

ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE

February 19, 2009

6:30 P.M.

Police and Fire Community Facility

420 15th Street Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

BUSINESS ITEMS

City Update – Upcoming Council meetings

City Council is looking forward to hearing ETF recommendations at the Council Meeting on March 17, 2009. Any recommendations approved tonight will be presented at the March 17th meeting.

Earth Hour 2009 – March 28, 2009

Staff will present a resolution for the City to participate in Earth Hour, asking that non-essential lighting be turned off

Earth Day – April 18, 2009

ETF members interested in volunteering can sign up to work at the Task Force table

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Subcommittee Presentations

1. Recycling and Solid Waste: Update on development of measures to include in a new solid waste management contract
 - a. Preparing to make recommendations to ETF at March 19th meeting
 - b. Areas to present include:

- i. Residential: Rate structure; Recycling; Household Hazardous Waste
 - ii. Commercial: Food Waste Recycling; Incentive Programs
 - iii. General: Emergency disaster clause; Update strike clause
- 2. Climate Action Plan: Update on methodology considered to develop a Climate Action Plan
 - a. Goal: Conduct research and provide recommendations on reducing GHG's
 - b. Research and benchmark other cities' initiatives
 - c. Initial Research Methodology: Estimated CO2 reduction; Estimated cost/ton savings; Assumptions, Calculations, and Uncertainties; Pros/Cons; Supporting Information
- 3. Water and Storm Water: Recommendations of elements to consider in a water conservation ordinance – Passed with unanimous ETF approval
 - a. Goal to Establish City-wide potable water demands reduction by 2020
 - b. Water Conservation Ordinance will contain:
 - i. Permanent Behaviors - Water Conservation Practices That Affect Everyone, Everyday to Permanently Reduce Water Consumption in Manhattan Beach
 - ii. Drought Contingency Planning - Water Conservation Practices That Are Mandated as MWD Declares Upcoming Water Shortages in Stages for all of Los Angeles Basin
- 4. Green Building: Recommendations for “green” rating requirements for public and private buildings; update on tiered energy residential requirement - Passed with unanimous ETF approval
 - a. All new public facilities or publicly funded projects, of 5,000 SF or more of new construction or renovation, shall attain LEED GOLD certification or better.

- b. All new private projects, of 10,000 SF or more of new construction or renovation, shall show LEED SILVER equivalence or better, certified by a LEED Accredited Professional.
- c. Presentation on residential energy to Stakeholders on 2/12/09, the subcommittee is taking their comments into considerations and will develop recommendations for a future meeting

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

ETF members and the public commented on the water conservation requirements.

Nancy Paulikas asked that landscapers be educated on the new water conservation regulations, and questioned how misuse of water would be measured on windy days. She also asked if during drought situations each watering station could be for 10 minutes per day for 3 days. Joe Galliani asked about the use of greywater systems and rainwater capture. ETF members wanted to know if information would be given to the residents on how much water each person uses. Another member wanted to know if the City could provide drought tolerant plants for residents to purchase, or provide the locations of where these types of plants can be bought.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned to the next scheduled meeting, Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 6:30 PM in the Police and Fire Conference Room.

Regular meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Meeting information will also be posted on the Going Green webpage at www.citymb.info.