

AGENDA
Resource Conservation Commission
Chula Vista, California

Monday, November 9, 2009
4:00 pm

Council Chambers
276 Fourth Avenue

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL/MOTION TO EXCUSE: Chair Stillman, Vice-Chair Gilgun, Commissioners Cory, Rahimzadeh, Turbide, and Ulloa

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: An opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Resource Conservation Commission on any subject matter within the Commission's jurisdiction but not an item on today's agenda. Each speaker's presentation may not exceed three minutes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Expanded Climate Change Working Group representation and Climate Adaptation proposed schedule
2. Update on CREBS

ACTION ITEMS

None

DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMENTS

CHAIR COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT: To a regular meeting on Monday, November 23, 2009 in Council Chambers at 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista CA 91910.

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CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP FRAMEWORK
Climate Adaptation Planning
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Mission Statement

The Climate Change Working Group’s (CCWG) mission is to provide an open, transparent, and inclusive public process that provides the City Council with a list of recommended strategies for the City to reduce vulnerabilities to expected local climate change impacts (known as “climate adaptation”). The CCWG is a representative group of Chula Vista residents, businesses, and community group representatives combined with Ex-Officio members from City departments and relevant regional entities. Membership reflects a group that can understand and communicate the science and local impacts from climate change, relevant regulatory issues, and local opportunities regarding climate change to Chula Vista’s community during the public process. The CCWG’s recommended strategies will provide Council with a range of policies and programs, implementation timelines, and preliminary cost benefit estimates and will be based on the best available science and best practices to “adapt” to climate impacts.

Proposed Group Composition

Staff is proposing a framework designed to ensure that the CCWG is representative of the community and has the depth of collective experience to develop a comprehensive understanding of climate impacts, potential local vulnerabilities, and opportunities to reduce these risks. The CCWG will be comprised of 5 members from the previous working group augmented with ## additional members to reflect the group’s new climate change adaptation focus. Below are potential new members to the CCWG:

<i>Focus Area</i>	<i>Potential Representative(s)</i>
Water Management	<i>OWD?</i> <i>SWA?</i>
Energy Management	Robert Friar – Chula Vista Electric Andrea Cook – CCSE* Julie Ricks – SDG&E*
Infrastructure & Resources	Richard Chavez – Transportation Planner Derek Turbide – Alternative Fuel Industry/RCC Nick Lee – Corky McMillan Company*
Public Health & Education	Lynda Gilgun – Education/RCC Trish Axiom – Southwestern College <i>HEAC?</i>
Wildfires	<i>Fire Department staff?</i>
Ecosystems & Biodiversity	<i>Wildcoast?</i> <i>FWS/DFG?</i>
Business & Economy	Richard D’Ascoli – Realtor Association Sassan Rahimzadeh – Arya Cleaners/RCC

*Represents Ex Officio members of CCWG

Group Chair & Support

- Led by the City Council's ICLEI/Climate Change Representative(s)
- Staffed by the Conservation & Environmental Services staff, and
- Supported collaboratively by other City Departments

Member Roles & Responsibilities

To achieve the CCWG goals, participants are asked to:

- 1) Seek out the best available science to understand local climate change impacts and their relative risks
- 2) Give priority to policies which can build on existing work rather than policies which require new sources of funding or staffing
- 3) Ensure that the legitimate interests of all City stakeholders are considered in evaluating options
- 4) Develop policies flexible enough for future incorporation of new science or improved modeling, but defined well enough for staff to implement
- 5) Ensure that adaptation strategies complement climate protection measures already in place in Chula Vista
- 6) Consider strategies to adapt to both short and long-term impacts from climate change, but only in areas where the group decides that there is enough evidence to support the work
- 7) Prioritize strategies in accordance with the degree of risk that different climate impacts pose to Chula Vista, its residents, and businesses
- 8) Recommend adaptation strategies which address the most immediate risk in the most financially feasible way (i.e. require the least General Fund support)
- 9) The strategies chosen should not cause a significant adverse economic and/or environmental impact to the community
- 10) Reach consensus on a preferred list of final recommended adaptation strategies which best meets all City stakeholders' needs

Participants are being sought based upon several qualities:

- Commitment to prepare for and regularly attend bi-monthly CCWG meetings.
- Commitment to accept at least 1 area of climate impacts and associated adaptation options to research, and present a climate change issue to the group.
- Willingness to work cooperatively with other CCWG members.
- Demonstrated ability to present the perspective of stakeholders concerned with climate change impacts and Chula Vista's vulnerability to them.

