



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Meeting Minutes and Action Items: March 3, 2011

Chairman:	Robert Schaaf
Others Present:	Brown, Glover, Marquez, Nicolson, Rice, Smith
Absent:	Marshall, Gordon
City Staff:	Aaron Klemm,
Commission:	Barbara Delglieze
Public:	None
Guests:	None

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

No minutes were approved

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Informational Items:

Victor Orozco of Long Beach City College spoke on water farming. Water farming is recovering water from the air for commercial and residential use. The water is very pure. An office or residential unit that can produce 6 gallons of water per day costs about \$800. A larger unit that makes 50-60 gallons of water per day will cost over \$10,000. The units use a considerable amount of power. Current applications are for remote areas with limited water supply (Cabo San Lucas) or for disaster relief (units were used in Haiti after the earthquake).

V. Action Items:

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Updates and Announcements

Aaron Klemm investigated HB's policy on Facebook. They are currently assembling a policy. After there is a policy, the EB will see if it would make sense to put together a Facebook page.

Information about EB guest speakers will be emailed to other HB Boards. This month's speaker was publicized and we had two HB staff members who work on water conservation attend.

B. EIR

None for this month.

C. FIELD TRIPS

Suggested future field trips included Wildlife Recovery Center at the corner of PCH and Newland, the propose park along the Santa Ana River between HB, Costa Mesa, and Newport Beach, and the new wind turbine business in HB.

D. GREEN ENERGY COMMITTEE (Smith, Gordon, Marshall)

SCE Update

The inter-governmental relations committee meeting was postponed to March 28th.

Green Certification for Business

The EB discussed possible ways to improve energy efficiency and environmental awareness of businesses in HB. It was agreed that a committee meeting would be held to review various options and develop a forward plan.

E. SOLAR (Schaaf, Marquez, Glover)

Construction of the HB Solar project is expected to begin in March. An information meeting was held in the HB Main Library on February 15, 2011. Bob Smith, Kim Nicolson, and Robert Schaaf attended. Aaron Klemm reviewed the projects along with Sun Edison. They answered questions from the community. The two major concerns were glare from the panels and access to the library during construction.

F. COMMUNICATIONS (Glover/Rice/Marquez/Smith)

Don Rice is going to try and find reports put together on various subjects back in 2005. The plan will be to update these reports and put them on the EB web site.

G. ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS (Marshall/Marquez/Schaaf)

No report

VI. Administrative Items

A. CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS ARTICLES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Marquez discussed the problems they are having with gas distribution in New Mexico and Texas.

Robert Schaaf mentioned an article in the HB Independent where students from Pegasus School are working with a Surfrider member to develop evidence as to why Styrofoam cups and food containers should be banned in HB. They plan to present their work to City Council.

B. REQUESTS TO PLACE ITEMS ON THE NEXT AGENDA

Upcoming speakers:

April: Energy Action Plan - Mike Needham
May: Recycling 3 bin program update - Debra Jubinsky and Sue Gordon
June: Cleantech OC - Taylor Honrath
Lou Ann Murray???

VII. Good and Welfare

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on April 7, 2011 in room B7.