

CITY OF PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA

MEMORANDUM

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DATE: February 19, 2008

TO: Development Code Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: Progress Report of Mandatory Green Building Subcommittee

Since the last Development Code Advisory Committee on January 15th the Mandatory Green Building Subcommittee has met twice. Below is a list of the items that were covered at each of our meetings. I've also provided a partial list of issues we will address in subsequent meetings.

Staff and the subcommittee made the determination that the mandatory green building ordinance will not be part of the Implementing Ordinance. The California Energy Commission (CEC) is required to approve mandatory green building ordinances which mandate that projects exceed Title 24, the California's Energy Efficiency Standards for Residential and Nonresidential Buildings. The City of Petaluma ordinance based on Build It Green's points system requires project exceed Title 24 by 15%. A consultant who has submitted numerous applications to the CEC has informed staff that approval takes approximately 6 months.

- January 24, 2008 Meeting
 - Discussed the Ordinance Application to the California Energy Commission (CEC)
 - Committee members "created" their own green homes and shared their total number of points
- February 14, 2008 Meeting
 - Green Points Case Study – Southgate Development
 - Discussed how the new water conservation plan from Water Resources and Conservation will impact the mandatory program
 - Established a minimum number of points for new residential construction based on Build It Green
- Next Steps (not necessary in order)
 - Examine more closely the steps required for approval from the State Energy Commission
 - Establish minimum points for low income residential projects

- Consider adjusting points for residential projects based on square footage (i.e. more points require for project over a certain size)
- Establish minimum points/requirements for residential remodels and additions
- Look at the time and costs to achieve various levels of LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) for commercial projects, new construction, additions, and tenant improvements

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