

CITY OF ALBANY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 2012

TO: Sustainability Committee

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SUBJECT: Monthly CAP Update

The following is intended to provide a brief update of CAP implementation. Other items related to CAP implementation are specifically included on the Committee's agenda.

- CAP inventory update
Staff is seeking assistance through the existing small cities collaborative (Albany, El Cerrito, San Pablo and Piedmont) to initiate an inventory of the CAP and identify emissions reductions achieved to date.
- Commercial rebate incentive for energy efficiency
The City has been working 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. A total of 24 businesses have completed retrofit work, and all funding has been committed (\$20,000 total).
- Municipal buildings
Solar RFP – the RFP has been issued with a submittal deadline of 1/10/2012. The announcement can be found on the City of El Cerrito's website: <http://www.el-cerrito.org/bids.aspx?bidID=3>
HVAC upgrade at Childcare Center – the project plans are in draft form for review by City engineering for the HVAC upgrade.
Civic Center Energy Management system – staff is researching opportunities for a Watt Stopper system to manage lighting controls at City Hall.
- Farmers Market Update - the Planning & Zoning Commission did not approve the application for the Farmers Market to continue at the existing location. A workgroup was organized to identify solutions to issues raised regarding existing location.
- CAP Funding proposal
Questions regarding CAP funding scenarios will be included as part of the citizens survey as requested by City Council. A contract has been executed with Godbe Research to conduct the survey. A kickoff meeting was held on 12/6.
- Staff recruitment
A recruitment will be initiated within the month of January for an environmental resources planner.