



NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Sustainability COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting held at *San Pedro City Hall, Room 452, on Tuesday, December 15th, 2015*

Committee Member Attendees: Chuck Hart, Sarah Valdez, Darlene Zavalney

Non-Committee Member Attendees: Bill Brownell, Jaime Adame (San Pedro High School student), Frank Colello (San Pedro High School student), Danielle Soto (South Coast Air Quality Management District), Renee Orefice, Janet Grothe (Phillips 66), Jacob Haik (CD 15),

Committee Members not in attendance: Janet Gunter, Bobbi Lisk

1. **Welcome and introductions**
2. **Announcements**
3. **Discuss rain barrel distribution event – possible dates, goals, etc. The distribution event will be hosted in conjunction with TreePeople and Rain Barrels International.**

In coordination with TreePeople and Rain Barrels International, Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council will host a rain barrel giveaway. Rain Barrels International is offering rain barrels (normally priced at \$130-150) for a reduced price of \$85. LADWP customers can receive a \$100 rebate for every rain barrel purchased. Rebate offered on up to *four* rain barrel purchases. The Sustainability Committee will need to provide a location big enough for two moving trucks to safely unload the barrels. Sarah will contact Peck Park Community Center, the Science Center, Target, and Home Depot for possible interest in hosting the event at their lots. Possible dates include the weekends of February 20th or February 27th, 2016. Interested customers must pre-order rain barrels prior to the event. Sustainability Committee will commence event advertising and outreach. A motion approving the below budget was made by Darlene, seconded by Chuck, and unanimously approved.

Printing for FAQ flyers	\$100
Promotional stickers with NWSPNC logo	\$300
Post cards advertising the event	\$150
<u>Social media boosts</u>	<u>\$50</u>
TOTAL not to exceed	\$600

The Sustainability Committee will make use of as much free advertising and marketing opportunities as possible via NWSPNC newsletter, Homeowner's Association newsletter, San Pedro Chamber of Commerce, CD15 newsletter, and Facebook. Possible community partners include the PV Land Conservancy, West Basin Municipal Water District, San Pedro High School, and Port of Los Angeles High School. Sarah and Darlene will reach out to these organizations to garner interest.

If the event gathers the RSVP of at least 30 people, TreePeople will also offer a free workshop on rainwater harvesting, turf removal, and native plants. This free workshop includes a PowerPoint presentation, as well as a free takeaway workbook.

4. Strategic planning regarding water bottle/ocean pollution campaign.

Sustainability Committee will brainstorm further regarding incorporating Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council reusable water bottles at the rain barrel giveaway event.

5. Strategic planning regarding Rancho LPG – State Hearing, etc.

Darlene suggested that each member of the committee take up an area of expertise regarding the Rancho LPG butane and propane storage tanks located on Gaffey Street. No news from Senator Isadore Hall's office regarding the State Hearing that he initially agreed to host in October of 2015. The Rancho LPG State Hearing will be a standing item on all future Sustainability Committee agendas.

6. Discuss Councilman Buscaino's recent vote in favor of the oil industry's position on NOx emissions standards set by the South Coast Air Quality Management District's "RECLAIM" program. Possible motion.

Jacob Haik, Deputy Chief of Staff to Joe Buscaino, was present to discuss the councilman's reasoning for voting in favor of the weaker emissions standards. Interested oil and gas industry representatives initially suggested emissions standards of 8 tons of NOx per day. After research and investigation, SCAQMD suggested emissions standards of 14.5 tons of NOx per day by 2023. Interested oil and gas industry representatives, along with LADWP, protested the standard of 14.5 tons NOx per day by 2023. Jacob Haik explained that the Councilman views the agreed upon standards of 12.5 tons NOx per day by 2023 as a successful compromise between industry and environment. The higher standard of 14.5 tons NOx per day by 2023 would cost industry an estimated 1.2 billion dollars. LADWP currently has the most updated emissions technology, and with an increased push for electric vehicles, demand for power will only increase over the coming years. LADWP claims that the 12.5 standard will help customers avoid a raise in cost on their electricity bill. Jacob noted that mobile sources account for the greatest majority of pollution, and that Councilman Buscaino has asked for increased Federal incentive and action on mobile pollution sources.

Chuck Hart noted that if Councilman Buscaino has chosen to compromise on this SCAQMD issue, then he must make up for it by demanding action on the China Shipping pollution issue.

Jacob noted the great technological advances made at the Port of L.A., including "AMECS" technology, which is soon to be implemented at the Port. AMECS will cut 99% of ship emissions when they are docked at the Port.

7. Discussion regarding the port's failure to fulfill the obligations set out by the China Shipping lawsuit to curb air pollution. Possible motion.

Chuck noted that the Port Community Advisory Committee should be reassembled to oversee the integrity of the Port. As a group dedicated to studying POLA issues, environmental impact reports, etc., the PCAC could have caught the China Shipping failures much earlier. Jacob noted that Councilman Buscaino made a motion to host a hearing regarding the issue, which took place earlier in the day on December 15th, 2015. Councilman Buscaino has asked for a report from Gene Seroka within 60 days.

8. Discussion regarding Senate Bill 295. Should our district representatives push for a similar bill that addresses aboveground hazardous storage tanks? Possible motion.

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9. Public comments on items not on the agenda.

- N/A

Next meeting to be held on *Tuesday, January 19th, 6:00-7:30 pm, at SP City Hall, Room 452*