

City of Calistoga

Staff Report

TO: Community Resources Commission
FROM: Mary Cahill, Community Resource Director
DATE: August 20, 2008
SUBJECT: Green Practices Update

1 **ISSUE:** Green practices as pertinent to city operations.
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3 **RECOMMENDATION:** Continue to explore city organizational green practices.
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5 **BACKGROUND:** At its meeting on July 16th, the Community Resources Commission
6 discussed the green concepts for the City of Calistoga internal practices. Vice
7 Chairperson, Chris Henderson discussed various programs county wide and there was
8 dialogue regarding a compilation of information designed by Mr. Henderson as a
9 suggested format for city departments to evaluate departmental practices. There were
10 additional discussions regarding other efforts in the community such as chamber,
11 lodging, winery, and the school district. Staff included some programming opportunities
12 for future community programs.
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14 **DISCUSSION:**
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16 I provided all of the departments the material compiled by Mr. Henderson. I have
17 received a response from two departments that were able to address portions of the
18 document. Staff was appreciative of Mr. Henderson's efforts. Feedback from the
19 departments included some concerns that a more consistent document might be easier
20 to work with. Another concern included how the information would be compiled,
21 evaluated and the overall continuity. Additionally, city staff was concerned with the
22 importance of regional coordination and wanted more information on the Napa County
23 Climate Protection Circuit Rider contract as not to duplicate efforts.
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25 Since the July CRC meeting, staff attended a meeting with various city managers and
26 staff along with Steve Kokotas, a new Napa County Climate Protection Circuit Rider,
27 contracted with the Napa County Transportation Planning Agency. He discussed a

28 coordinated effort with all of the city and the county efforts. He will plan a meeting with
29 key staff at the various cities and then there will be community meetings. His role is to
30 understand each cities unique issues and resources. He will be evaluating the issues
31 and establishing a process to reduce the Green House Gas (GHG) emission reduction
32 targets. A survey questionnaire will be prepared for each city for completion and he will
33 be responsible for the survey compilation.

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35 In order to be consistent in the process, a suggestion would be to have Steve Kokotas
36 meet with city staff to review next steps, review the survey and have the opportunity to
37 compile the information. Then we will better understand how to fill in the information
38 gaps. This would be a reoccurring item for the Community Resources Commission
39 review.

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42 **FISCAL IMPACT:** Unknown at this time

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