



Agenda

Sustainability Task Force

A Committee of the Chico City Council

Meeting of Thursday, July 28, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.

Municipal Center - 421 Main Street, Conference Room No. 1 in the Council Chambers

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
2. **REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS** - These items are provided for the STF's information. Although the STF may discuss the items, no action can be taken at the meeting. Should the STF determine that action is required, an item may be included on a subsequent agenda.
3. **APPROVE JUNE 9, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**
Draft 06/09/16 minutes attached.
4. **PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL REMODEL RETROFIT LANGUAGE FOR INCLUSION IN THE COMPREHENSIVE 2016 BUILDING CODE UPDATE (Building Official DePaola)** – At its June 9th STF meeting, the STF discussed the concept of a residential remodel retrofit ordinance, including an approach similar to the City's current RECO program. A remodel retrofit requirement could require certain energy efficiency upgrades throughout a home (e.g., windows, insulation) if a proposed residential remodel affected a certain percentage of a home (e.g., greater than 50%). The STF requested that City staff provide draft remodel retrofit language for its consideration. *The proposed language is underdevelopment and will be provided either before or at the meeting.*
5. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY'S SUSTAINABILITY WEBSITE AND CONSIDERATION OF FACEBOOK PRESENCE (STF Member RossMerz & Webmaster Chuck Lundgren)** – Review status of the City's Sustainability Website and discuss Facebook presence.
6. **GHG EMISSIONS TRACKING DATA (2005-2015): FUEL SALES, ELECTRICITY USE, NATURAL GAS CONSUMPTION, AND TONNAGE OF WASTE TO LANDFILL (Principal Planner Vieg)** – *For your information, attached are figures showing trends in these areas for the years 2005 through 2015, which will be utilized in the 2016 Sustainability Indicators Report.*
7. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR** - Members of the public may address the STF at this time on any matter not already listed on the agenda, with comments being limited to three minutes. The STF cannot take any action at this meeting on requests made under this section of the agenda.
8. **ADJOURNMENT** - Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 8, 2016

ATTACHMENTS: 06/09/16 STF Meeting Minutes (Draft)
Fuel, Electricity, Natural Gas, and Waste Data (2005-2015)

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Sustainability Task Force Members:

Cheri Chastain
Lucas RossMerz

Dave Donnan
Mike Rubio, Vice Chair

Ryne Johnson
Mark Stemen, Chair

William Loker

**CITY OF CHICO SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
June 9, 2016**

Municipal Center
421 Main Street
Council Chambers, Conference Rm. 1

STF Members Present: Mark Stemen, Chair (arrived late)
 Mike Rubio, Vice Chair
 Cheri Chastain
 Dave Donnan
 William Loker

STF Members Absent: Ryne Johnson
 Lucas RossMerz

Staff Members Present: Brendan Vieg, Principal Planner
 Leo DePaola, City Building Official

Guests Present: Florin Barnhart
 Brigitte Dahrouj

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Rubio called the meeting to order at 5:39 pm. STF members, City staff, and guests were present as noted.

2. APPROVE MAY 12, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

The 05/12/16 minutes were approved 4-0-3; Johnson and RossMerz absent; Stemen arrived late.

3. CONTINUE DISCUSSION REGARDING ADDITIONAL GREEN BUILDING CODE OPPORTUNITIES

Principal Planner Vieg introduced the topic and shared details regarding the information provided.

Building Official DePaola provided background on how a remodel retrofit ordinance works. He also shared a definition of what constitutes a “substantial remodel”, and explained how a threshold is utilized to initiate comprehensive energy efficiency upgrades. The goal would be to tier off the City’s existing RECO ordinance, and require reasonable upgrades similar to those identified on the Energy/Water Conservation Inspection Form used by the City for implementing the RECO program. It was estimated that that the additional cost on a 50% home remodel would likely fall

within 2 to 3% of an overall project cost. The upgrades identified are manageable, and also provide a good return on investment for homeowners.

Building Official DePaola also shared with the STF that he had shared the idea of a time of sale inspection program with a number of realtors and other community members, and that it was generally met with resistance and concern.

The STF and staff discussed the following items:

- Clarifications regarding homeowner requirements under a remodel retrofit ordinance and homeowners requirements at the time of sale under the City's existing RECO program.
- Why certain "larger ticket" items like HVAC, windows, and solar water heaters should not be included in a remodel retrofit program.
- The fact that the more basic efforts, like insulation, weather stripping, new toilets and faucets, etc., are cost effective and provide excellent energy efficiency benefit.
- The approximate number of remodels in Chico annually, and which percentage of them are over 50% of the home.
- Whether the STF should consider a similar program for commercial buildings.

The STF requested that Building Official DePaola develop a draft remodel retrofit ordinance for STF consideration at its July 28th meeting.

The STF agreed to agendize and discuss a Time-of-Sale Housing Inspection Program in the future, and requested that Building Official DePaola provide information he has gathered on this issue to include as part of the agenda packet.

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING A DRAFT MEMO TO BUTTE COUNTY REQUESTING INITIATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL TAX TO MITIGATE THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF TRANSPORTATION

Principal Planner Vieg shared that the topic of a gas tax has been a discussion the STF has had over the course of its 2+ year existence as a means to generate a reliable revenue source to implement transportation-related GHG emission reduction programs. STF member Rubio prepared a draft memo to Butte County regarding consideration of a County gas tax to mitigate the environmental effects of transportation. An alternative draft memo was provided in the agenda packet.

