

**City of Davis Climate Action Team (CAT)
August 7, 2008 Meeting Notes**

Members Present

Lars Anderson	Explorit Science Center		
Mark Braly	Planning Commission	James Morante	PG&E
Jim Cramer	Care for God's Creation	John Mott-Smith	Yolo County
		Dean Newberry	Natural Resources Comm
Sid England	UCD Sustainability Committee		
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		

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

Approved

Agenda Item 2. – Approve Meeting Notes – July 31, 2008

Notes not completed; will be distributed at August 21, 2008 meeting

Agenda Item 3. – Public Comment

None.

Agenda Item 4. – Climate Action Team – Sub-Groups

Each of the four sub-groups presented their initial draft list of actions and reviewed their analysis of the actions to date. The following comments were noted by the facilitator:

- Check in with City for current (and considered) City policies as relate to proposed CAT policies
- Desire for outside, independent analysis and research before set priorities
- Integrate waste and consumption into land use and community design? (considerable overlap)
 - “merge wherever mergable”
- Use worksheets to target where additional research is needed
- Bring in land use, energy experts as needed

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- John Muir institute for the environment as possible resource
- Address what to do when one criteria (e.g. political feasibility) is elevated above the other criteria
- Need help quantifying emissions reductions
- Transportation: look at motorized bikes also
- Transportation: include commuter miles
- Look at carbon footprint of energy source as well
- Identify “early actions”
- Establish who our audience is—city council, public, etc.
- Consumption and waste—consider shade trees when looking at irrigation requirements for new development
 - Use “valley wise irrigation” standards
 - Also look at “arboretum all-stars” program at UCD
 - Eliminate “urban leakage” (e.g. over-watering of sidewalks, etc)
- Look at packaging requirements for goods that come into town through retailers
- Consider providing a compost kit for every household
- Look into campus irrigation program that waters based on weather, etc. (campus has reduced its irrigation needs even though landscaped area has gone up)
- Look at apartment “move out” program as potential model for reducing waste
- Consider “T-12” (old fluorescent lighting) ordinance or LED conversion
 - Current retrofit ordinance is mostly for re-sale of homes and does not address conversion
 - Requires some upgrade to low-flow showerheads, water heaters, etc.
- ACTION ITEM: Revisit criteria and processes for applying the criteria at the next CAT meeting
 - Send Mitch comments prior to next CAT meeting
- Do not write-off any action solely due to political infeasibility
- Encourage incubator program for start-up greenhouse gas reducing businesses
- Consider public forum on zero waste goal
- Address wording of actions - how prescriptive or general?
- Advocate for procedure for dealing with abandoned bicycles
 - Look at university’s model for dealing with abandoned bikes
- Contact student leader on campus as potential resource for car sharing/zip cars
- ACTION ITEM: Sid England will update the transportation subcommittee re: status of University’s car sharing program
 - Consider future public meeting on this topic
- What is our end product and what will it look like?
 - Revisit schedule
- Consider infrared fly-over photograph on cold winter night in Davis
 - Germany has program that uses thermal photographs to calculate energy costs
- Talk about carbon dioxide or GHG rather than “zero carbon”
- Think through carbon offsets and who get the credits
 - AB 32 is writing protocol for how to calculate offsets

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- Address how to keep investments from carbon offsets and keep them here in Davis
 - Adapt PG&E “water bill” program
- Implement energy-efficient checklist at time of home sale
- Educate about green-retrofit benefits
- ACTION ITEM: Get revised estimate from city as to what the city’s carbon footprint is based on modifications to ICLEI approach
 - Per Mitch Sears, expect an update from the City in September 2008
- Want a more robust website
 - Include list of all CAT members on the website
 - Possible to get vanity URL (www.cityofdavis/cat)?
- No more new members added to CAT
 - Stress the fact that everyone is welcome to attend meetings as a member of the public
- Use the worksheets!
 - No complaints without suggestions for an alternative approach!

The following action items were identified:

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Agenda Item 5. – Communications

- Next meeting: August 21, 2008.
- Next meeting to focus on sub-group work.

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