

**CITY OF ALBANY
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: March 21, 2012

TO: Sustainability Committee

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SUBJECT: CAP Update

The following is intended to serve as a brief status update regarding current/ongoing CAP implementation projects.

Renewable Energy – City Facilities

In coordination with the Small Cities collaborative, the City has received a proposal for installation of solar panels on city facilities (Civic Center, Community Center, Childcare Center, and Teen Center). The Finance Director and the City Manager are reviewing the proposal.

Countywide Ordinances – Single Use Bags & Mandatory Recycling

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority (Stopwaste.Org) adopted the single use bag ordinance and mandatory recycling ordinance at their January 25, 2012 meeting. All cities within the county are covered by the ordinances unless a city chooses to opt-out by March 2, 2012. The City Council received a presentation from Stopwaste.Org staff on the proposed ordinances at the October 17, 2011 City Council meeting:

<http://www.albanyca.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=16975>

On February 21, 2012, the City Council approved joining with other cities in the implementation of ordinance.

Staff Recruitment

The City received approximately 130 applications in response to the job announcement for the Sustainability & Transportation Coordinator position. Ten applicants were reviewed in the initial round of interviews and five finalists were interviewed in the second round of interviews. A final decision will be announced in the next several weeks.

Farmers Market

The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on a use permit to allow the Farmers Market to operate at its current location. The Commission continued the hearing to its March 27th meeting. If approved, it is anticipated that an appeal to the City Council will be filed.

CAP Funding proposal

Questions regarding CAP funding proposal were included in the voter survey as requested by City Council. Godbe Research will present the results at the April 2, 2012 City Council meeting.