The STF discussed the merits of sending a memo to Butte County, and provided the following comments:

- Add a “cc” list and include groups that might participate or support such a program (e.g., BCAG, Air District, BEC, Chico 350, etc.).
- Include a few examples of how funds generated by such a program might be used to reduce GHG emissions, including “actions” identified in the County’s Climate Action Plan.
- Add language clarifying the Task Force’s desire to collaborate and coordinate the development of such a program.
- Clarify that the program applies to “on road” transportation (not farm equipment).

The STF directed staff to make the requested changes, prepare a final memo for Chair Stemen’s signature, and send to Butte County Community Development Department (Motion made by STF member Chastain, and seconded by STF Vice-Chair Rubio. Motion passed 5-0-2; Johnson and RossMerz absent).

5. ESTABLISHMENT OF STF PROCEDURES REGARDING TERMS OF SERVICE, MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS, AND CHAIR TENURE/SELECTION

Principal Planner Vieg explained that at its last meeting, the STF requested that staff provide current City practices for boards and commissions regarding terms of service, meeting attendance, and chair tenure/selection. AP&P 10-1 entitled *Board, Commission, Advisory Committees and Task Force Rules of Procedure* was provided to lead the STF’s discussion.

The STF discussed the AP&P and how it applies to its activities as an “ad hoc” committee.

The STF agreed to adhere to the following procedures moving forward:

- *Set a Chair and Vice-Chair election for January 2017, and then follow the Chair selection requirements identified in the AP&P.*
- *Adopt the AP&P’s attendance requirements.*
- *Adopt the AP&P’s Code of Conduct requirements.*

(Motion made by STF member Loker, and seconded by STF Chair Stemen. Motion passed 5-0-2; Johnson and RossMerz absent).

The STF also requested staff to ask the City Clerk how a new STF member would be chosen in the event an existing STF member is removed or steps down.

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Meeting guest Bridgitte Dahrouj shared that she recently graduated from Pleasant Valley High School.

7. **REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS**

Principal Planner Vieg shared that he Chair Stemen were presenting and update on the STF's efforts at the next Planning Commission meeting.

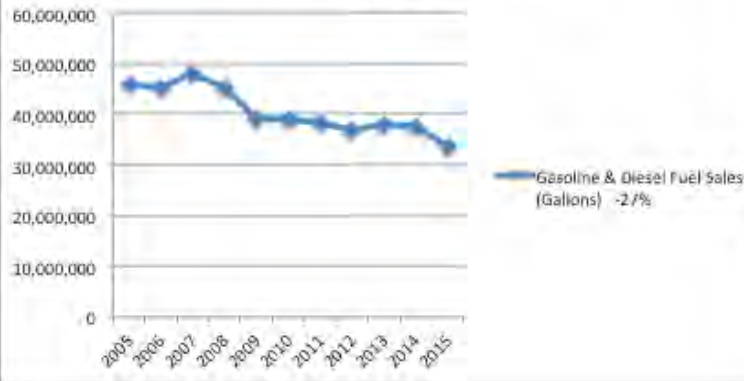
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business from the STF, the meeting adjourned at 7:15pm to the meeting of **Thursday, July 28, 2016.**

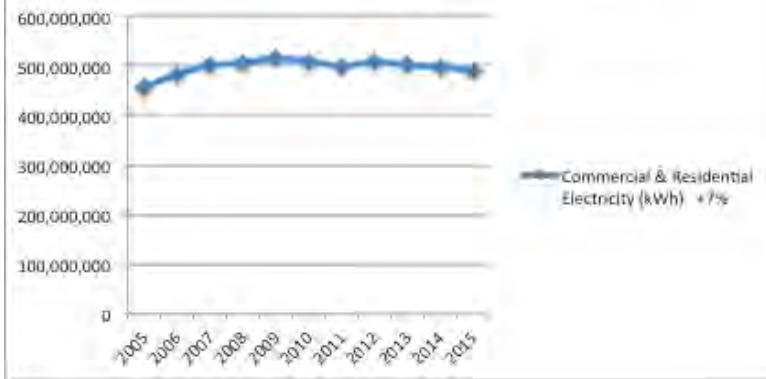
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Brendan Vieg, Principal Planner

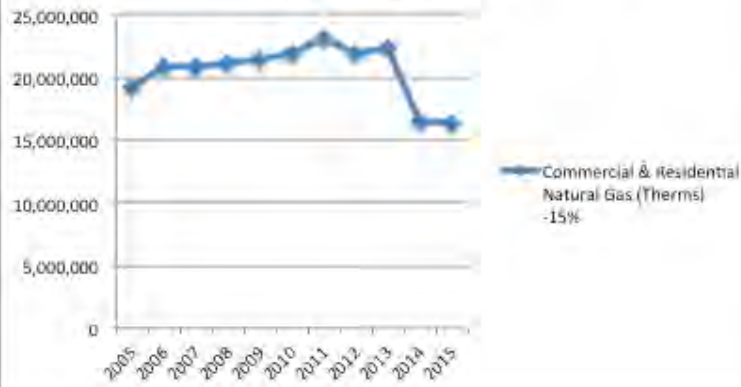
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel Sales (Gallons) -27%



Commercial & Residential Electricity (kWh) +7%



Commercial & Residential Natural Gas (Therms) -15%



Waste to Landfill (Tons) -16%

