



Sustainability Task Force Agenda

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

Meeting of March 5, 2012 – 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street, Conference Room No. 1

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 1-9-12 TASK FORCE MEETING (Exhibit “A”).**

2. **TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE.**

Chair Schwab will introduce new member Robyn DiFalco, who is Councilmember Mary Goloff’s appointee, and inform that Task Force member Scott McNall has submitted his resignation.

3. **PRESENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DRAFT OF THE CITY OF CHICO 2020 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN.**

The initial administrative draft of the 2020 Climate Action Plan (CAP) has been completed and will be presented and provided to the Task Force and the public at the meeting. Staff is requesting that the Task Force schedule a special meeting on Monday, March 19, 2012 to begin its formal review of the CAP and to receive public comment. The CAP discussion will also be continued to the Task Force’s 4/2/12 meeting.

4. **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS - No Action Required**

- a. **Sustainable Business Recognition Program Report:** The Business Outreach Ad-Hoc Committee will report on its 2/6/12 and 2/29/12 meetings regarding the Sustainable Business Recognition Program.
- b. **“Spare the Air Week” Update:** The Education and Outreach Ad-Hoc Committee will provide a report on its meeting on 2/8/12 regarding participating in an alternative transportation campaign this year.
- c. **Plastic Bag Ordinance Update:** The Task Force’s recommendations regarding whether the City should consider establishing an ordinance to ban or restrict “single-use” plastic bags will be considered by the Council at its meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, which starts at 6:30 in the Council Chamber Building.
- d. **“This Way To Sustainability Conference VII” (TWTS VII) Report:** Participating Task Force members will report on the three presentations that were given at the TWTS VII Conference held at CSU, Chico on March 1-3, 2012.

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 special meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2012, unless otherwise noticed. The next regular meeting will be on 4/2/12.

ATTACHMENTS: Exhibit “A”: 1/9/12 Minutes

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Members:

Dwight Aitkens
Ken Grossman
Toni Scott

BT Chapman
Jon Luvaas
Jon Stallman

Robyn DiFalco
Jim Pushnik
Krystle Tonga

Tom DiGiovanni
Valerie Reddemann
Scott Wolf

Chris Giampaoli
Ann Schwab, Chair
Julian Zener

EXHIBIT "A"
CITY OF CHICO
SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE (STF)

Minutes of
January 9, 2012 Regular Meeting

<u>Member Present:</u>				
Dwight Aitkens	BT Chapman	Jon Luvaas	Jim Pushnik	Valerie Reddemann
Ann Schwab	Toni Scott	Krystle Tonga	Scott Wolf	
<u>Members absent:</u>				
Tom DiGiovanni	Chris Giampaoli	Ken Grossman	Scott McNall	Jon Stallman
				Julian Zener
<u>Staff present:</u>				
	Linda Herman, General Services Administrative Manager			
	Ruben Martinez, General Services Director			

ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION:

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 12-5-11 TASK FORCE MEETING

Action: Task Force member Dwight Aitkens's motion to approve the minutes as presented was seconded by Reddemann and approved by the Task Force (9-0-6 vote).

2. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS.

Chair Schwab requested that the Task Force members indicate their preference on serving on the following Ad-Hoc Subcommittees of the Task Force: Committee membership is noted in Bold

- a. Education and Outreach (*Pushnik, Tonga*)
- b. Business Outreach (*Aitkens, Wolf, Scott, Schwab*)
- c. Adaptation and Resilience (*Chapman, Luvaas, Zener*)
- d. Solid Waste and Waste Reduction (*Reddemann*)
- e. Transportation (*to be determined*)

3. CONSIDERATION OF A POSSIBLE PLASTIC BAG BAN ORDINANCE

The Task Force continued its discussion from the 12/5/11 meeting on whether Chico should consider adopting an ordinance to ban "single-use" plastic bags.

Public members voicing support of an ordinance included Leslie Johnson, Eli Goodsell, Paul Sullivan, Robyn DiFalco, Leslie Johnson, Chris Nelson, and Lauren Kennedy.

Those in opposition were Juanita Sumner, Stephanie Taber and Sue Hubbard.

Others providing comments and information include Jill Ortega, Paul Sullivan and Ryan West

Discussion included:

- a. A member of the public noted that the cost of the paper bag should be high enough to discourage its use.
- b. Another member noted that the City needs to involve the stakeholders, such as the grocery stores, who were not at the meeting before making a decision. Task Force member Luvaas agreed and indicated they would be brought in later after Council provides direction on whether to pursue an ordinance.
- c. Task Force member Reddenmann indicated that there are "hidden costs" associated with cleaning up of plastic bag litter at the landfill and also that it would be an opportunity to start cottage industries who can make reusable bags.

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- d. Task Force member BT Chapman stated that he would not support the ban because we do not have to regulate everything and easing into it with public education can work, citing the success of the seat belt law and how it took 10 years before legislation was needed.
- e. Task Force member Luvaas indicated that an ordinance is needed because the City does not have money for public education efforts. Also that those who use reusable bags are having to subsidize the hidden costs of plastic and paper bags.
- f. Task Force member Toni Scott stated that she did not believe it is the City's Council's place to address an ordinance and that they have more important things to consider.

Action: *The motion from Jon Luvaas that the Task Force recommend that the City Council consider pursuing an ordinance was seconded by Dwight Aitkens and approved 7-2-6, with members Toni Scott and BT Chapman voting no.*

4. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM COUNCILMEMBER SORENSEN THAT THE TASK FORCE ESTABLISH A POLICY TO IMPROVE THE PUBLIC NOTICING OF MEETINGS.

Councilmember Mark Sorensen requested that the Task Force consider establishing a policy to set formal guidelines on when to post Sustainability Task Force meeting agendas.

Action: *Scott McNall's motion to set the policy that the regular Sustainability Task Force (STF) meeting agendas be distributed and posted on the Wednesday before the Monday meeting was seconded by Toni Scott and approved (9-0-6 vote).*

It was also the consensus of the Task Force that the STF Ad-Hoc Committees are not Brown Act committees because they contain less than a quorum of STF members and that agendas for these meetings would not be posted. It was decided, however, to list the Ad-Hoc Committee meetings on the "Meetings Calendar" on the City's website.

NON ACTION ITEMS:

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS - No Action Required

- a. **Update on the Sustainable Business Recognition Program** - The Business Outreach Ad-Hoc Committee provided an update on the Sustainable Business Recognition program. The next meeting of the Ad-Hoc Committee is scheduled for 1/19/12 at 2:00 p.m.
- b. **Update on the Right 2 Recycling Program** - Staff provided an update on the Right 2 Recycle multifamily recycling program and staff's preparation of an application for a Beverage Container Recycling grant to expand the program.
- c. **"Spare the Air Week"** - The Task Force forwarded the citizen request to work with Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) and the Butte County Air Quality Management District to support and participate in an alternative transportation campaign to the STF's Education and Outreach Ad-Hoc Committee.

6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Lauren Kennedy addressed the Task Force on the need to outreach to the agriculture community about the need for sustainability of agriculture, particularly in regards to local water supply. She noted that Senator Feinstein added a measure to the 2012 state budget that allows surface water used by agriculture to be sold for a profit, which will increase groundwater use.

Task Force member Wolf asked about the status update on the PG&E Innovators Pilot Program.

7. ADJOURNMENT – The Task Force adjourned at 7:25 p.m. to a regular meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 2012 in Conference Room 1, 421 Main Street, Chico.