

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Ed Gallagher, Community Development Director
SUBJECT: Special City Council/Planning Commission Workshop – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan
DATE: February 5, 2013

Needs: Consider scheduling a joint study session with the Planning Commission on the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan “toolbox”.

Facts:

1. The City Council agreed to participate in a grant application through the SLO County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) to fund a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Plan.
2. A major component of the GHG Reduction Plan is a “toolbox” of potential measures or actions that can be implemented to reduce GHG by measurable amounts.
3. The APCD held a general workshop in November 2012 to inform the community on actions or “tools” that could be considered for inclusion in the GHG toolbox, and to gather public input.
4. The project schedule anticipates that specific City input on the GHG toolbox will be provided to APCD by February 22, 2012.

Analysis & Conclusion: The GHG toolbox identifies numerous actions that can be selected to include in the City’s GHG Plan. A GHG modeling program has been prepared for this project that demonstrates the amount of GHG reduction that could be experienced through implementation of various actions. It is important for the City to include measures in the toolbox that are acceptable and feasible in order to meet the State’s GHG reduction targets.

A joint study session is suggested for the Planning Commission and City Council on February 12, 2013 to provide specific input and direction on the suitability of GHG reduction measures for the City’s Plan.

Options:

- a. Set Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 7:00 pm as a noticed joint meeting of the Planning Commission and City Council for discussion of potential GHG reduction tools for the GHG Reduction Plan.
- b. Amend, modify or reject the foregoing option.