

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

**CITY OF PASADENA
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING**

**Wednesday, October 26, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.
100 N. Garfield Ave. – Fair Oaks Conference Room S039**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular meeting of the Legislative Policy Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. at 100 N. Garfield Ave., Fair Oaks Conference Room S039.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA – Please limit comments to 3 minutes each.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None

4. NEW BUSINESS - None

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Receive and File Annual Reports and Work Plans:

1. Environmental Advisory Commission Annual Report For July 2010 - June 2011 and Work Plan for July 2011 – June 2012*

B. Briefing by David Jones on State Legislative Matters (Oral)

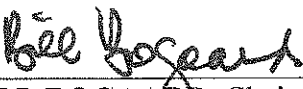
C. Briefing by Carolyn Chaney on Federal Legislative Matters **

6. ADJOURNMENT

* Attachment

** In Person

NEXT REGULAR MEETING
November 23, 2011 –5:30pm



BILL BOGAARD, Chair
Legislative Policy Committee

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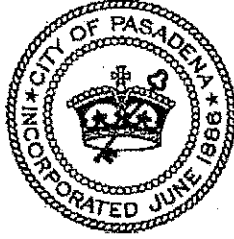
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INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Receive and file Annual Reports and Work Plans:

- 1. Environmental Advisory Commission Annual Report For July 2010 – June 2011 and Work Plan for July 2011 – June 2012***



TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: AUGUST 23, 2011

FROM: ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION (EAC)

SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT FOR JULY 2010 – JUNE 2011 AND
WORK PLAN FOR JULY 2011 – JUNE 2012

RECOMMENDATION:


This Report is submitted for information purposes only and includes the following:

- Report of Annual Report of Accomplishments for July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011
- Proposed Work Plan for July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012
- Report of Commission Attendance for July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011

These documents were reviewed and approved by the Environmental Advisory Commission on July 19, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,


Felicia Williams, Chair


Bryan Reese, Vice-Chair

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
ANNUAL REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS JULY 1, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2011 AND
WORK PLAN: JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2012**

MISSION:

As set forth in the Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) Ordinance, the primary function of the EAC is to provide policy advice to the City Council for promoting environmental stewardship and urban sustainability in accordance with the City Council's endorsement of the 2005 United Nations Green Cities Declaration and Urban Environmental Accords, the City's adopted Environmental Charter, and other related environmental policies adopted by the City Council.

ANNUAL REPORT: JULY 1, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2011

Due to a lack of resources to staff committees, all sub-committees and standing committees (including the standing committee on Water and Power) have been suspended indefinitely. At the September 21, 2010 meeting two ad hoc committees were formed to address specific items identified below.

1. **Zero Waste Ad Hoc Committee (previously the Plastic Bag Ad Hoc Committee):** The committee will work towards recommending an appropriate ordinance banning the use of single-use plastic bags to Council. The committee will examine Los Angeles County's recently adopted plastic bag ban on single-use carryout bags, watch for new legal developments, and determine how to best move forward with this issue.

STATUS – IN PROCESS: This committee was formed at the September 21, 2010 meeting. The ad hoc committee has not met since its formation this fiscal year.

2. **Water Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Ad Hoc Committee:** The committee will discuss and provide input on the Water IRP.

STATUS – COMPLETED: After providing comments and receiving periodic updates, the commission voted to recommend that Council adopt the final Water IRP at the January 18, 2011 meeting. With the adoption of the final Water IRP, the committee disbanded. See item #8.

PRIORITY OBJECTIVES

3. **Water Policy:** Provide input to the City Council, as appropriate, related to water policy and goals in general; specifically as they relate to (a) the General Plan Update, (b) the Water Integrated Resource Plan (WIRP), Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), and (c) budget based rate structure and rate studies.

(a) **STATUS – IN PROCESS:** The EAC received status reports on the General Plan update throughout this past fiscal year. The commission was specifically addressed as to General Plan updates at its September 21, 2010, October 19, 2010, December 14, 2010 and May 17, 2011 meetings.

(b) **STATUS – COMPLETE:** Throughout the 2010-2011 fiscal year, status updates on the WIRP were presented to the commission for review and comments. At the September 21, 2010 meeting, issues of alternative water resources, providing affordable product while maintaining reliability, safety, and cost effectiveness were presented to the EAC.

Issues regarding storm water projects for residential, commercial, and industrial areas and ground water recharge and the recycled water treatment process were also addressed. Upon the presentation of the final WIRP at the January 18, 2011 meeting, the commission voted to recommend that Council adopt the final WIRP.

