



Date: October 15, 2015
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Michael Chandler, Senior Management Analyst
Subject: Climate Action Plan and Sustainability Programs Update

Recommendation

This report is provided for informational purposes. Staff will provide a brief presentation to accompany this report that will also include information on FY 2015-16 programs.

Background

The City continued to make significant progress over the past year in support of its Climate Action Plan and Sustainability programs. The following list reflects recent key accomplishments:

- 1) Secured \$92K Competitive Beverage Container Recycling Grant
 - a. One of only two cities statewide to receive this grant.
 - b. Program partners are New Leaf, Martinez Unified School District (MUSD), Republic Services, and Sea Scouts.
 - c. Funding allocated to support MUSD recycling program development and implementation and new recycling receptacles for City parks and downtown core.

- 2) Initiated and secured the City's second year of participation in the California Youth Energy Services Program provided by Rising Sun Energy Center
 - a. Program provided a paid workforce training and development opportunity for 9 Martinez youth and served 248 Martinez residences with free energy and water conservation assessments, infrastructure, and installation services.
 - b. Major funding and in-kind support secured from program partners Republic Services (\$5K), and MUSD (office space, equipment and workstations).

- 3) Initiated Organics Recycling Collection Review
 - a. Introduced to Council April 2015 (unanimous support).
 - b. Public hearing to adopt findings and recommendations November 4, 2015.
 - i. Proposed residential commencement January 1, 2016.
 - ii. Proposed Commercial/Industrial commencement April 1, 2016.

- 4) Initiated Participation in Cool California Challenge – The City enrolled as one of only 22 cities statewide and 4 in Contra Costa County in the competition to determine “California’s Coolest City.” Residents register at www.CAChallenge.org to track and reduce household energy use and vehicle miles traveled to earn points for Martinez.

- 5) Produced and Developed Special Water Conservation Educational Workshop
 - a. *Water Conservation Essentials: Every Drop Counts* held in July 2015 in response to severe drought; playback to air in three segments on City Channel.

- 6) Upgraded Amtrak Electric Vehicle Charging Station – Completed upgrade to dual port station at Amtrak in July 2015 to enable simultaneous charging of two users. EV users now have 4 options for Level 2 fast charge in downtown Martinez: City Hall (single port), corner of Main/Court street (single port), and Amtrak (dual port). Downtown usage:
 - a. FY 14-15: 1,150 sessions, 6,755 Kg GHG savings, \$2,197 in revenue.
 - b. FY 15-16 (July-October): 572 sessions, 1,793 Kg GHG savings, \$1,211 in revenue.

- 7) Continued Plastic Bag and Styrofoam Ban Public Outreach and Education
 - a. Distributed more reusable bags, reminder decals and educational materials.
 - b. Conducted spot audits at various shopping districts; high rates of compliance.

- 8) Hosted Earth Day Booth – The City hosted a booth for the 7th consecutive year with information on the City's sustainability programs during the April 2015 Earth Day celebration.

- 9) Hosted Numerous Free Workshops – Held 4 more free workshops in FY 2014-15; over 325 citizens have received special sustainability/conservation training since 2009-10.

APPROVED BY:



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