



**GO GREEN TEAM  
MINUTES  
YOUNTVILLE TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 6550 YOUNT STREET  
December 22, 2015 – 4:30 P.M.**

1. **ROLL CALL:** Present: Sherry Breitigam, Janet Gotch, Billie Hewitt, Davio Santos, Vice Mayor Richard Hall, Town Council Member Marita Dorenbecher  
Absent: Allyssa Wickstrom
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**  
None
3. **APPROVAL OF MNUTES:** The minutes of November 24, 2015 were approved. M/S: Hewitt/Santos. Ayes: All.
4. **SCHEDULED MATTERS**
  - A. Discussion of sustainability and climate change education in Yountville Elementary with Principal Tara Bianchi and discussion of ways the Town may be able to work with the school to enhance educational and outreach activities. Ms. Bianchi did not attend the meeting. Consultant O'Rourke will attempt to reschedule the item.
  - B. Discussion of agendizing PG&E and MCE presentations for the January 26, 2016 meeting. The group discussed the Town Council's desire for the Go Green Team's recommendation on whether or not to join the Marin Clean Energy JPA. Members agreed to invite PG&E and MCE representatives to the January 26, 2016 meeting to discuss their rates, power mix, use of renewable energy credits, and other items of interest. Go Green Team members will make a recommendation in time for the Town Council to consider introducing an ordinance on February 2, 2016, to join the MCE JPA. Consultant O'Rourke will prepare and distribute a matrix comparing PG&E and MCE's historic energy mix and emission factors to the Team prior to the January meeting.
  - C. Discussion of community workshop venue, date, activities, and desired feedback. The Team discussed the necessity to resolve the MCE issue before hosting a community workshop and agreed to postpone the workshop until April. Team members would prefer a Saturday afternoon workshop, from 2-4 p.m., on April 16 or 23 around Earth Day (Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>). The discussed the following tentative workshop agenda:
    - 2:00 – 2:15 pm: Socializing with refreshments served.
    - 2:15 – 2:30 pm: Welcome and introduction, including a discussion of the purpose of the Climate Action Plan and State requirements.
    - 2:30 – 3:30 pm: Stations
    - 3:30 – 3:50 pm: Jeopardy! game and announcement of prizes
    - 3:50 – 4:00 pm: Close

The group discussed promotion of the workshop, including running ads in the Yountville Sun.

D. Discussion of potential Plastic Bag Ban. The Team discussed a possible plastic bag ban in Yountville, noting that all of the other jurisdictions in Napa County have passed a plastic bag ban. Management Analyst Nathan Steele explained that staff is considering drafting an ordinance similar to St. Helena's ordinance, which bans plastic bags and requires retailers to charge a minimum of 10 cents for a recycled paper bag if requested by the customer. St. Helena's ordinance applies to all retailers but exempts paper gift bags and specialty bags. Plastic product bags used for produce, dry cleaning and prepared food items are also exempt.

The Go Green Team approved an action to recommend the Town Council adopt a Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance and join the other Napa communities in prohibiting plastic bags. M/S: Gotch/Breitigam.  
Ayes: All.

**5. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS AND STAFF:** None.

**6. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine O'Rourke

Town Consultant