As to the UWMP, the proposed UWMP plan and proposed implementation strategies were presented to the EAC. The commission voted to recommend that Council adopt the UWMP at its May 17, 2011 meeting.

At the April 28, 2011 meeting, the issue of terminating Level 1 water supply shortage measures as described in the Pasadena Municipal Code Section 13.10 was presented to the commission. The EAC supported Staff's recommendation that City Council make a finding pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code 13.10.035 that a water shortage no longer exists. Such a finding automatically terminates the Level 1 water supply shortage water conservation measure in effect.

4. **Energy and Climate Change Policy:** Provide input to the City Council, as appropriate, related to climate change policy and goals; in particular as they relate to (a) the pending greenhouse gas inventory and reduction plan, (b) the General Plan, and (c) other related issues such as Power Integrated Resource Plan monitoring.
 - (a) **STATUS – IN PROCESS:** At the February 15, 2011 commission meeting, Staff presented background information on ICLEI, a group dedicated to climate protection and sustainable development and of which the City is a member. Staff reported how ICLEI has developed a standard format to actually monitor, inventory, measure and develop reduction goals for greenhouse gas emissions that result from municipal operations. ICLEI provides training and technical guidance for local municipalities on how to conduct emissions monitoring and inventory.
 - (b) **STATUS – IN PROCESS:** As to General Plan Update – Land Use, Mobility, Open Space, and Conservation elements, the commission has received Staff updates on the General Plan throughout the course of the 2010-2011 fiscal year. The commission was specifically addressed as to General Plan Updates at its September 21, 2010, October 19, 2010, December 14, 2010 and May 17, 2011 meetings.
 - (c) **STATUS – IN PROCESS:** At the October 19, 2010 EAC meeting the commission was presented with an overview of the net surplus rates (AB 920), which allows customers to receive compensation for using solar or wind power. The presentation discussed that customers that are eligible to receive compensation and elect to receive compensation for net surplus will be notified. Further details and discussion were to be addressed to City Council on November 8, 2010. The EAC motioned and unanimously supported the establishment of net surplus compensation rates for qualifying net metering customers pursuant to Assembly Bill 920 and agreed that customers be provided two options to choose from.

The EAC received status reports and updates on the Energy IRP at both its September 21, 2010 and December 14, 2010 meetings. At the September 21, 2011 meeting, the commission heard a presentation on the issues of energy efficiency and savings, renewable energy resources, and discussed meeting the City's projected goals. At the commission's February 15, 2011 meeting, a presentation was made on the status of renewable energy procurement. The presentation highlighted requirements, estimated

rate impacts and discussed new requirements, how the City matches up with the State's goal, and how to pursue compliance strategies.

SUBORDINATE OBJECTIVES

- 5. Green City Policy Monitoring:** Monitor the progress in completing the initiatives in the Green City Action Plan and the United Nations Urban Environmental Accords approved by City Council on September 18, 2006 and updated by City staff since then. Provide input to City Council and staff, as appropriate, regarding adjustments to the goals for the accords or groupings thereof. This effort may include a review of sustainability baselines and indicators for each goal area. Particular emphasis this fiscal year will be on goals relevant to water and climate change.

At the October 19, 2010 meeting, Staff gave an overview of the functions of the City's Green Team and briefly discussed the work plan and asked for comments. At the April 28, 2011 Staff provided the EAC with draft copies of the 2010 Fiscal Year Indicators Report for review and comment.

Pursuant to the City's plastic reduction plan (*UEA Action 4 - Zero Waste, UEA Action 16 - Toxics Reduction*), Staff provided the commission with updates on plastic bag ordinances and legal developments at its September 21, 2010, January 18, 2011, February 15, 2011 and May 17, 2011 meetings. At the April 28, 2011 commission meeting, Staff presented a report on a Draft Ordinance Prohibiting the Distribution of Single-Use Plastic Carryout Bags and Establishing a Charge for Specified Single-Use Paper Carryout Bags.

As to the City's Green Building plan (*UEA Action 7 - Green Building*), the EAC heard two presentations on the new mandatory California Green Building Standards, also known as CAL Green. At the October 19, 2010 meeting, the EAC recommended that City Council direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance adopting the new Green Building Standard Code with modifications specific to the City of Pasadena. At the February 15, 2011 EAC meeting, a presentation was given on the drafted and adopted Green Building code ordinance.

