



**CITY OF MARTINEZ**

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
April 16, 2008**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Climate Change Ad Hoc Committee  
**SUBJECT:** Climate Control Update  
**DATE:** April 8, 2008

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This report is provided for informational purposes.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Climate Control Ad Hoc Committee met on March 10, 2008 to review the status of the various climate control activities and programs that are underway in the City.

The City has already made significant progress in environmental programs and actions as reflected in the following list:

- 1) Promoting Public Awareness
  - Promotion in City Newsletter (i.e. Clean Water Program, Contra Costa Water District, CCTA, Central San/Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility)
  - Promotion on website and Recreation Activity Guide (recycling/composting programs)
  - Promotion at community special events (recycling)
- 2) Conserving Energy
  - Energy-efficient lighting at City Hall with room occupancy sensors
  - Double-switching in all City Hall offices (enables better control over lighting on bright days)
  - Double-paned, energy-efficient windows at City Hall
  - Computer-controlled, energy-efficient HVAC system at City Hall
  - Electric vehicle for recreation staff
  - Recycling programs at all City facilities
- 3) Community Improvements
  - LED's on traffic signal heads and downtown tree lighting
  - Construction and Demolition Ordinance No. 1325 C.S.
  - Wood burning Appliance Ordinance No. 1332 C.S.
  - Tree City U.S.A. designation
  - Permit inspection fee discounts for environmentally-friendly installations
  - Single-stream recycling for residents (Allied Waste)

- 4) Partnerships with Organizations
  - ❑ ICLEI (Climate Action Planning)
  - ❑ Central Sanitary District (Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility)
  - ❑ Contra Costa Water District (water conservation promotion)
  - ❑ Clean Water Program (stormwater pollution prevention)
  - ❑ Allied Waste (single-stream residential recycling)
- 5) Grant Applications
  - ❑ Used Oil Block Grant (CIWMB)
  - ❑ Beverage Container Recycling (Department of Conservation)
  - ❑ National Recycling Coalition Bin Grant (Coca-Cola)

The City is committed to continuing to develop and promote environmental programs and has planned the following activities for 2008:

- 1) Hire a consultant to work with the City to develop a Climate Action Plan
- 2) ICLEI Coordination
  - ❑ Community & Municipal Audits Finalized
  - ❑ Climate Action Planning workshops
- 3) ABAG Energy Audit
  - ❑ Review for additional opportunities to conserve energy
- 4) Downtown Community Based Transportation Plan (CBTP)
- 5) Pursue additional grant opportunities
- 6) Promote environmental programs with addition of an “EcoCorner” in City Newsletter
- 7) Promote environmental programs through expanded use of City website
- 8) Collaborative partnerships
  - ❑ Participation with environmental organizations
  - ❑ Investigate opportunities with energy providers

As Earth Day approaches we urge citizens to take action to conserve resources and fight global warming. Listed below are 10 things that residents can do to improve the environment:

- 1) Change one incandescent light bulb to CFL
- 2) Conserve water by reducing your water sprinkling schedules this spring and summer by one minute, and only using your dishwasher or laundry machine with full loads
- 3) Drive less, walk/bike more, and use public transit when possible
- 4) Plant a tree
- 5) Adjust your thermostat down 2 degrees in winter and up 2 degrees in summer
- 6) Turn off one or more non-essential energy-consuming item such as the TV, lights, or computer for one hour
- 7) Check your tires for proper inflation
- 8) Reuse grocery bags, or bring your own canvas bags when grocery shopping
- 9) Purchase energy efficient appliances
- 10) Use natural/organic pest controls (i.e. ladybugs) when gardening

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funds are budgeted in the 2007-09 Budget for these programs.

**ACTION:**

Receive and file the report.