



Office of the Mayor

CONSENT CALENDAR

March 20, 2007

To: Members of the City Council
From: Mayor Tom Bates
Subject: Commission Referral for Measure G Implementation

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council request the following commissions each discuss how they can participate in helping the City implement Measure G -- Community Environmental, Energy, Transportation, Planning, and Zero Waste.

BACKGROUND:

In November, Berkeley voters issued a strong mandate for the City to aggressively reduce greenhouse gas emissions by passing Measure G with over 81% of the vote. The Measure directs the mayor to work with the community to prepare an emissions reduction plan with specific targets by the end of 2007 for submission to the City Council.

To develop an effective plan that will meet our targets, we need broad engagement from throughout the community. Many of our city commissions can provide important expertise on the areas related to greenhouse gas reductions, provide important avenues for public participation, and provide feedback to the City Council on the draft reduction plan. A number of commissions are already discussing these issues.

Specifically, this item refers to the Community Environmental, Energy, Transportation, Planning, and Zero Waste Commissions although others may also decide to participate as they see fit.

The City is planning to formally partner with Sustainable Berkeley to conduct the community planning process and create a draft plan. Sustainable Berkeley representatives can attend the commission meetings to discuss the process and ensure ideas and feedback are incorporated into the overall plan.

FISCAL IMPACTS: Staff time associated with the commission meetings.

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ATTACHMENTS: None.

