



Date: November 7, 2018
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Michael Chandler, Deputy Director of Administrative Services
Subject: Climate Action Plan and Sustainability Programs Update

Recommendation

This report is provided for informational purposes. Staff will provide a brief presentation to accompany this report that will also include information on FY 2018-19 programs and the recent Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory.

Background

The City continued to make significant progress over the past year in support of its Climate Action Plan and Sustainability programs. The following list reflects recent key accomplishments or notable metrics.

- 1) Completed Transition to MCE Clean Energy (MCE) Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Program
 - a. Extensive public outreach:
 - i. articles in 6 consecutive City Manager newsletters (December 2017 – May 2018)
 - ii. bilingual informational water bill insert in February 2018 (only agency in Contra Costa to do so)
 - iii. informational update to City Council in February 2018, and special public workshops at the Senior Center and City Hall in April 2018
 - iv. Martinez opt-out 8.25% vs. County average of 9.23%
- 2) Completed 3rd Year of Martinez Unified School District Recycling Project
 - a. Program partners New Leaf Collaborative, Martinez Unified School District (MUSD), and Republic Services
 - b. Transition agreement for 4th year executed on July 18, 2018
 - c. Primary emphasis on MUSD K-5 students
 - d. Core components: educational reinforcement in classrooms and cafeterias, “Green Team” engagement, teacher champions/liaisons, custodial support
- 3) Completed 5th Year of California Youth Energy Services Program
 - a. Program provided a paid workforce training and development opportunity for Martinez youth and served 118 Martinez residences with free energy and water

- conservation assessments, infrastructure, and installation services
 - b. ≈ 950 Martinez households served since 2014
 - c. Major funding and in-kind support secured from program partners Tesoro Foundation (\$5K), Republic Services (\$5K), and Martinez Adult Education (office space, equipment and workstations)
 - d. Program funding and model changing for 2019; more information on these changes forthcoming
- 4) Secured Staff Resources
Hired 6th part-time Sustainability Programs Assistant since 2012 and 3rd CivicSpark Fellow (tenure completed October 2017-September 2018)
 - 5) Completed Process Review for Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Inventory
Utilized CivicSpark Fellow to create guide with recommendations for conducting periodic GHG emissions inventories.
 - 6) Secured Technical Assistance for City Hall Energy Efficiency Upgrades
≈ \$20K in free technical assistance secured through the East Bay Energy Watch (EBEW). Finalizing project scope and evaluating funding options. Project will involve HVAC and window replacements.
 - 7) Provided Compost Giveaways 2x/year to Residents through Republic Services
Approximately 205 residents participated this year and 380 have taken advantage of this program since its inception in August 2016. Events held in conjunction with the March/August Marina Swap Meets and include Styrofoam collection.
 - 8) Coordinated Special Reuse and Recycling Events through Republic Services
6th annual “Reuse Roundup” event held October 20th at Alhambra High; special post-holiday plastic and Styrofoam pickups provided in January 2018 at 3 locations.
 - 9) Hosted Earth Day Booth and Compost Workshop
April 2018 Earth Day celebration event, 10th consecutive year City has hosted a booth with information on its sustainability programs. City also hosted a Home Composting Workshop for residents.
 - 10) Continued Sustainable Contra Costa Partnership
Helped promote 2018 Community Resilience Challenge East Bay; Martinez residents logged 897 actions, the 2nd most among all participating cities and the County.