



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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September 15, 2015

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

## RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the 2015-2016 Sustainable City Commission Annual Work Plan.  
(Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

The Sustainable City Commission Ordinance was adopted by a unanimous vote of the City Council on May 15, 2007. This Ordinance established the Sustainable City Commission (Commission), requiring that, "Each year the Commission shall prepare a work program outlining the focus for the Commission for review and approval by the City Council."

The attached 2015-2016 Sustainable City Commission Work Plan (Work Plan) was unanimously approved by the Commission on July 23, 2015. The Work Plan includes multiple actions to be taken between August 2015 and August 2016. These actions are consistent with the Commission's seven focus areas of Buildings & Neighborhoods, Energy, Green Economy & Lifestyle, Transportation, Urban Nature, Waste Reduction and Water. These focus areas provide a holistic approach to sustainability and will be used to guide the Commission in its work. In accordance with the Ordinance, the attached Work Plan is provided for City Council's approval.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Vu on August 11, 2015 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on August 6, 2015.

## SUSTAINABILITY

The Work Plan is intended to guide the Commission and City staff in creating green projects, programs and policies, and making recommendations to the City Council over the next year.

## TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

The Sustainable City Commission approved the Work Plan on July 23, 2015. City Council action is requested on September 15, 2015, to enable the Sustainable City Commission to move forward with new business at their monthly meetings.

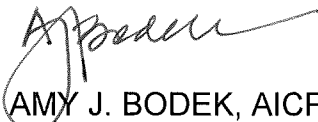
FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact and no local job impact as a result of this recommended action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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Attachment: Sustainable City Commission Work Plan 2015-2016

APPROVED:

  
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PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER



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# Sustainable City Commission Work Plan 2015 - 2016

HISTORIC PAGE

INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

SUSTAINABLE FINDINGS

# Work Plan 2015 - 2016

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## **Current Sustainability Programs, Projects, and Ongoing Initiatives**

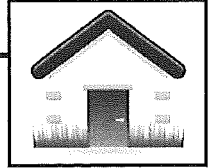
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These actions, which are part of the Sustainable City Action Plan, were chosen by the Sustainable City Commission to be included in the 2015-2016 Work Plan. These complementary actions are intended to guide the Commission and City Staff in creating green projects, programs and policies and will continue to administer and move forward with the following initiatives over the next year.

### **Buildings and Neighborhoods**

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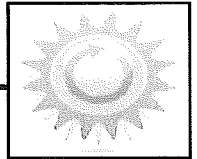
- Green Spaces and Community Gardens: Continue identifying Community Gardens, parks, and green places to promote the use of open space for green uses.
- Certified Green Buildings: Identify/promote Certified Green Buildings Citywide and encourage the use of green certification measures for construction and renovation.
- Civic Center Landscape Improvements: Complete the native plant landscaping at the Civic Center Berms.
- Green Residential Renovation: Identify and provide a resource library of how residents in Long Beach can move forward with home renovations focusing on green improvements and options for historic preservation with energy efficiency retrofits.
- Sea Level Rise & Climate Action Planning: Work with City departments and Community Stakeholders to begin research and discussion on Sea Level Rise vulnerability assessment and Climate Action Planning for the City of Long Beach.



### **Energy**

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- Southern California Edison Partnership: Continue efforts to implement energy saving measures in municipal facilities.
- Energy Upgrade California: Continue as a participating City to establish decreased long-term energy use with qualifying residential energy-efficiency upgrades.
- Renewable Energy: Research current renewable energy metrics portfolio, and use findings to identify opportunities to increase the City's renewable energy portfolio.
- Energy Action Plan: Continue working with City departments and stakeholders to begin research and discussion on the development of a comprehensive Energy Action Plan.



### **Green Economy & Lifestyle**

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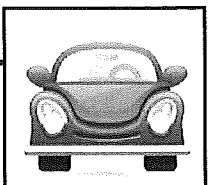
- Green Business Recognition Program: Continue to promote this program and recognize local businesses who participate.
- Local Food Network: Support local food networks by sharing resources, participating in community meetings, and identifying opportunities to educate residents.
- Green Jobs Youth-Training Internship Program: Work with Pacific Gateway to establish an ongoing green jobs training program for local at risk youth.



### **Transportation**

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- Sustainable Transportation Programs: Identify opportunities and support the city's sustainable mobility policies.
- Car Share Program: Continue to explore opportunities for citywide Car Share program



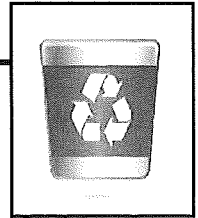
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## Waste Reduction

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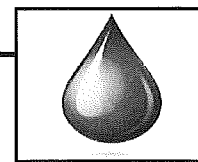
- Residential Mulch Delivery and Pickup Program: Continue with the Residential Mulch Delivery program through the Low Impact Development Academy and the Free Mulch Pick Up Program.
- Food Service Waste Reduction & Prevention Program: Continue with the restaurant compost pick-up pilot program with local participating restaurants. Work with Environmental Services Bureau to develop a Citywide restaurant compost pick-up program and provide resources for ways to reduce waste. Explore additional opportunities to prevent food waste throughout Long Beach.



## Water

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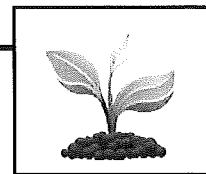
- Rain Catchment Program: Promote the MWD Rainbarrel rebate program and assist in installations from Lawn to Garden requests.
- Gray Water Education: Develop and conduct residential training workshops for Laundry to Landscape gray water utilization.
- Low Impact Development Municipal Projects: work with Public Works to identify and develop municipal LID projects.
- Water Conservation Campaign: Continue to work with the LBWD to promote and encourage water conservation citywide.



## Urban Nature

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- Urban Forestry: Continue with the ongoing free tree planting program and Tree Tracking initiative
- Willow Springs Park: Begin the Willow Spring Wetlands and Southern Pacific Depot restoration project
- The Civic Center Edible Garden Project: Continue with the maintenance of the Garden and develop ongoing workshops and classes to illustrate how to grow edible foods in any space.

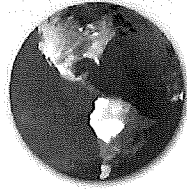


## Commission Recommendations 2014-2015

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The Sustainable City Commission addressed the following issues from the 2014-2015 Work Plan:

- Presentations on: The Growing Experience Farm, Market Street Sustainable Neighborhood Assessment, Port of Long Beach Low Impact Development Projects, Millikan High School G.R.E.E.N Academy, Envision Green Infrastructure Rating System, Surfrider Foundation, Beach Streets
- Report on the Energy Efficiency Campaign, Cool California Cities Challenge
- Update on the Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones, AB 551
- Report on the 2014 Earth Week and Arbor Day Celebration
- Report on Global Inheritance Art of TrashED recycling bins campaign
- Report on Hydraulic Fracking from Long Beach Gas & Oil
- Report on the Southern Pacific Railway Depot move to Willow Springs Park
- Recognized Green Businesses: Fine Feathers Kombucha, Sacred Roots Holistic Healing Center



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**L O N G B E A C H**

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