

City of Brisbane

Agenda Report

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Karen Kinser, Deputy Director of Public Works

Via: Randy Breault, Director of Public Works/City Engineer via City Manager

Subject: Beacon Award

Date: December 18, 2014

City Council Goals:

The recommended action is consistent with the community's value of being environmentally progressive.

Purpose:

Participation in the Beacon Award Program would bring statewide recognition to the city for significant climate action planning efforts it has underway. Additionally, taking part in the program provides for peer to peer networking for staff and educational opportunities.

Recommendation:

Adopt the attached resolution supporting the City's participation in the Beacon Award recognition program.

Background:

The Beacon Award Program is a statewide program, sponsored by both the Institute for Local Governments (ILG) and the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative (SEEC), funded by the California utility ratepayers and administered by PG&E. Beacon awards recognize cities that make strides in reducing Greenhouse Gas emission and take action towards sustainable living. The program is set up to provide interim recognition, via Beacon Lighthouse awards in specific modules or "Best Practices", while working towards a potential Silver, Gold or Platinum overall award. Involvement in the programs will serve to bring focus onto the following areas defined by the program and selected by the City:

1. Energy Efficiency & Conservation
2. Water & Wastewater Systems
3. Green Building
4. Waste Reduction & Recycling
5. Climate-Friendly Purchasing
6. Renewable Energy & Low-Carbon Fuels
7. Efficient Transportation
8. Land Use & Community Design
9. Open Space & Offsetting Carbon Emission
10. Promoting Community & Individual Action

Discussion:

After the commitment by Council, staff will be required to complete or compile the following:

- 2010 PG&E data for municipal facilities, South San Francisco solid waste collection data, fleet fuel consumption data and employee commute data. (All of this information is readily available, and if staff collects the raw data, C/CAG has offered assistance from their staff to help compile the information and to develop a Greenhouse gas emissions reduction report to compare with the 2005 baseline, which was coordinated and assembled by Fred Smith in 2009.)
- Development and implementation of an Environmental or an Energy Action Plan. The completion of such a plan is already established as a goal of the City Council

The Institute for Local Government (ILG), a primary sponsor for the Beacon Award, is the research and education affiliate of the League of California Cities (LOCC) and the California State Association of Counties. ILG describes the “The Beacon Award: Local Leadership Towards Solving Climate Change” on its website as follows:

Participating in the voluntary Beacon Award program provides local agencies and their leaders with positive recognition for saving energy, conserving resources, promoting sustainability and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. It lets them shine a bright light on their accomplishments for their residents, colleagues and others.

Noting how consistent this program is with previously established goals and programs completed by the city, considering that both ILG and LOCC recommend participation, and finally considering the limited staff time required to participate (due greatly to the offered C/CAG staff assistance), city staff strongly recommends the Council approve the recommended action.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no immediate fiscal impact beyond the staff time already budgeted for completion of similar and overlapping tasks. Participation will potentially make the City of Brisbane more competitive for grant funding for sustainability-type projects.

Measure of Success

Receipt of recognition for environmental progress.

Attachments:

- Beacon Award resolution



Deputy Director of Public Works



Director of Public Works/City Engineer



City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-47

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRISBANE
AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE INSTITUTE FOR LOCAL
GOVERNMENT'S BEACON AWARD: LOCAL LEADERSHIP TOWARD SOLVING
CLIMATE CHANGE**

WHEREAS, the City of Brisbane is undertaking policies, programs and activities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save energy; and

WHEREAS, these policies, programs and activities conserve natural resources, save energy and money, and promote sustainable land use and transportation planning in the community; and

WHEREAS, cities and local governments statewide are leading by example by adopting innovative sustainability programs and policies, including working with community residents, business groups and others; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brisbane wishes to expand these activities, share its experiences with other communities, and be recognized for its accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the Beacon Award: Local Leadership Toward Solving Climate Change is a voluntary program of the Institute for Local Government, the non-profit research and education affiliate of the California State Association of Counties and the League of California Cities; and

WHEREAS, the Beacon Award recognizes and celebrates achievements of cities and local governments that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save energy; and

WHEREAS, participating in the Beacon Award is an opportunity for the City of Brisbane to be recognized for its efforts to promote sustainability, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save energy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Brisbane as follows:

The City of Brisbane agrees to participate in the Beacon Award: Local Leadership Toward Solving Climate Change and the City of Brisbane will work towards achieving the Silver, Gold and/or Platinum Beacon Award levels.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Brisbane held on the 18th day of December, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Terry O'Connell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri Marie Spediacci, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael Roush, City Attorney