

Sunnyvale Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance

EIR Scoping Meeting

City of Sunnyvale

June 28 and 29, 2011



Estimated Bag Use in Sunnyvale

| Area | Population* | Number of Bags per Person** | Number of Bags Per Year |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| City of Sunnyvale | 141,099 | 533.18 | 75,231,202 |
| Total | | | 75,231,202 |

* California Department of Finance "City/County Population and Housing Estimates" (2011).

**Based on annual statewide estimates of plastic bag use from the CIWMB (2007) - 533 bags per person = 20 billion bags used statewide per year (CIWMB, 2007) / 37,510,766 people statewide (California's current population according to the State Department of Finance (2011).



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Proposed Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance

- **(1) Prohibit retail stores located in Sunnyvale and falling into one or more of three categories from providing “single-use plastic carryout bags” to customers at the point of sale**
- **(2) Create a mandatory 15 cent (\$0.15) charge for each paper bag distributed by those stores.**



Proposed Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance

- Intent of the Ordinance is to:
 - Reduce the environmental impacts related to the use of single-use carryout bags
 - Promote a shift toward the use of reusable bags



Proposed Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance

- The Ordinance would apply to approximately 99 retailers in Sunnyvale including an estimated:
 - 20 large supermarkets and pharmacies (>10,000 square feet)
 - 15 other large retailers (>10,000 square feet) such as department stores, big box stores, and sporting good stores
 - 64 food and beverage stores



Scoping Meeting Purposes

- Inform the community and concerned agencies about the project
- Solicit input regarding the EIR scope
- Encourage input on required alternatives analysis
- Inform the community about future opportunities for input



CEQA Purposes

- **Disclose the Significant Environmental Effects of Proposed Actions**
- **Identify Ways to Avoid or Reduce Environmental Damage**
- **Consider Feasible Alternatives to Proposed Actions**
- **Enhance Public Participation in the Planning Process**



EIR Review Process



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Issues Identified as Less Than Significant

- Aesthetics
- Agricultural and Forestry Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology & Soils



Issues Identified as Less Than Significant

- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology & Water Quality
 - Flood hazards
 - Seiche, tsunami, mudflows
- Land Use & Planning
- Mineral Resources



Issues Identified as Less Than Significant

- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation



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Issues Identified as Less Than Significant

- **Transportation**
- **Utilities & Service Systems**
 - Storm water drainage



Issues to be Analyzed in an EIR

- **Air Quality**
 - Contribute to an air quality violation
 - Increase of any criteria pollutants

- **Biological Resources**
 - Impacts to Sensitive Species
 - Impacts to Sensitive Habitat



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Issues to be Analyzed in an EIR

- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hydrology & Water Quality
 - Water quality
 - Groundwater supplies



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Issues to be Analyzed in an EIR

- **Utilities**

- Wastewater treatment system
- Water supply
- Solid waste



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Projected EIR Schedule

- **July 9, 2011**
 - *Last day to submit comments on EIR scope*
- **August 2011**
 - *Release of Draft EIR for public comment*
- **Early Fall 2011**
 - *Close of Draft EIR Public Comment Period*
- **November 2011**
 - *City Council hearings on ordinance and Final EIR*



Open Discussion

- **Comments and suggestions for scope of environmental analysis**
- **Suggestions for alternatives**
- **Future opportunities for comments:**
 - Comment sheets available
 - Comments on draft EIR during public circulation period



We Welcome Your Comments

Thank you for participating!



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