With regards to the City's waste reduction efforts (*UEA Action 4 - Zero Waste*), on October 19, 2010 and February 15, 2011, the EAC was presented with two status updates on the Zero Waste Strategic Plan. Additionally, at the July 20, 2010 EAC meeting Chair Williams brought up a curb-side composting program and stated she would like more information on curbside recycling efforts within the City. At the October 19, 2010 meeting Chair Williams mentioned information that she had compiled on existing curbside composting programs.

- 6. Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee Participation (HWPAC):** Throughout the year, appointees will actively participate in committee meetings and provide updates to the EAC.

STATUS - ON GOING: The committee held several meetings during the fiscal year and EAC representatives provided updates on issues including the committee's interest in establishing an Environmental Education Center and the Watershed Park.

- 7. Open Space and Conservation Element Committee:** Throughout the year, appointees will actively participate in committee meetings and provide updates to the EAC.

STATUS – ON GOING: At the July 20, 2010 meeting, EAC members were presented with a draft document outlining the goals and objectives of the Open Space and Conservation Element for review and comments. At the February 15, 2011 meeting a draft on the Open Space and Conservation Element focusing on the environment and waste was presented to members of the commission. It is expected that the Open Space and Conservation Element will go to Council in June 2011 for a recommendation on the draft element.

8. **Water IRP Task Force Advisory Group:** Throughout the year, appointees will actively participate in group meetings and provide updates to the EAC.

STATUS – COMPLETED: The commission received periodic updates regarding the Water Integrated Resource Plan (WIRP) through the first half of the 2010-2011 fiscal year. The final Water IRP report was presented to the commission at the January 18, 2011 meeting. It was at this meeting that the commission voted to recommend that City Council adopt the final WIRP. With the adoption of the final WIRP, the task force disbanded.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION ATTENDANCE ROSTER
 JULY 2010 – JUNE 2011**

Commissioner	JUL (R)	AUG (C)	SEP (C)	OCT (R)	NOV (R)	DEC (S)	DEC (C)	JAN (R)	FEB (R)	MAR (C)	APR (C)	APR (S)	MAY (R)	JUN (R)	NOTES
Meeting Date:	20	17	21	19	16	14	21	18	15	15	19	28	17	21	
Brady, Michael	P	-	P	P	P	E	-	U	E	-	-	E	P		
Farley, Ken	P	-	P	P	P	P	-	P	U	-	-	E	P		
Gray, Roger	P	-	P	U	P	U	-	P	U	-	-	P	P		
Hunt-Hernandez, Carol	-	-	-	-	P	U	-	P	P	-	-	P	P		Start Term 11/15/2010
Hurley, Michael	U	-	P	P	P	U	-	P	P	-	-	E	E		
Lockhart, Jade	P	-	P	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Resigned
Reese, Bryan	P	-	P	E	P	P	-	P	U	-	-	P	P		
Williams, Felicia	P	-	P	P	P	P	-	E	P	-	-	P	P		
Woods, Gabrielle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	P		Start Term 4/13/2011
MEETING TIME (HRS)	1.10	0	2.25	2.05	55m	2.32	0	1.07	1.30	0	0	1.40	2.28		

Legend: P- present; E- excused; U-unexcused; R- regular meeting; S-special meeting; C – cancel

WORK PLAN: JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2012

- 1. Creation of a Standing Committee on Water and Power**
 - a. Reestablish existing committees as appropriate with or without staff report
- 2. Water Policy:** Provide input to the City Council, as appropriate, related to water policy and goals in general, and specifically related to the following projects scheduled for FY 2011 – 12:
 - a. General Plan Update – Land Use, Mobility, Open Space, and Conservation elements;
 - b. Budget Based Rate Structure / Rate Studies
 - c. 2010 Water Integrated Resource Plan monitoring
- 3. Energy and Climate Change Policy:** Provide input to the City Council, as appropriate, related to energy and climate change policy and goals in general, and specifically related to the following projects scheduled for FY 2011 – 12:
 - a. Zero Waste – Zero Waste Plan, Plastic Bag/Styrofoam Ban, Curbside Composting
 - b. Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Reduction Plan
 - c. General Plan Update – Land Use, Mobility, Open Space, and Conservation elements; and
 - d. 2009 Power Integrated Resource Plan monitoring
- 4. City Green Policy Monitoring:** Provide input to Green City Action Plan update; Monitor the progress in completing the initiatives in the Green City Action Plan, Environmental Charter, and Urban Environmental Accords.
- 5. Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee Participation (HWPAC):**
Throughout the year, appointees will actively participate in committee meetings and provide updates to the EAC.
- 6. Open Space and Conservation Element Committee:** Throughout the year, appointees will actively participate in committee meetings and provide updates to the EAC.