



# Sustainability Task Force Agenda

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

**Meeting of December 7, 2009 – 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**  
Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street, Conference Room No. 1

## 1. UPDATE ON THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM PG&E INNOVATOR PILOT GRANT FOR AN ENERGY CONSERVATION OUTREACH PROGRAM

At its 11/2/09 meeting, the Task Force formed an Ad-Hoc Committee, consisting of Task Force members Buckley, Dobbs, Stallman, Wolf, McNall, Pushnik and Schwab, to develop a proposal for a grant application for PG&E's Innovators Pilot Program to help market energy conservation and efficiency to residents and businesses. The Ad-Hoc Committee met several times and has developed an abstract of the grant proposal. A copy of the abstract is attached as Exhibit "A" and the Committee will provide a report to the Task Force on this project.

## 2. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. **United Nations Climate Change Conference Candlelight Vigil** - The United Nations annual Climate Change Conference will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark from December 7-18, 2009. The Chico Peace and Justice Center and other interested individuals will be participating in a global campaign to encourage world leaders to enter into a new climate agreement, and will be holding a candlelight vigil at 7:00 p.m. in City Plaza on December 10, 2009. Information regarding this global campaign and an invitation to the vigil is attached as Exhibit "B" for the Task Force's information.
- b. **Update on the Proposed Revisions to the Chico Municipal Code Regarding Residential Energy Conservation Measures Required upon Resale** - The City Manager has requested that the proposed municipal code revisions be presented to the formal Board of the Chico Association of Realtors and to the North Valley Property Owners Association.
- c. **Update on Preparation of the Climate Action Plan** - Staff will provide an update on the progress in developing a draft Climate Action Plan.

## 3. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

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

## 4. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting will adjourn no later than 5:00 p.m. to its next meeting scheduled for Monday, January 4, 2010.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- Exhibit "A" - Abstract for PG&E Innovators Grant Application
- Exhibit "B" - U.N. Climate Change Conference/Candlelight Vigil Information

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### **Members:**

Lindsay Buckley	BT Chapman	Tom DiGiovanni	Tim Dobbs	Deanna Dottai
Chris Giampaoli	Ken Grossman	Jon Luvaas	Scott McNall	Jim Pushnik
Ann Schwab, Chair	Jon Stallman	Jim Stevens	Scott Wolf	Julian Zener

CITY OF CHICO APPLICATION TO PG&E INNOVATOR PILOTS PROGRAM

**1. Statement of purpose and what gap, problem, concern, the project seeks to address**

In 2007, the City of Chico established a Sustainability Task Force (STF) to conduct a baseline greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory, establish a GHG reduction target, and develop a climate action plan. Existing housing stock has emerged as a significant area of opportunity to achieve GHG reductions. In 1990, the City of Chico adopted a point-of-sale residential energy conservation ordinance (RECO). The STF was recently tasked with updating the RECO. Through meetings with the local real estate community, members of the STF discovered that implementation of this well intentioned ordinance has not been fully realized because of a lack of awareness and full accountability.

The proposed program seeks to address that knowledge gap in the real estate and building industries. Target groups will be engaged through a series of workshops. The program also seeks to motivate homeowners to retrofit their dwelling by informing them of the benefits of coming into 'compliance' with the ordinance prior to selling, including a reduction in energy consumption, utility costs, and GHG emissions. The program will serve moderate-income households, a group that is not eligible to be served by low-income programs, but also lack expendable income to install such measures without financial assistance. 100 interested homeowners who attend a RECO workshop will be provided with a home energy audit and retrofit of certain components according to the RECO priority list.

Additionally, through a multi-family property retrofit project where half of the units receive real-time monitoring systems, the program seeks to determine if energy usage behaviors can be curbed by providing consumers with on-demand consumption data.

Audit and material costs as well as energy and cost savings achieved through both program tiers will be highlighted on the program website to demonstrate the RECO's effectiveness.

With the passage of AB 758 (2009), the legislature has directed the CEC to develop a statewide energy efficiency program for existing buildings and the CPUC to develop a financing mechanism for implementation. With a residential energy conservation ordinance in place, the City of Chico will demonstrate how a municipality can leverage its authority through the adoption of a RECO and successfully use public funds to raise awareness of energy consumption and GHG emissions in existing housing stock and implement a program for homeowners to begin to lower that consumption and global warming impact.

**2. Whether and how the project will address a Strategic Plan goal or strategy and market transformation;**

## CITY OF CHICO APPLICATION TO PG&E INNOVATOR PILOTS PROGRAM

The proposed project demonstrates the utilization of local government authority for the purposes of energy efficiency, a key strategy outlined in the strategic plan section 12.4. The project also helps achieve goal 4 in section 12.3, providing the City with the resources to lead our community with an innovative program in energy efficiency and sustainability while helping the City achieve its GHG reduction target.

