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AD HOC COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABILITY

June 22, 2015

10:00--11:00 A.M.

651 Pine Street, Room 101, Martinez

Supervisor John Gioia, Chair

Supervisor Federal D. Glover, Vice Chair

Agenda Items:

Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

Present: John Gioia, Supervisor, District I

Absent: Federal D. Glover, Supervisor, District V

Staff Present: Lara DeLaney, Sr. Deputy Count Administrator

Sonia Bustamante, Chief of Staff, District I

Brian Balbas, Deputy, Public Works Department

Julie Bueren, Director, Public Works

Joe Yee, Public Works

Andy Green, Public Works

Michael Kent, Health Services Department

Jason Crapo, Deputy Director, Department of Conservation & Development

Demian Hardman, Department of Conservation & Development

Justin Sullivan, Department of Conservation & Development

Laura Glass, Department of Conservation & Development

Attendees: David McCoard

Tom Kelly

Carol Weed

1. Introductions
2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to three minutes).

Tom Kelly indicated that Alameda County was pursuing the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) concept with committee meetings. He wanted to know if Contra Costa County would follow suit. The IBank has loans for counties interested in starting up a program. David McCourt spoke about the Pope's encyclical having to do with renewable energy. Mr. McCourt also encouraged the development of a CCA program in Contra Costa County, noting that Marin and Sonoma have established programs of their own. Dr. Carol Weed, retired doctor, indicated that CCA is now known as Community Choice

Energy (CCE). She is the Climate Chair for the Contra Costa Clean Energy Alliance. She emphasized the need for the County to move forward on a CCE program, so that green jobs could be developed. Charles Davidson passed out a resolution (attached) from the Democratic Party of Contra Costa supporting the creation of a CCE program for Contra Costa County.

3. REVIEW and ACCEPT the Record of Action from the May 11, 2015 meeting.

Supervisor Gioia accepted the Record of Action of the May 11, 2015 meeting with no changes.

4. ACCEPT the report from the Public Works Department regarding County Facility and Public Infrastructure Sustainability and PROVIDE direction to staff, as needed.

Brian Balbas presented the report for the Public Works Department. He noted that the Board of Supervisors' retreat and a recent workshop with the Board included a discussion of the Sustainable Building Policy that had been implemented since 2010. An Asset Management database was being improved for better decision-making on facility maintenance. More metrics are needed for cost savings measurements of project implementation. Supervisor Gioia requested that the metrics to be developed with regard to the cost and the energy savings (GHG emission reductions) be quantified in terms of analogies that people could understand or relate to: e.g., taking so many cars off the road, powering so many houses, etc.. Supervisor Gioia inquired as to whether there was an audit system in place for energy efficiency. He also wanted Public Works to identify where the new Sustainability Officer would provide value and help departments. He also wants to show which County buildings and public infrastructure are in disadvantaged communities, for the purposes of accessing Cap-and-Trade funds. Supervisor Gioia requested that when the Climate Action Plan comes to the full Board, the presentation include information about the sustainability efforts undertaken in County buildings and infrastructure.

5. ACCEPT the report on the Department of Conservation & Development's energy efficiency programs and services, and PROVIDE direction to staff as needed.

Supervisor Gioia accepted the report from the Department of Conservation & Development and requested that staff market the Weatherization Program to the disadvantaged communities such as in Bay Point, North Richmond, Antioch and parts of Martinez. He requested a new flyer for outreach on the Weatherization Program. He suggested it be mailed to those on the Home Energy Assistance program. He also requested a map of where the funding has been utilized. He wanted to know if all of this information about the programs the County operates on energy efficiency are consolidated on the County website. He also requested that one flyer be developed that includes information about all of these programs. Supervisor Gioia also requested information about how the Cap-and-Trade allotment for disadvantaged communities was determined. How much of the funding was going to staff and how much was going to contractors. He wanted to know how many families were being served as well.

AYE: Supervisor, District I John Gioia
Passed

6. **The next meeting is not currently scheduled.** This Committee is an Ad Hoc Committee and, as such, does not have a regular meeting schedule.
7. Adjourn

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Resolution – Supporting Contra Costa County’s creation of a not-for-profit local electrical power agency that aggregates the County-wide purchasing of electrical power and prioritizes the development of local renewable resources

DPCCC Issues Comm. Draft –Charles Davidson, AD-15.

WHEREAS, in 2002, the California State Legislature passed AB 117, enabling Community Choice Energy, which allows cities and counties to form a not-for-profit local power agency that aggregates the buying power of residents, businesses and public agencies to purchase electricity while maintaining the existing investor-owned utility to provide for electrical transmission and distribution services; and

WHEREAS, a Community Choice Energy program that prioritizes the development of local renewable resources has the potential to reduce the local greenhouse gas emissions and toxic pollution of fossil-fueled power plants, spur economic growth, provide quality clean energy jobs, prioritizing unionization, fair wages, apprenticeship and local hire and provide stable and potentially lower rates to customers; and

WHEREAS, many communities in the Bay Area, such as Marin County, Sonoma County, Alameda County, San Mateo County, Santa Clara County, City of Richmond, and City of El Cerrito, have launched, joined, or are moving forward on a Community Choice Energy program; and Contra Costa County has an abundance of sun and wind and a surplus of brownfield sites that would be ideal for clean energy installations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County support the creation of a Contra Costa County Community Choice Energy program that is affordable for low-income households and urge all Contra Costa cities to support and/or join; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to all elected state representatives with jurisdiction in Contra Costa County, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and all city council members in Contra Costa County.