

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-944

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

December 18, 2007

FINAL SUSTAINABILITY MASTER PLAN AND GREEN CITIES CALIFORNIA SUSTAINABILITY RESOLUTION

BACKGROUND

- A. The cities of Berkeley, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica and the County of Marin represent over 8 million residents of the State of California, along with their associated environmental impacts and responsibilities.
- B. We recognize that for the first time in history the majority of the planet's population now lives in cities, and that continued urbanization creates a new set of environmental challenges and opportunities.
- C. We recognize that local environmental problems including air pollution, water pollution, solid waste, traffic congestion, and the ubiquity of toxic chemicals in the environment contribute to significant public health impacts in our cities.
- D. We recognize that current global environmental challenges related to the over-consumption of natural resources, climate change, peak oil, availability of clean fresh water, food security, and environmental justice put our cities and our residents at serious risk and require immediate action at all levels.
- E. We have individually expressed our commitments through the adoption of: local sustainability plans, the United Nations Urban Environmental Accords, and the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.
- F. We have individually developed visions for a sustainable future and have demonstrated leadership in achieving effective solutions to these environmental challenges.
- G. Through our actions the City of Sacramento will improve quality of life for our residents, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce the amount of solid waste entering landfills, reduce the amounts of hazardous and toxic materials entering the environment, reduce water use, improve water quality, and improve air quality.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Approving the Final Sustainability Master Plan.

- Section 2. That the City of Sacramento join the Cities of Berkeley, Los Angeles, Pasadena, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica and the County of Marin to create **Green Cities California**, to cooperatively and collectively take action to accelerate local, regional, national and international efforts to achieve sustainability.
- Section 3. Work together with other Green Cities California members to influence State and National policy to promote:
- Maintenance and expansion of Urban Forests
 - Reductions in greenhouse gas emissions
 - Extended Producer Responsibility
 - Sustainable Land Use, Building and Development
 - Waste Reduction
 - Water Conservation
 - Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
 - Reduction in Vehicle Miles Traveled and Single Occupancy Vehicles
 - Equitable distribution of environmental benefits and burdens and to secure State and Federal funding to enhance the ability of local governments to accomplish these goals.
- Section 4. Assist other local governments throughout the state and the nation to adopt and implement sustainable policies and practices
- Section 5. Work to achieve the initial actions listed below for municipal operations:
- Purchase of "100% post-consumer recycled" paper for all government operations
 - Elimination of the purchase of bottled water for government operations and government sponsored events
 - Develop recommendations for Mayor and Council's consideration for:
 - A policy for the municipal purchase of local California foods
 - A local carbon offset plan for municipal and community air travel
 - Fuel efficiency standards for municipal vehicle fleets
- Section 6. Ensure that City Council staff reports, where applicable, include a "sustainability considerations" section.

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on December 18, 2007 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cohn, Fong, McCarty, Pannell, Tretheway, Waters, and Mayor Fargo.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilmembers Hammond and Sheedy.



Mayor Heather Fargo

Attest:



Shirley Concolino, City Clerk