

Sustainability/Climate Action Committee

Friday, October 25, 2012, 2:30 pm

District Office – Conference Room 2

Minutes

Attendees:

Scott Stark	X	Matthew Adams	X	Algie Au	X
Aaron Beaver	X	Larry Cook	X	Kathleen Rowley	X
Miriam Williams	X				

- **Introductions**
- **Purpose of Committee**
 - *Scott*-the purpose of the committee is an action/implementation committee, to make progress toward the goals of the sustainability plan and implement of the requirements of the ACUPCC Climate Action Plan. While there is representation from both campuses and the District office, the committee is unified to advance sustainability across the district as a whole.
- **Student Committee Members**
 - The committee was unanimous in decision to expand the committee by 2 student members from each college. *Kathleen* and *Miriam* will work with their respective Student Services departments to suggest candidates. *Scott* will review candidates, share with the committee, and invite the selected candidates to the next meeting.
- **Background/Review Sustainability Plan**
 - *Scott* reviewed the background of the sustainability plan, as well as each of the goals and progress/accomplishments to date.
- **American College and University President's Climate Commitment**
 - *Scott* Reviewed background of the ACUPCC and SBCCD membership, our current status, requirements as members, and timeframe for reporting and progress. The District as a whole is signatory to the ACUPCC. We have completed 4 tangible immediate actions to reduce greenhouse gases, including our Omnitrans **Go Smart** program, **ENERGY STAR** purchasing policy, **LEED Silver** on all new construction, and our alternative energy production via the solar farm at Crafton. Our first quarter progress report is complete and submitted. A greenhouse gas inventory at each campus is required within one year of signing (May 2013). Must submit our Climate Action Plan (CAP) no later than May 2014. *Scott* will send information on Climate Action Plan to Committee; *Larry Cook* indicated the data collection could be time consuming and suggested use of student workers/committee members to support this effort. **Energy Education Inc.** (now **Cenergistics**) will also play a key role in data collection, since much of this is required via their new contract with the District to substantially reduce our consumption of electrical energy and other utilities.

Project Funding Opportunities:

- **EPA Grant Update**
 - *Kathleen* and *Algie* provided an update on progress for this grant. The grant provides \$216,000 with a \$72,000 match from or on behalf of the District. The VC ASG committed \$30,000, with a potential District match for the balance. Potential partial match contribution from UCR as well as partnership in our sustainability efforts. The EPA grant is to advance environmental education and will support both formal and community educational programs.

- **Valley College ASG Solar Initiative**
 - VC ASG interest in investing in alternative energy project at VC Campus Center building. *Sergio Mendoza Jr.* met with *Scott* to review the concept. *Scott* contacted SCE and will arrange a phone conference to discuss viability, options, and next steps.
- **MSRC Grant Program-Vehicle Reduction**
 - *Scott* recapped a meeting with Ms. Sam Emmersen, representing the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC), *Craig Petinak*, and *Trustee Longville* to discuss the vehicle emission reduction grants available from this organization. Approximately \$28M available annually for qualifying projects-programs. *Scott* indicated the District will pursue projects/funding via this committee.
- **Discuss approach and how to organize to accomplish our goals this year**
 - Agreed to meet once each month. As a first step, in preparation for the next meeting, the committee members will familiarize themselves with the sustainability plan, and the recommended strategies; identify achievable goals that can be accomplished this year, mid-level goals that have potential, and other recommendations that may not be viable in this District. Committee was also encouraged to bring forward ideas that may have potential.
- **Round Table Comments/Input**
 - Larry mentioned developing a relationship with United States Green Building Council (USGBC). *Scott* recalled a meeting with *Charlie Ng* and local chapter representative *Casey Dailey* 4 months ago. *Scott* provided his contact information to *Larry* and *Kathleen* who will contact him for partnership and support.
 - *Algie* recommended the importance of a good communication plan using various media and modes to insure we operate transparently and our constituencies are informed. This also promotes awareness and fosters the cultural change indicated in the sustainability plan.

Tasks:

- **Scott**
 - Review student candidates
 - Send invite for next meeting with minutes
 - Send information on the Climate Action Plan to committee
 - Send Carbon Calculator Software to *Larry Cook*
- **Kathleen**
 - Work with Student Services to forward candidates for student committee membership to *Scott*
- **Miriam**
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- **All Members**
 - Review Sustainability Plan and the recommended strategies for viability at their campus and prioritize based on the ability to achieve within one year, three years, long term or not viable. Bring new strategies not considered by the plan.
- **Next Meeting**
 - November 30, 2012, 2:30pm at the District Office Conference Room 2