



**GO GREEN TEAM
MINUTES
YOUNTVILLE TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 6550 YOUNT STREET
August 25, 2015 – 4:30 P.M.**

1. **ROLL CALL:** Present: Sherry Breitigam, Janet Gotch, Billie Hewitt, Davio Santos, Allyssa Wickstrom, Town Council Member Marita Dorenbecher
Absent: Vice Mayor Richard Hall

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

None

3. **APPROVAL OF MNUTES:** The minutes of July 28, 2015 were approved. M/S: Hewitt/Bretigam. Ayes: All.

4. **SCHEDULED MATTERS**

- A. Review of Bardessono tour. The group discussed the features of the LEED Platinum hotel. Consultant Christine O'Rourke will enquire as to whether the property has a greywater system or cisterns.
- B. Discussion of potential local actions to take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the Residential and Commercial sectors. Jeri Gill and Sally Seymour from Sustainable Napa County (SNC) reviewed the Napa County Energy Watch energy efficiency programs that are available to municipalities, special districts, businesses, and low and moderate-income households. These are funded with PG&E public goods revenues and include programs that provide energy audits, conduct rate analyses, and leverage existing rebates and financing mechanisms (e.g., on-bill financing). SNC is available to work with the Town to implement its Climate Action Plan and to develop programs that target energy users within its jurisdiction. As an example, SNC worked with St. Helena to canvas Main Street businesses and sign up business owners for energy audits. This effort resulted in several businesses completing energy efficiency projects. The Team discussed implementing a similar program in Yountville, perhaps on garage sale day.

The group reviewed the energy efficiency actions that were catalogued in the pre-read. Members supported actions that motivated residents and business owners to install energy-efficient upgrades and renewable energy systems. Existing rebates should be promoted. The Town should expand its offering of property assessed clean energy (PACE) financing programs. Programs to require energy efficient lighting upgrades or energy audits at home or commercial building resale could not be enforced and is not feasible at this time. The group agreed to add a program to adopt building reach codes that include energy efficiency requirements beyond the base building code as cost-effectiveness studies warrant. The group did not support requiring new development to install solar energy systems, but did support programs that would ultimately achieve zero-net energy buildings. The Team also supported a program to encourage property owners to sign up for electricity produced from renewable energy sources, such as Marin Clean Energy's Deep Green, and to require the Town to purchase this type of electricity for its government operations, if available.

Based on the team's discussion, Christine will prepare a list of potential actions to include in the Energy and Renewable Energy section of the Climate Action Plan and will distribute it prior to the next meeting

for review. Team members are requested to provide comments in advance of the meeting. The group will discuss the list at the September 22nd meeting.

- C. Discussion of draft local actions for the Water and Wastewater sector and the Transportation sector. The group supported the actions as drafted.
- D. Discussion of Waste topics for the September 22nd meeting. The Team will be touring the Clover Flat Landfill and Upper Valley Resource Materials Facility on Tuesday, September 22nd, at 2:30 p.m.

5. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS AND STAFF: None

6. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. M/S: Hewitt/Santos. Ayes: All.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine O'Rourke

Town Consultant