
Sustainability Task Force Agenda



A Committee of the Chico City Council
Mayor Ann Schwab, Chair

Meeting of November 7, 2011 – 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street, Conference Room No. 1

***** PLEASE NOTE NEW MEETING TIME *****

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 9-12-11 TASK FORCE MEETING.**
2. **CONSIDERATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE) PROGRAM FOR CHICO BUSINESSES.**

In 2008, AB811 was passed which allows cities to establish a program to enter into voluntary contractual agreements with property owners to finance the installation of renewable energy sources or energy efficiency improvements, and to pay back the loans as an assessment on their property taxes. The California Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program was to provide cities and counties a means to provide AB 811 energy retrofit financing to businesses. A representative from the PACE program will present the program, and the Task Force is requested to provide recommendations for City Council consideration.

3. **CONSIDERATION OF SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS RECOGNITION PROGRAM CHECKLISTS**

The Business Outreach Ad-Hoc Committee has been working on the development of a voluntary Sustainable Business Recognition Program. The Committee will provide a report on this process, and is providing the attached checklists under the categories of "Energy," "Pollution Prevention," "Social Equity," "Transportation," "Waste," and "Water" (Exhibit "B"), in which businesses can receive recognition for their sustainability efforts in these areas. The Task Force is requested to review the checklists and to provide suggestions and recommendations to the Committee.

4. **CONSIDERATION OF A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR AN EPA BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT GRANT**

The City's Housing and Neighborhood Services Department is applying for a grant with the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct environmental assessments of Brownfields located in the Park Avenue Corridor. A Brownfield is real property, of which the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of such property may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. The Task Force will consider the attached letter of support (Exhibit "C") for the application.

5. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Members of the public may address the Task Force at this time on any matter not already listed on the agenda, with comments being limited to three minutes. The Task Force cannot take any action at this meeting on requests made under this section of the agenda.

6. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting will adjourn no later than 7:30 p.m. to a regular meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 5, 2011, unless otherwise noted.

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit "A": PACE Staff Memo

Exhibit "B": Sustainable Business Program Checklists

Exhibit "C": EPA Brownfield Letter of Support

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