(<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/NR/rdonlyres/D4321448-208C-48F9-9F62-1BBB14A8D717/0/EEStrategicPlan.pdf>)

### 3. Specific goals, objectives and end points for the proposed project;

- Design, develop website & outreach materials for RECO workshop and program promotion.
- Conduct workshop series for target groups
  - i. Homeowners
    - 1. Identify participants for auditing/retrofit program.
  - ii. Realtors
  - iii. Building industry
- 100 single-family homes
  - i. Energy audit
  - ii. Installation of ceiling insulation (R-30), hot & cold water line insulation, water heater insulation, weather stripping, caulking & sealing of all cracks, doors, windows, & programmable thermostat.
- Multi-family property (goal 30 units)
  - i. Energy audit
  - ii. Installation of ceiling insulation (R-30), hot & cold water line insulation, water heater insulation, weather stripping, caulking & sealing of all cracks, doors, windows, & programmable thermostat.
  - iii. Real time monitoring system installed in half of units.
  - iv. Energy usage tracking of all units for comparison.

## Linda Herman - Fw: Vigil for a real deal in Copenhagen

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**From:** Emily Alma <earthstar6208@att.net>  
**To:** <lherman@ci.chico.ca.us>  
**Date:** 12/2/2009 10:10 AM  
**Subject:** Fw: Vigil for a real deal in Copenhagen  
**CC:** Stephen Tchudi <newsletter@chico-peace.org>

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Hi Linda,  
Below is the communication from Avaaz.org. The Copenhagen talks start on December 7. The Chico vigil will gather first at the Chico Peace and Justice Center, 526 Broadway, at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, December 10, to tune in by computer to the Copenhagen talks and get updates on recent climate change information. At 7:00 we will walk over to the city plaza for a candlelight vigil, joining thousands of people in vigils being held world wide. All are invited to attend.

I will send you more specific updates as we pull them together - such as an announcement about the event, and inviting people to attend.

Thanks for getting this on the agenda. Steve or I would be happy to come to meeting on Monday.

Emily Alma

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Ricken Patel - Avaaz.org <avaaz@avaaz.org>  
**To:** "earthstar6208@att.net" <earthstar6208@att.net>  
**Sent:** Sun, November 29, 2009 1:20:18 PM  
**Subject:** United States of America in action

Dear friends,

This is a time to step up. Just weeks from now world leaders will gather in Copenhagen to thrash out a **new global climate agreement**. The outcome will **only be so bold as we demand -- and it could be as dismal as we allow**.

The biggest threat? That among the politicking and bureaucracy, the world forgets what's at stake.

So here's the plan: in the middle of the negotiations, **candlelight vigils in every corner of the planet** to put real human faces on the need for a real climate deal. It will be the world's largest ever global day of climate action -- and one world leaders and media can't miss.

**To get started simply pick a good local vigil location nearby and register it** on the global map. From there it's dead easy -- just bring some candles and pass out the short provided message for people to take turns reading. It takes less than an hour to organise -- and Avaaz members in your area will be invited to attend.

This is a time to step up -- let's rise to the occasion.

[http://www.avaaz.org/en/real\\_deal\\_hosts](http://www.avaaz.org/en/real_deal_hosts)

We're just weeks away from what is truly the most important moment yet in the world's response to climate change. We do not expect, nor do we accept, anything less than what is needed to save our planet.

**Here's how every event will make a difference:**

**National pressure** - in global negotiations every country makes a difference, for better or for worse. The problem is most of the time international negotiations aren't closely followed at home - but having **local events will show leaders in United States of America that this time we're watching keenly**, with the power of a coordinated international



It takes just 3 minutes - simply add a location to the global map:

[Click to register a climate vigil.](#)

movement to name and shame those countries that hold up progress.

**World media** - creating a world media story takes a world in action. We need to show journalists that this is more than just another protest: it's a global coordinated day of action on a massive scale. **We have demonstrated that this works -- our Global Wake Up Call and the 350 day of action** both generated huge global press coverage earlier this year. Now, in the middle of the Copenhagen talks, the media moment is even bigger. Thousands of vigils around the planet will give this day of action the scale we need to have a huge media impact.

**Photographic evidence** - Photos of every vigil from around the world will be printed and **delivered to negotiators and world leaders in Copenhagen**. They are evidence that people around the world have the very same ambitious goal for our planet: a real climate deal. All action photos will be also be posted on the internet for millions of Avaaz members to see and distributed to the global media.

This is a time to step up -- let's all of us seize the opportunity:

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Thanks for all that you do,

Ricken, Ben, Taren, Iain, Sam, Alice, Milena, Paul, Luis, Julius, Lisa and the whole Avaaz team.

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