



MVCC Green Committee Meeting

Sunday, April 26, 2014

Agenda

Mar Vista Farmers Market

Grand View at Venice Blvd.

Adjacent to the Post Office

Co-Chairs – Jeanne Kuntz, Melissa Stoller

1. Call to order
2. Public comment
3. Motion to approve March minutes
4. Reports
 - MVCC Green Tent
 - Mar Vista Green Garden Showcase
 - Developing a definition of Mar Vista as a livable community

6. Old business update
 - Recycled Water motion
MVCC board approved unanimously.
 - Funding motion
MVCC board approved unanimously.

7. New business

- Fracking motion

The Mar Vista Community Council supports SB 1132, by Sens. Holly J. Mitchell (D-Los Angeles) and Mark Leno (D-San Francisco). The bill would impose a moratorium on fracking, and on a related process that injects acid into the ground to break up rock, until state research determines whether and how it can be done safely. MVCC believes the time to ascertain that fracking and acid injection do not threaten public health and safety and our California environment is before any potential damage is done.

- RepowerLA motion

The City of Los Angeles faces major crises – an absence of good jobs and an overdependence on fossil fuel that pollutes our air. The Mar Vista Community Council supports energy efficiency programs that keep bills low, reduce our reliance on dirty energy, and create good, career path jobs for those who need them.

Energy efficiency programs have the opportunity to address these challenges by providing thousands of local jobs, reducing our bills, helping our small businesses thrive, and lessening our reliance on fossil fuel.

As the Department moves to consider new energy efficiency goals, the Mar Vista Community Council encourages the LADWP Board of Commissioners to:

- Set a hard target of reducing energy consumption 15% by 2020. Energy efficiency is the cheapest, cleanest alternative to fossil fuels.

- Continue to adhere to the 2012 Guiding Principles to ensure that programs in the portfolio help our most vulnerable customers.
- Continue to support DWP and IBEW local 18's Utility Pre-Craft Trainee program. This program is one of few providing career opportunities for entry level workers in our city.
- Strengthen outreach to communities that may not know about programs that can help them save money on their bills, including the Home Energy Improvement Program and the Small Business Direct Install program.
- Collaborate with trusted local community organizations to reach customers most in need.

8. Public comment

9. Motion to adjourn

RECYCLED WATER ADVISORY GROUP
CONSENSUS STATEMENT

Los Angeles and all of Southern California face an increasing shortage of water.

The Recycled Water Advisory Group (RWAG) strongly supports use of purified recycled water to augment the groundwater supply that Los Angeles draws on for its drinking water. Purified recycled water is advanced treated wastewater (sewage) that undergoes microfiltration, reverse osmosis, and ultraviolet and hydrogen peroxide disinfection, resulting in water that meets or exceeds all drinking water standards.

Additionally, RWAG supports continuing other uses of recycled water, including for irrigation, industrial and commercial purposes.

In pursuing the increased use of recycled water, we urge the City of Los Angeles to maintain the highest levels of safety, assure cost-effectiveness, and communicate with the people of Los Angeles in a timely, open and transparent manner. RWAG recommends conducting a rigorous independent financial analysis of the recycled water program, including the impact on rates, subject to on-going review by the Ratepayers Advocate.

After reviewing and contributing to the City's plans for recycling wastewater and considering other successful major water reuse programs, we conclude that, properly implemented, indirect potable reuse of purified recycled water will be a reliable and safe component of the Los Angeles water supply.

RWAG is an independent broad-based affiliation of individuals representing environmental, business, and community groups; Neighborhood Councils; technical organizations; and other interested parties convened by the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power and the Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation to address water supply issues of the City of Los Angeles.