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**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE PROTECTION TASK FORCE**  
**Minutes from the 5-21-2014 Meeting**

**In attendance:**

Michael Barber, Supervisor Pine's office  
Adrienne Carr, BAWSCA  
Bob Cormia, Foothill De Anza Community College (left 30 minutes early)  
Rick DeGolia, Town of Atherton\*  
Beth Bhatnagar, Sustainable San Mateo County  
Pradeep Gupta, South San Francisco City Council\*  
Don Horsley, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors\*  
Deborah Gordon, Committee Chair, Woodside Town Council\*  
Eileen Hays, Optony  
Debbie Kranefuss, Ecology Action  
Kathy Lavezzo, PG&E  
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\* (left 30 minutes early)  
Kim Springer, County of San Mateo RecycleWorks (staff)  
Sandy Wong, C/CAG  
Susan Wright, County of San Mateo RecycleWorks (staff)

**Not in attendance:**

Sapna Dixit, PG&E  
Jorge Jaramillo, San Mateo County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Nicole Sandkulla, BAWSCA  
Eric Sevim, A+ Japanese Auto Repair  
\*=elected official member

**1) Introductions**

Attendees introduced themselves and their organizations.

**2) Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**3) Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

**4) Presentation on IPCC Report on Global Climate Change (Bob Cormia)**

Bob Cormia reported on the recent findings from the IPCC's report on global climate change. He  
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highlighted both the extreme challenges facing the planet, in light of existing carbon levels in the atmosphere and potential melting of ice sheets. He also pointed to the opportunity San Mateo County has to mitigate climate change by working with groups like Joint Venture Silicon Valley and the Regionally Integrated Climate Action Planning Suite (RICAPS) monthly working group. The group discussed the need to start thinking bigger and challenge PG&E and the CPUC to be more innovative.

**5) Presentation on Future Public Utility Business Model, October 8, 2013 En Banc Meeting at California Public Utilities Commission (Bob Cormia)**

Bob Cormia encapsulated the En Banc meeting about utilities' business model. The group discussed the competing issues of an increase in solar and EV charging on an aging grid. It was pointed out that there is an opportunity to rethink the infrastructure because it is aging, and we don't want to just rebuild the existing infrastructure but consider "micro-grid-like" approaches.

**6) Presentation on Department of Energy-Funded Solar Roadmap Program (Eileen Hays, Optony)**

Optony is a solar consulting firm that works with local governments. Eileen Hays explained how Solar Roadmap helps jurisdictions streamline solar permitting. Optony is working on setting up an online marketplace for solar called Energy Sage. The site would include "Solar 101" education and make it easy for consumers to compare quotes for solar and connect consumers and contractors. The site would be a win/win, making it cheaper for solar companies to find customers, and for consumers to find the right vendor and product for their home.

The committee agreed that the process to obtain permits and the amounts of fees vary widely with different cities in the county, and that uniform permitting would be really helpful. The committee also agreed that fees should be based on the cost to process the permit, not a percentage of project cost.

**7) Update on Current Water Supply and Drought Conditions (Adrienne Carr, BAWSCA)**

Adrienne Carr explained that the past three years have been the driest years in a row on record. The per capita use now is much lower than in 1977. After each drought, people make big changes that stay.

Barbara Pierce mentioned the importance of messaging regarding growth vs. conservation. When we add residents, the total water use per capita actually goes down.

A new graywater law has made it difficult to impede graywater systems. BAWSCA is investigating a rebate for "laundry to landscape" systems.

SB407 was passed in 2009 and went into effect in 2014. It says that when significant changes are made to a home or business or the building changes ownership, the plumbing fixtures must be updated to water efficient models.

**8) Update and Review of draft 2013 RMCP Committee Progress Report (Kim Springer)**

Kim Springer asked committee members to send comments on the draft report to him. He will do the climate action plan and water sections for next meeting. SMC Energy Watch has just gotten the 2012 energy data from PG&E, but it's not included yet.

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9) **Committee Member Updates**

None.

10) **Next Regular Meeting Date** – June 25, 2014

**Attachments:**

None