County of Santa Clara

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James T. Beall, Jr. Supervisor, Fourth District

DATE:

Tuesday, February 27, 2001

TO:

Board of Supervisors

FROM:

James T. Beall, Jr. //www.

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Supervisor, District 4

SUBJECT:

Santa Clara County Energy Task Force

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the goals for and composition of the Santa Clara County Energy Task Force.

BACKGROUND

During the State of the County address I called for the creation of an Energy Task Force.

GOALS

Broad Goal:

 The Santa Clara County Energy Task Force will identify policy recommendations for the Board of Supervisors relating to the conservation and generation of renewable and nonrenewable energy resources for the County and for County facilities.

Specific Objectives:

- The Task Force will assess projected energy supply and demand for the County and for County facilities.
- The Task Force will work with interested parties to coordinate the dissemination of educational messages relating to public energy conservation.
- The Task Force will identify short and long term methods of energy conservation that could result in at least a 10% reduction in current energy use in County facilities. These energy conservation methods should be cost-effective, promote the County's commitment

to life-cycle investment, and promote effective use of tax funds, rebates, and grant programs.

- The Task Force will identify strategies that will help the County maintain peak efficiency in County facilities during probable blackouts this Summer and in 2002.
- The Task Force will identify power generation opportunities that may address countywide energy needs as well as the needs in County facilities.

COMPOSITION OF TASK FORCE

The Task Force will consist of two Members of the Board of Supervisors.

The Task Force will be advised by a yet-to-be-determined group of participants, potentially including but not limited to:

- Public Sector Representatives: including representatives from the Santa Clara County Planning Commission, the Santa Clara Valley Water District, and the Cities Association.
- Residential Consumer Advocates.
- Commercial Consumer Advocates: including representatives from the Silicon Valley Manufacturing Group and the Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce.
- A Representative from PG&E.
- Energy Industry Representatives from renewable and non-renewable power suppliers/producers.
- A Representative from the Central Labor Council.
- A Construction Industry Representative.
- A Representative of an Environmental Advocacy Organization.
- An Academic Representative.

The composition of these advisory members will be determined by the Board of Supervisors.

The County Executive and Clerk of the Board will provide staff support. The General Services Agency and the County Planning Department will provide staff support and input.

REPORTING STRUCTURE

The Santa Clara County Energy Task force will report directly to the Board of Supervisors.

TIMELINE

The Task Force will hold it's first meeting in mid-March 2001.

Energy Task Force Members

name	representing	phòne number
Sequoia Hall	Supervisor Jim Beall	408/924-0399h YE\$
Berkley Driessel	Senior Care Commission	408/248-5785h LM
John Neece	Building Trades Council	408/265-7643w YES
Hon. Liz Kniss	Co-Chair	
Hon. Pete McHugh	Co-Chair	
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