Timeline

- 10/09 – 12/09 CCWG member recruitment and initial meeting
- 01/09 – 06/10 Review of climate impacts and potential adaptation options
- 07/10 – 08/10 Drafting of recommendations and presentation to Council
- 09/10 – 11/10 Integrate recommendations into comprehensive strategy and present to Council



CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP
Climate Adaptation Planning Schedule & Topics
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Prior to the first CCWG meeting, participants should review the City's *Carbon Dioxide Reduction Plan (Executive Summary)*, *Additional Climate Protection Measures*, and *CCWG Roles & Responsibilities* summary sheet.

Meeting 1 (December) – CCWG Overview

- Introductions
- Meeting format & schedule
- CCWG roles & responsibilities
- Tech topics (includes presentation & discussion):
 - Climate Change Impacts 101 (Regional & Statewide)
 - Mitigation vs. Adaptation
 - California Draft Climate Adaptation Strategy
- Assignments:
 - Review *Water-related climate impacts & adaptation options*

Meeting 2 (January) – Water

- Review previous meeting
- Tech topics:
 - Impacts on water supply & demand
 - Existing water conservation programs
 - Water management adaptation options
- Tour/Showcase/Speaker
- Assignments:
 - Review *Energy-related climate impacts & adaptation options*

Meeting 3 (February) – Energy

- Review previous meeting
- Tech topics:
 - Impacts on energy supply & demand
 - Existing energy efficiency programs
 - Vulnerability of electrical infrastructure
 - Energy management adaptation options
- Tour/Showcase/Speaker
- Assignments:
 - Review *Public health-related climate impacts & adaptation options*

Meeting 5 (February) – Public Health & Wildfires

- Review previous meeting
- Tech topics:
 - Impacts on a changing population
 - Wildfire risk in Chula Vista
 - First responders & land use planning
 - Public health adaptation options
- Tour/Showcase/Speaker
- Assignments:
 - Review *Ecosystems-related climate impacts and adaptation options*

Meeting 6 (March) – Ecosystems & Biodiversity

- Review previous meeting
- Tech topics:
 - Climate impacts on coastal reserves, wetlands, river parks
 - Ecosystem vulnerability and species at risk
 - Ecosystem and biodiversity adaptation options
- Tour/Showcase/Speaker
- Assignments:
 - Review *Climate impacts on coasts/infrastructure & adaptation options*

Meeting 4 (April) – Infrastructure & Coastal Resources

- Review previous meeting
- Tech topics:
 - Bayside sea level rise
 - Vulnerable infrastructure & ecosystems
 - Climate impacts on transportation and other infrastructure
 - Coastal infrastructure & resources adaptation options
- Tour/Showcase/Speaker
- Assignments:
 - Review *Economic/business climate impacts & adaptation options*

Meeting 7 (April) – Business & Economy

- Review previous meeting
- Tech topics:
 - Tourism & recreation
 - Commercial infrastructure
 - Green economy
- Tour/Showcase/Speaker
- Assignments:
 - Review entire list of adaptation options

Meeting 8 (May)

- Review previous meeting
- Prioritize risks & develop goals for each sector
- Discuss potential measures & benefits/challenges

- Decide measures to analyze further
- Assignments:
 - Review excel analysis for each measure

Meeting 9 (May)

- Review previous meeting
- Discuss measures analyses
- Select measures & recommendations
- Assignments:
 - Draft sections of CCWG Report

Meeting 10 (June)

- Review previous meeting
- Discuss final CCWG Report
- Prepare for Council presentation
- Assignments:
 - Submit comments on the draft CCWG Report

Meeting 11 (July)

- Review previous meeting
- Discuss final CCWG Report
- Prepare for Council presentation

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