



Agenda

Record of Action AD HOC COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABILITY

May 7, 2018
12:30 P.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, Chair

Absent: Federal D. Glover, Vice Chair

Staff Present: Frank DiMassa, Energy Manager

Michael Kent, Hazardous Materials Ombudsman

John Kopchik, Director, Dept of Conservation and Development

Will Nelson, Advance Planner, Dept of Conservation and Development

Francisco Avila, Planner, Dept of Conservation and Development

Jason Crapo, Deputy Director, Dept of Conservation and Development

Attendees: Pierre Bull

Victoria Smith

Nick Despota

1. Introductions
2. Staff recommends approval of the attached Record of Action for the March 26, 2018, meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainability with any necessary corrections.

The Record of Action was approved.

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

There was no public comment.

4. INTERVIEW candidates for the At-Large, Education/Research seat on the Contra Costa County Sustainability Commission.

The Committee interviewed three applicants for the At-Large, Education/Research seat on the Sustainability Commission: Susan Rideout, Kimberly Hazard, and Pierre Bull. (Ms. Rideout and Ms. Hazard participated by phone.)

5. PROVIDE DIRECTION to staff regarding development of a Distributed Energy Resource Plan for County facilities.

Frank DiMassa, Energy Manager in the Department of Public Works, reviewed the elements of a Distributed Energy Resources (DER) plan for County facilities. The plan will include solar photovoltaics and energy efficiency. It will look at a pilot for a Zero Net Energy facility. It will include increased use of electric vehicles by County employees and in County fleet and installation of electric vehicle chargers at County facilities, both for employees and the public. The DER plan will identify sites appropriate for energy storage as well as sites that are good candidates for automated demand response (curtailed energy use during periods of high electricity demand).

6. CONSIDER staff report on strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with warehouse facilities in the unincorporated County and PROVIDE DIRECTION.

John Kopchik, Director, Department of Conservation and Development, described new conditions of approval for new warehouse facilities being proposed in North Richmond. These conditions will mitigate emissions from the operations of these facilities by requiring low-emission or electric vehicles, electrified loading docks, sound walls and/or vegetation to block diesel emissions, no idling, and other measures. The conditions also call for the installation of solar energy on warehouse rooftops. Kopchik recommends that the policy behind these conditions be incorporated into the County General Plan, which is in the process of being updated. Will Nelson and Francisco Avila, planners in the Department of Conservation and Development, outlined other considerations that could inform a new policy on warehouse approvals. The staff recommends that these new conditions be incorporated into the Land Use Element as an amendment, because the General Plan update will not be complete until 2020. The Committee directed staff to bring this report back to the Committee and then to the full Board as a consent item.

7. DISCUSS and RECOMMEND to the Board of Supervisors candidates for the At-Large, Education/Research seat on the Contra Costa County Sustainability Commission.

The Committee recommends Kim Hazard be recommended to the Board of Supervisors for this position.

8. RECEIVE report from the Contra Costa County Sustainability Commission Chair.

Victoria Smith provided an overview of the Sustainability Commission's April 23 meeting, which included an update from MCE and an overview of the North Richmond Urban Greening Project. Smith noted that the Sustainability Commission will be holding a retreat over the summer. Commission members are starting to find projects in which they are interested. Howdy Goudey, Vice-Chair of the Sustainability Commission, reported that he has been working with staff from the County Library to host a Fix-it Clinic on June 9 at the El Cerrito Library.

9. RECEIVE update from the County's Sustainability Coordinator.

Jody London, County Sustainability Coordinator, provided an update on work to support the County's Climate Action Plan since the last Committee meeting. This includes working on the Renewable Resource Potential Study, coordinating with the Contra Costa Transportation Authority on grant applications to support development of an electric vehicle readiness plan, supporting the Sustainability Commission, coordinating with several cities and Sustainable Contra Costa on a grant application through the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Climate Protection Grant, participating in Earth Day events, and gathering information to inform a Countywide message on sustainability.

10. The next meeting is currently scheduled for July 23, 2018, 12:30 PM.

11. Adjourn

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