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THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

ADVISORY BOARD

DATE: November 1, 2011

TO: Kelly Broughton, Director, Development Services Department

FROM: Chairman of the Sustainable Energy Advisory Board and Members

SUBJECT: UPDATE OF COUNCIL POLICY FOR SUSTAINABLE EXPEDITE

The members of the SEAB Board would like to write to you concerning the evolution and advancement of Council Policy 600-XX and specifically comments on the draft dated September 30, 2011 that was slated to be heard on October 5th at LU&H but due to scheduling loads was not heard. We understand that the item is again on the November 16th Agenda at LU&H and at our October 11th, 2011 regular meeting we discussed that draft and would offer the following comments to the draft.

SEPTEMBER 30th DRAFT COMMENTS:

- 1.) Under Eligibility, whenever there is a reference to "onsite Photovoltaic generation" we would suggest changing that reference to "onsite renewable generation" to be more inclusive of other types of alternate renewables versus just Photovoltaics.
- 2.) In the "Future Incentives" section, please include language that "Future incentives, including those listed herein will continue to be reviewed and will be brought forward for consideration as the policy is updated and as the City implements a Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Plan"
- 3.) In the "Implementation" section, please add the following as item #4: "This policy will be to begin as an incentive based program with eventual direction to include future updates to this program to move towards sustainable building standards to meet net-zero construction goals outlined in both State Law and the City of San Diego General Plan."
- 4.) In the "Implementation" section, please add the following as item #5: "The City of San Diego staff, in conjunction with stakeholder groups shall endeavor to continue to modify, refine and update this policy with an emphasis on ways to include more incentives and policies to provide a greater enrollment into the program for the widest variety of project types as possible including existing buildings and retrofit projects. Within those updates, the City will examine the new energy and water use reduction requirements contained in any new version of CalGreen and compare those to the current incentives and where appropriate, expand or strengthen the thresholds for entry into the Expedite program based on the updated code and in preparation of the goals as outlined in the State law and City of San Diego General Plan."

5.) Under the last paragraph of the Incentive Capacity section, please add “The Director shall notify the City Council and Mayor of any stoppage of any parts of the incentive program within 7 days”

With the above comments, we enthusiastically support the adoption of this updated Sustainable Expedite policy and look forward to moving the item to Council for a timely adoption, hopefully incorporating our comments as well.

cc. SEAB Board Members
Mayor Jerry Sanders