

**CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION  
MINUTES**

**January 9, 2012**

Mayor Vierra called the January 9, 2012 Council Study Session to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following in attendance:

**ROLL CALL** Council Members Durossette, Ingwerson, Kline, Lane, Mayor Vierra

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Sustainable Community Strategy Presentation by StanCOG

Ms. Jaylen French and Mr. Vince Harris, representing StanCOG addressed the Council regarding the Sustainable community Strategy. Following the passage of Senate Bill 375 in 2008, all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (such as StanCOG) must prepare a Sustainable Communities Strategy as part of all Regional Transportation Plans. The intent of the Sustainable Communities Strategy is to integrate land use and transportation planning to lower greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector. SB 375 seeks to address the largest contributor of emissions, automobiles, by linking existing transportation planning processes more closely with land use planning.

**COUNCIL DIRECTION**

Council accepted the report.

2. Review of the City's Watering Day Requirements (Water Conservation).

Jeremy Damas, Water Superintendent, addressed Council. Mr. Damas stated that the availability of water is an ongoing concern throughout the State. As development occurs and the demand for additional water rises, it becomes increasingly difficult to maintain adequate water pressure and volume during the summer months. Over 60% of water used, is used for landscaping. As a result, most cities adopt a uniform water conservation plan that outlines specific watering days and time thereby maintaining adequate water pressure in the water system for domestic use and for fire suppression.

The City has currently implemented 8 of the 14 baseline conservation measures in accordance with California Water Code Section 10631 (f) with plans to implement the remaining 6 in 2012.

Staff recommends that the current water conservation measures be left in place for a one year period to allow us to determine what effect the installation of meters will have on water use and water conservation and that staff be directed to return next year at this time with an update on water conservation and recommendations for any additional adjustments

**COUNCIL DIRECTION**

Council accepted the report and directed staff to provide another report in three months.

There being no further business, the Study Session was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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Chris Vierra, Mayor

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Cindy Heidorn, CMC, City Clerk