

Comments from the National Conservation on Climate Action - October 2007

The Town Council considered recommendations of the Buildings, Energy Efficiency, and Transportation (BEET) Committee, subgroup of the Climate Protection Task Force. The Town Council unanimously voted to fast track all of the Design, Review and Construction Process reforms proposed by the BEET Committee. The Town Council directed implementation of these reforms by July 1, 2008

The Town Council adopted a Resolution in support of California Assembly Bill 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. This action followed an outstanding presentation by Stefan Unnasch, Member of the Metrics Committee, subgroup of the Climate Protection Task Force, on a pathway to achieve substantial GHG reductions.

The Planning Commission reported that they have energetically launched work on the development of a new Sustainability Element for the Town's General Plan.

BEET Committee Member Linda Yates provided a "Why Build Green" Flyer for consideration. This document will be available for public distribution and placed on the Town's Web Site. www.portolavalley.net

The Planning Commission, Architectural & Site Control Commission (ASCC) and the BEET Committee will conduct a joint meeting on Monday, October 8th to develop a dialogue between the three bodies to establish a framework for a Green Building Compliance Program.

The Climate Protection Task Force will meet again in November to develop a schedule and specific community wide actions to accelerate the town along the path towards sustainable reductions of GHG and net carbon neutrality.

The Town Council will consider a proposal for creation of a position of Resource Efficiency Coordinator. Many of the duties specified in the job description relate to ideas that have been generated by the Climate Protection Task Force. These include a program to coordinate construction deliveries and a summer youth employment program to carry out voluntary energy audits.