

City of Brisbane

Agenda Report

Date: March 16th, 2009
To: Mayor & City Council
From: City Manager
Subject: San Mateo County Energy Strategy 2012

PURPOSE

The purpose of this program is to enhance the City of Brisbane's leadership in energy reduction and to demonstrate the areas that the City has already showed leadership by implementation of programs and ideas.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve attached resolution acknowledging the San Mateo County Energy Strategy 2012 document and agreeing to participate in the task force.

BACKGROUND

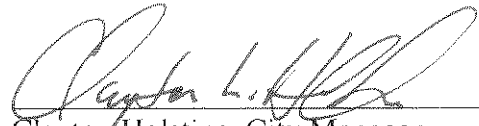
Since 2006, San Mateo County and the City County Association of Governments (CCAG) have been working on a countywide energy strategy. Various city and county officials, including our Mayor, participated in this effort. The County and CCAG are now asking for our support in this program.

On March 2nd the Council reviewed this program. They requested that the resolution acknowledging the report and committing the City to participate in the program be rewritten. In addition to involvement in this program the City is participating in the Joint Venture Silicon Valley Network Climate Protection Task Force and the ICLEI greenhouse gas emissions inventory for City operations. The current draft identifies the City's activities related to environmental stewardship and its leadership role within the county.

While the City fully supports the efforts of CCAG and the County in this area, staff does have concerns on participating in multiple initiatives and efforts. Being a smaller City we need to focus our time and resources on the most effective programs. The City Council also referred the study to the Open Space and Ecology committee to review and provide recommendations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This project will require the assignment of a staff person and potentially work of other staff on various projects including the compilation and analysis of data. It is difficult to know the amount of staff resources required for participating in this project.



Clayton Holstine, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BRISBANE ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY ENERGY STRATEGY

WHEREAS, the City of Brisbane is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and taking action on climate change; and

WHEREAS, the initiatives listed below demonstrates the breadth of efforts of the City and is a representative sample but not an exhaustive list; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brisbane has demonstrated leadership in its commitment to the stewardship of the environment in many ways including being the first and, to date, only City in San Mateo County to adopt a Green Building Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brisbane has negotiated and conditioned projects to provide renewable energy components on site, and contribution towards, renewable energy components on city projects such as City Hall remodel; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brisbane has implemented a solar thermal system at its community aquatic facility; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brisbane has commissioned a wind study and is evaluating solar power alternatives for the Baylands project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brisbane over the past few years upgraded many of its water and sewer facilities with high efficiency pumps, clean burning energy sources, and equipment that meets current air quality emission standards; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brisbane has enhanced its infrastructure to encourage use of bicycles and pedestrian traffic as opposed to automobile; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brisbane has upgraded the energy and water demand efficiency of many of its public buildings and facilities, including the use of motion detectors, and infrared sensors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brisbane has purchased electric vehicles for water meter reading, and high efficiency vehicles for parks maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brisbane has conducted various water audits on its operations in order to maximize the efficiency of its use and thereby reduce demand for both water and electricity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brisbane has replaced incandescent lighting with LED's and compact fluorescents, and

WHEREAS, the City of Brisbane has evaluated employee work schedules to reduce travel miles especially in the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Energy Strategy identifies goals and strategies, some of which may be applicable to the City of Brisbane, related to renewable energy and energy efficiency, water conservation and new sources of water, collaboration between cities and with the utilities, economic development opportunities, and promoting leadership; and

WHEREAS the San Mateo County Energy Strategy addresses many issues already being implemented or under consideration by the City of Brisbane; and

WHEREAS, the Utility and Sustainability Task Force, and ad hoc committee of the Congestion Management and Environmental Quality Committee of the City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG), was chartered in 2006 to develop a countywide energy strategy that would consider the county's future energy and infrastructure needs and recommend how to address these needs in an economically, socially, and environmentally responsible manner; and

WHEREAS, the County Energy Strategy is a working document that will be updated periodically; and

WHEREAS, the County Energy Strategy is one piece of a concerted effort countywide called "CO2 San Mateo County" to take action on climate change, including a new County staff person to provide support to the cities, a new partnership with PG&E called San Mateo County Energy Watch to fund energy efficiency projects in the county, and other resources available to cities from several nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, many of the initiatives of the Countywide Energy Strategy are currently underway and that the City of Brisbane is participating in the Joint Venture: Silicon Valley Network Climate Protection Task Force and is participating in a joint effort with other Task Force members to contract with ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability U.S.A., Inc. to conduct greenhouse gas emissions inventories of city operations for member agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Brisbane has received the San Mateo County Energy Strategy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Brisbane commits to participating in the discussion of next steps and review of proposed strategies; and is committed to

working collaboratively with other cities and the County towards the goals of the Energy Strategy.

Sepi Richardson, Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution 2009-10 was duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Brisbane City Council on March 16, 2009 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Sheri Marie Spediacci
City Clerk