# CITY OF FULLERTON
# ENERGY & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
# FEBRUARY 16, 2011 7:30 A.M.

303 West Commonwealth Avenue
Fullerton, California

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman McNelly called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL**

Present:

Chairman McNelly
Committee Member Avera
Committee Member Buck
Committee Member Brassett
Committee Member Lucero

Absent:

Committee Member Chi
Committee Member Mitchell
Committee Member Otter
Committee Member Rocabado

Staff Present:

Acting City Manager Joe Felz
Assistant Planner Dove
Clerical Assistant Norton

Acting City Manager, Joe Felz briefed the Committee on his background with the City and the focus of the City Council. The Council's priority is to continue the work previously started. With the economic downturn, the major issue is balancing the budget and negotiating labor contracts. The City will be looking at pension reform and ways to save money to maintain a balanced budget with emergency reserves in place.

The City will also be looking at our opportunities for increasing the revenues that come through commercial development. The City wants to have a stronger commercial base.

Solar is a hot topic and will be included in the parking structure and the new Community Center will be energy efficient.

The West Coyote Hills project is still pending.

Chairman McNelly said the Energy Resource and Management Committee were formed in the 70's as a group of people interesting in recycling. The Committee grew and became interested in how to make the City more energy efficient by looking at projects from an energy efficient standpoint. The Committee supports and is involved with the Composting Workshops.

The Committee looks at resource issues relating to the Solid Waste Program and was involved with the early development of the sophisticated Waste Management Program that we have today. The Committee worked to develop our Source Reduction and Recycling Element within the City and chose Republic Waste Management as our City's waste hauler. An automated pick up system has been established for recycling.

This Committee has always been concerned with water conservation and sat in on a water rate study presented by outside consultants. The Committee is looking at other ways in which they can create communication/opportunities for the City to help support and to educate the people of Fullerton. The Committee also worked with the Infrastructure Committee and looked at the condition of our sewer lateral system. The next goal is to establish a Food Waste Program.

Major Development Projects, for the most part, do not come through this committee unless there is energy conservation. A solar company representative did speak before the Committee about using solar for the Transportation Center.

Chairman McNelly said he would like to see the City take a more proactive role in making sure the Committee is made aware at the beginning of a project

that would come under the Committee's purview. In the past, the Committee received Staff Reports.

The committee is interested in food waste and processing if there is some type of re-use. How we can do a better job looking at those resources.

Acting City Manager Felz stated that the City discussed the option of a long-term Water Purchase Agreement with Poseidon Resources. Poseidon expects to construct a Desalination Plant in Huntington Beach that will supply potable water when completed in 2013.

Felz encouraged members to attend the March 1st City Council meeting on water issues.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approved - Regular meeting of November 17, 2010
Approved - Special meeting of January 19, 2011

**ACTION ITEMS**

Election of Officers

Pat McNelly was unanimously re-elected as Chair
Chuck Buck was unanimously elected as Vice Chair

**COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATION**

Home Composting Workshop

Assistant Planner Dove reported that thirty people attended the last Composting Workshop in January. The next workshop is scheduled for March 12th

The next special meeting – Water Rate Study will be held on April 13th.

Update on the suggestion that stickers be placed on the bins to discourage scavengers.

Mark McGee with MG Disposal is not in favor of putting scavenging stickers on the trash bins because after awhile the stickers begin to look unsightly, also there is an inconsistency in the way home owners would put the stickers on the bins.

Update on the Three Bins Recycling Program.

People are generally cooperating with the three bins recycling.

Assistant Planner Dove stated that the City is looking at a partnership with MG Disposal; the School District and the Discovery Center in Santa Ana. A possible Education Program for 5th and 6th graders.

There are three upcoming meetings on the water rate increase coming up.

March 30 (Public Meeting at 6:30 Council Chambers)
April 12 (Public Meeting at 6:30 Maintenance Yard)
April 13 (ERMC Special Committee Meeting)

Assistant Planner Dove added that she is excited to work with this committee and is passionate about consumption and recycling.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public present

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 A.M. to Special Meeting on April 13, 2011

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Beverly Norton, Clerical Support