

CITY OF ALBANY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 11, 2011

TO: Sustainability Committee

FROM: Nicole Almaguer, Environmental Specialist

SUBJECT: Monthly CAP Update

The following is intended to provide a brief update of CAP implementation.

- Residential rebate incentive for energy efficiency – the rebate is now active. The rebate is up to \$190 for a home energy assessment and up to \$590 in energy upgrades - connected to the Energy Upgrade California basic and advanced retrofit packages www.Energyupgradeca.org
An informational flyer will be delivered to all residents in the City (flyer attached).
- Commercial rebate incentive for energy efficiency – a contract has been executed with Community Energy Services Corporation “Smartlights” program (a nonprofit funded by PG&E) to provide energy efficiency assessments and upgrades (lighting & refrigeration) to commercial businesses. The City is providing a rebate of up to \$2000 to help cover the costs of the upgrade. This rebate is on top of rebates provided by PG&E, essentially making most upgrade projects little to no cost for the business. Marketing calls are being placed to the commercial sector this week and next week. A flyer advertising the program will also be sent to the commercial businesses shortly.
- RECO – Stopwaste.org is developing a proposal to develop a comprehensive RECO model for Alameda County jurisdictions to adopt at the County level or jurisdictional level. The technical expertise provided by Stopwaste will be highly beneficial. The City will actively participate in this process.
- Municipal buildings – the draft solar audit report has been reviewed and the small cities collaborative of Albany, El Cerrito, San Pablo and Piedmont will be preparing a RFP for solar improvements to take to each respective City Council for authorization. The sites that will be included for Albany include: Community Center, City Hall, Childcare Center & Teen Center.

Energy efficiency improvements – assessments were conducted on city facilities, but did not provide much detail on next steps. Additional research needs to be conducted at each site, including energy consumption analysis to determine the most cost effective upgrades.

- Farmers Market Update - the Planning & Zoning Commission approved the permit for the Farmers Market. The item is scheduled to go to City Council (for street closure approval) on March 21.