



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT



DEPARTMENT: Public Works

MEETING DATE: July 3, 2007

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AGENDA LOCATION: AR-2

TITLE: Adoption of Monrovia Environmental Accords; Administrative Policy No. 9.02.

OBJECTIVE: To approve and implement the Monrovia Environmental Accords (Attachment A) through an Administrative Policy (Attachment B) for City Departments to develop new policies and programs for a clean, healthy and safe environment.

BACKGROUND: Last February, the City Council requested staff to develop and implement an environmental policy for the City. The City Manager appointed the Public Works Environmental Services Section to oversee the “Monrovia Green Team”, and have a representative from each Department on the Team.

Through research, the Green Team focused on the United Nations Urban Environmental Accords adopted in 2005 (Attachment C). These same accords were later adopted at the Mayor’s Conference in Seattle, Washington. Since then, several cities around the nation have adopted the Urban Accords or hybrid versions thereof. The State of California has taken an active role in protecting the environment as Governor Schwarzenegger signed legislation for climate protection and is an active participant for increased diversion in waste reduction.

The Urban Environmental Accords consist of twenty-one (21) action items. The focus of these action items center around seven major topic areas sustainability: Energy, Waste Reduction, Urban Design, Urban Nature, Transportation, Environmental Health and Water.

ANALYSIS: The Monrovia Green Team’s task has focused its development of an Environmental Policy that will coincide with the City’s 2007-09 fiscal budget preparation. There are several of these Action Items that are dependent on the cooperation of other entities, such as our local Utility Companies. Most of the Action Items are long term, with goals to accomplish between 2015 and 2030. To accomplish an Action Item will take time to research and will eventually lead to programs, incentives and policies.

Our Green Team has proposed a hybrid version of the Urban Environmental Accords adopted in Seattle. The significant difference between the Urban Accords and the proposed Monrovia Environmental Accords is that Monrovia’s version considers the State of California’s involvement and is therefore up to date.

A matrix for each Action Item (Attachment D) has been developed. There is a baseline describing existing policies, programs and activities. Departments considered the leads for the Action Items, listed an initial strategy of programs, prioritized them, and will be evaluated them on an annual basis.

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FISCAL IMPACT: There are no immediate fiscal impacts by the adoption of the Monrovia Environmental Accords. City Departments have listed key initiatives and special projects related to the Monrovia Urban Accords. As new programs, projects and polices are developed, City Staff in the future will need to consider the Monrovia Environmental Accords as a factor in the development and implementation of new activities.

RECOMMENDATION: The Monrovia Green Team recommends the City Council approve the Monrovia Urban Accords and direct staff to adopt the Administrative Environmental Policy.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: If the City Council concurs the appropriate action would be a motion to adopt the Monrovia Accords and adopt the Administrative Environmental Policy.