

**City of Davis Climate Action Team (CAT)
July 17, 2008 Meeting Notes**

Members Present

Lars Anderson	Explorit Science Center		
Mark Braly	Planning Commission	John Ketcherside	PG&E
Jim Cramer	Care for God's Creation	John Mott-Smith	Yolo County
Bill Dakin	The Davis Energy Group	Dean Newberry	Natural Resources Comm
		Julie Partansky	Citizen
Stacie Frerichs	Sierra Club, Yolano Chapter	Kemble Pope	Open Space & Habitat Comm
		Dorothy Rosenberg	Citizen
Jack Kenward	Bicycle Advisory Commission	Mark Rutheiser	Davis Chamber of Commerce
Bill Kopper	Citizen	Jenifer Segar	Citizen

General

Things to do/ Look into:

- Mitch will circulate Science Advisory Team (SAT) roster.
- Mitch to look into the establishment of a URL for the CAT and the creation of an on-line form for the public to submit GHG reduction measures. Ask for update by the City's new webmaster on support for the work of the CAT.
- Still need to discuss/resolve:
 - Website
 - Blog

Agenda Item 1. – Approve Agenda

By consent, the Chair added agenda item 3.1, Informational presentation on City water tank project by John Hammond.

Agenda Item 2. – Approve Meeting Notes – June 5, 2008

With minor corrections, the June 5, 2008 meeting notes approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 3. – Public Comment

None.

Agenda Item 3.1 – Information Presentation – City Water Tank Project

John Hammond described the City water tank project proposed for construction at Mace Blvd. and I-80. Alternative designs were described with an assessment of the energy needed (and associated green house gas emissions), for each to meet the City's water system needs. Following discussion, the CAT took the following action:

The Climate Action Team supports the investigation of the energy use and green house gas emission consequences of City infrastructure projects, including the water tank at Mace Boulevard. The City should compare and pursue the lowest green house gas emissions infrastructure projects.

The motion passed 12-2-1.

The CAT also recognized that the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) would be the appropriate standing City commission to address this issue and asked the CAT representative to the NRC, Dean Newberry, to ask the NRC to consider it at their next meeting.

Agenda Item 4. – Climate Action Team – Administration

June Community Forum – follow up.

a) Additional feedback from the public/CAT members:

Things that worked well:

- Drop-in nature of the workshop
- Attendance
- CAT participation
- Ability to engage people by asking “why?” (did they place their dots where they did)
- Our subgroups had items that crossed-over from one group to the next which gives us the ability to cross-check certain responses; wording is important
- Not statistically valid but “ethnographic qualitative data” received

Things that we would change going forward:

- Some people missed the presentation - the materials said “drop-in” so they didn’t know to come at the beginning; be consistent with how we advertise in the future
- Food/beverage: we did not do a zero waste event; next time, do zero waste!
- We ran out of dots – next time, no dots! Use markers instead.
- Do better monitoring of the “where you live” map
- Put more or larger information on the wall to accommodate more people looking at the same information at the same time
- Include individual presentations in each of the sub-groups
- Want more opportunity for discussion; consider small group discussions if that is one of our goals
- Have an “easy to use” way to submit comments to the City via the website; also have this available at the event
- Need both education and discussion
- Red dots may indicate personal effect more than negativity in general
- Education that we do should include examples (graphics and pictures), such as Olympia and Bend roundabouts with public art
- Make a better effort to reach a cross-section of Davis (e.g., the “unengaged”)
- Provide childcare at the event; ask the High School Ecology group, Student Farm and Explorit! to help?

- b) CAT use of forum results
 - 1. Use sub-groups to filter input and use as part of action evaluation tool.
 - 2. Public acknowledgement of input received and how it will be used – Op-ed, encourage media coverage as a story.

- c) Guidelines for how to incorporate public comments into sub-group process as accepted by the CAT.
 - 1. Trends in comments:
 - a. Use to inform education program
 - b. Use in criteria ranking

 - 2. New/good idea that was not thought of:
 - a. Include in list of potential actions to be analyzed
 - b. Use to inform criteria

 - 3. Negative comments:
 - a. Use to inform education program
 - b. Use to analyze actions that sub-groups were leaning toward dropping because of lack of GHG reduction or other factors limiting effectiveness

 - 4. How to let public know the CAT used /read their comments:
 - a. Op-ed (Kemble/John Mott-Smith)
 - b. News story
 - c. Post raw data on City web site

- CAT discussed public outreach efforts for the Forum; staff will continue to publicize the Forum. CAT members volunteered to table at the Farmers Market on June 21st and 25th.

Agenda Item 5. – Communications

- Next meeting: July 31, 2008, include discussion of Education/Public Outreach sub-group.
- Next meeting to focus on sub-group work.
- Aug 7th meeting to focus on sub-group progress reports.
- Sub-group public forum 7/28/08: Community Choice Aggregation.
- Second Public Forum – Tentative Date: October 23rd