a forum for communication for those planning for the future. Could meet quarterly, ask Caltrans to present to a meeting. Modest benefit would be information sharing. Include the 10 communities on the bayside. First goal: Education, staying current. Second: Champion a project. Come up with the resources for a more in-depth analysis of impact along the bayshore. Could adapt the ART progress like in Alameda County. The business community has a lot at stake here. They need to contribute to any effort. At some point we'll be talking about levees and dikes.

Michael: Facebook has put money into the creek JPA. They're surrounded on 3 sided by wetlands.

Kim: City Public Works departments would be involved, but a lot of this is tied to Planning. Early actions would be requirements for new construction. Could present to 21 Element planning group

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Dave Pine will develop a proposed framework (“straw man”) for how this group could function. Will bring it back to the committee to comment on.

8) Presentation on Governor’s Office of Planning and Research Environmental Goals and Policy Report Update (Kim Springer)

Kim Springer reported on “California @ 50 Million, which was presented at a stakeholder meeting hosted by the Joint Policy Committee. Everyone is encouraged to read it and send in comments.

http://www.opr.ca.gov/s_egpr.php

The report doesn’t specifically link with the One Bay Area Plan.

Bob Cormia said that energy intensity should be in the report: intensity per person and intensity per economic dollar.

9) Committee Member Updates

None.

10) Next Regular Meeting Date – May 20 @ 2pm at BAWSCA, 155 Bovet Road, Suite 650, San Mateo

Possible topics to cover:

- Sea level rise –task force “straw man”
- Water supply update
- Community outreach campaigns
- Program progress report process – Energy programs
- Community inventory report – countywide plus individual cities
- EV charging stations
- Group solar campaign

Attachments:

None.