



## Environmental Initiatives Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE: **Thursday, April 7, 2016**  
TIME: 6:30 PM  
LOCATION: Parks & Recreation Building,  
26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills

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### **1. Roll Call**

Raj Reddy opened the meeting with a quorum present at 6:30 pm.

Present: Raj Reddy (chair), Peter Evans, Sheela Veerina, April Anair  
Council Liaison: Roger Spreen  
Councilmember: John Harpootlian  
Members of the public: Steve Schmidt, Kjell Karllson,

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

January 14, meeting minutes were not distributed and were not approved. The meeting minutes for January will be distributed prior to our May EIC meeting and will be reviewed along with the April meeting minutes.

### **3. CCA Update on Council review and approval**

SVCE initial board meeting was upcoming, but the agenda for the packet was not yet posted. We had a general discussion on the specific needs of LAH in terms of expanding the choice of offerings. John asked for specific guidance or suggestions from individual EIC members on SVCE policies. SVCE board will decide which choices to offer, and then the customers will decide. The default functions when the customers don't choose. It has to be one of the offered plans, but cities should be able to choose and would make sense to set a different default for non-residential customers. Peter Evans and Raj Reddy said that they would attend the board meeting. John suggested that we have a sub-committee to address the needs and goals of LAH, which is all residential for presentation to SVCE. The EIC team suggested that we address these items in the committee rather than a sub-committee.

### **4. GHG inventories and CAP**

Steve presented the 2015 GHG inventories and discussed the drivers of LAH energy usage and ways the community and PG&E are partnering to decrease energy consumption. This includes the energy summary for LAH 2005 to 1015. For GHG

emissions EIC decided on a goal of 30% reduction from 2005 – 2025, motion by Sheela and seconded by Peter and approved unanimously. Steve will provide a draft presentation at our next EIC meeting prior to presenting to the city council.

## **5. Water Conservation – Update and follow-up**

Item tabled.

## **6. Cell Tower Utility Reimbursement**

It was determined that town of LAH was paying for the cell tower installed by Cingular/AT&T. An energy audit performed by EIC committee determined that the cell tower consumed significantly more energy than expected and this was notified to town staff. The town would try to recover the excess funds paid from AT&T. However, going forward, we should install a separate meter for the cell tower and monitored on a regular basis.

## **7. Home Energy Renovation Opportunity**

HERO is a property assessment clean energy financing program that allows home owners to finance clean energy improvements to their properties. Committee had a discussion and decided not to invite HERO for a presentation to EIC committee. This is more of a commercial issue and beyond EIC scope.

## **8. CDC Participation**

CDP is nonprofit engaged in responding to the data provided by the cities reporting to CDP's world largest database of self sustainability data. Steve and Sheela volunteered to provide LAH GHG information to CDP database.

**Items 9, 10 and 11 were tabled**

## **12. Public Comments**

Raj Reddy reported that he has created an 11/2 acre of beautiful meadow with 100% native plants on his property. This could potentially be replicated on other properties in LAH. This could be an excellent restoration of native plants and neighborhood element-element bringing people together.

## **13. Adjournment**

The meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm.