

Study Issues Status Report Environmental Services Department

Continuing Study Issues

Number	Name <i>Continuing Status</i>
<p>ESD 12-01C Item dropped by Council. Decision to drop ESD 12-01C resulted from RTC 15-0012 during the Council Meeting on 3/17/15.</p>	<p>Community and Operational Greenhouse Gas Inventory</p> <p><i>The community component of this Study Issue is included as an action within the approved CAP Work Plan. The CAP Work Plan identifies that a community greenhouse gas inventory will be conducted in 2015 with most recent data available. A municipal operations GHG inventory was last developed in 2012 as a project of Joint Venture Silicon Valley. Staff is working with regional partners and the CivicSpark Program to conduct municipal GHG inventories in 2015, and develop standard protocols and procedures to guide future municipal inventories. The results of the community and operational inventories will be included in the first CAP Biennial Report which is scheduled for April 2016. Staff recommends dropping ESD 12-01 as a separate study issue.</i></p>
<p>ESD 13-05C Item deferred by Council. Decision to defer ESD 13-05C resulted from RTC 15-0012 during the Council Meeting on 3/17/15. Item will return with 2016 Study Issues.</p>	<p>Eco-district Feasibility and Incentives</p> <p><i>Funding of approximately \$50,000 needed to carry out this study issue was dependent on receipt of grant funding which has not been secured. Staff has not yet identified suitable grant opportunities to fund this effort and will continue to monitor and pursue grant funding. In the event that grant funding is not available, Council could consider funding this study from the General Fund as part of the annual budget process.</i></p>
<p>ESD 14-01</p>	<p>Ban on the Use of Gas-powered Leaf Blowers</p> <p><i>Scheduled to go to Council on March 17, 2015. Due to staffing limitations and competing priorities, relative to legislative (eg. Community Choice Aggregation) and Council priorities (eg. Climate Action Plan), this item was delayed past 2014. Staff is evaluating various potential actions to address the impacts of leaf blowers and benchmarking what other communities have done, in order to determine a recommended course of action.</i></p>

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ESD 14-02

Community Choice Aggregation

Scheduled to go to Council in May 2015. Funding of \$30,000 was approved with the FY 14-15 budget. Since this study was prioritized, 3 other South Bay communities – Cupertino, Mountain View, and the County of Santa Clara - have come forward with an interest to collaborate and with some funding approved. Staff is in the process of securing consultant support and organizing a business engagement forum for January. This study issue as approved represents a first phase of study and does not include the technical analysis typically performed to validate that a planned CCA program can meet its intended objectives. Staff will be proposing additional funding for consideration during the FY 15-16 projects budget process to pursue the subsequent phase. Staff will bring the item to Council sooner if possible and continues to research the experiences of successful CCA programs to leverage their lessons learned with the goal of potentially more efficient implementation in the South Bay.

Completed Study Issues

Number	Name	Status
ESD 13-01	Power Purchase Agreements for Alternative Energy Allocation	Complete 7/15/14

Direction on Study Issue Inadvertently Dropped from Consideration in 2015

In 2014 the Sustainability Commission sponsored a paper, FIN 14-01 *Financing for Energy-Efficiency, Renewable-Energy and Water-Efficiency Improvements on Commercial Properties*. Council then deferred the issue at the January 2014 Study/Budget Issues Workshop. In 2014, ownership of the paper was transferred from the Department of Finance to the Environmental Services Department (ESD). ESD created the issue paper for routing, ESD 15-03 *Financing for Energy-Efficiency, Renewable-Energy and Water-Efficiency Improvements on Commercial Properties* (Attachment 5), however, when it was presented for ranking to the Sustainability Commission, the Commission voted to drop the issue.

Item dropped by Council. Decision to drop ESD 15-03 resulted from [RTC 15-0012](#) during the Council Meeting on 3/17/15.

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