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Long-Term Advocacy Positions - Environmental Management

- (1) Support efforts to develop and require a peer review process for the development of environmental regulations. [*1989 LCC & NLC Resolutions*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**
- (2) Support efforts to develop and implement a national environmental quality policy that improves the quality of the total environment while protecting the environment from further degradation and that assesses both current and long-term environmental impacts, ensuring that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. [*1989 LCC Resolution; Modified/2003 Public Works Staff Recommendation*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**
- (3) Support full funding by the federal government for environmental remediation of closed federal facilities including restoration of historic structures. [2002, 2003, 2004 NLC Resolution; 2009 DPW staff modification] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**

3.1 Water Resources

- (1) Urge the federal government, including FEMA and the Federal Insurance Administration, to amend underwriting requirements to allow public water and wastewater treatment facilities to be eligible for flood insurance coverage at affordable rates. [*2002 NLC Resolution*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**
- (2) Support legislation that requires the federal government to provide sufficient funds for clean-up of estuaries and bodies of water. [*2004 NLC Resolution*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**
- (3) Support state policy and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit regulations for wastewater and stormwater management that are attainable and reflect local conditions and circumstances. [2023 Priority Advocacy Issue] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 24-0102, January 30, 2024) **Lead Dept. ESD**
- (4) Support local and regional efforts that address water resource issues for new water supply projects and water conservation programs. [2023 Priority Advocacy Issue] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 24-0102, January 30, 2024) **Lead Dept. ESD**

3.2 Solid Waste Management

- (1) Oppose taxes or fees on local refuse programs to fund statewide programs. [*](Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**
- (3) Support cooperation between state and local jurisdictions on source reduction and recycling to meet state solid waste reduction goals. (*AB 939*) [*First Appeared 1995*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**
- (4) Support Product Stewardship (also known as Extended Producer Responsibility, or EPR) legislation, ordinances, policies and projects where producers and their distribution and retail partners share in the responsibility for managing problem products at end of life. [June 10, 2008 Council Resolution Supporting Extended Producer Responsibility] **Lead Dept. ESD**
- (5) Support requirements that are consistent with the City's Zero Waste policy. [*2001 staff suggestion*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**
- (7) Support eliminating local government liability under Superfund for the disposal of ordinary municipal waste; provide expedited *de minimis* settlements for hazardous material generated by local government operations; and allocate costs on the basis of toxicity rather than the volume of municipal waste. Superfund reform should also provide a level of protection to third party investors, lenders, and developers of brownfields sites. [*1990 NLC Resolution*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**
- (8) Maintain federal and state financial support for beneficial use of landfill gas and other biomass energy. [*1998-December-staff suggestion; Modified 2003 Public Works Staff Recommendation*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**

3.3 Wastewater Management

- (1) Support increased federal support for municipal wastewater infrastructure needs including both treatment and collection systems. [*2003 Public Works Staff Recommendation/2007 DPW staff modification*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**

3.4 Surface Runoff

- (1) Oppose any efforts to include numerical limits for pollutants in permits for storm water discharges and to modify California State law and/or regulations to allow for the development of numerical effluent limits for incorporation into storm water permits. [*2003 Public Works Staff Recommendation, 2006 Public Works staff recommendation*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**

- (2) Support efforts to exempt storm water utility fees from requirements of Proposition 218. [*2005 staff recommendation*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**

3.5 Energy

- (4) Support the adoption of a national comprehensive energy strategy that minimizes carbon pollution from the energy sector through energy efficiency, education, research and development of renewable and alternative energy sources, and energy storage, as well as encourages reduced dependence on foreign oil and the use of domestic energy sources. [*First Appeared 1992*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**
- (5) Support policy that enables, accelerates and supports the deployment of clean energy. [*2023 Priority Advocacy Issue*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 24-0102, January 30, 2024) **Lead Dept. ESD**
- (6) Advocate for the federal government to provide legislative relief in re-imposing all-electric requirements, currently restricted by the Federal Energy Policy and Conservation Act (“EPCA”) as determined by a U.S. Court of Appeals decision. Alternatively, encourage the state to obtain a federal exemption to continue allowing the state and local jurisdictions to use reach codes that restrict natural gas use in new construction. **Lead Dept. CDD**
- (7) Support Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) in developing policies and programs that support and ensure fair energy distribution and pricing while increasing electrical grid reliability. Support and preserve regulations, policies, and legislation that improve Pacific Gas & Electric Company public safety practices, fiscal and customer bill transparency, fair rate design and affordability, and local accountability for infrastructure related power disruptions and capacity issues. **Lead Dept. ESD**

3.6 Noise

- (1) Encourage airport operation policies that reduce the level and frequency of noise and support federal funding to alleviate the effects of aircraft noise on Sunnyvale. [**/2003 Moved to current section, 2009 DPW staff modification*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. CDD**
- (2) Support funding for highway-rail grade separations and railroad noise attenuation. [*2002, 2003 & 2004 NLC Resolution/2003 Moved to Current Section, 2005 modified by staff, 2006 Public Works staff recommendation*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**
- (3) Engage the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board to assure that local noise conditions do not worsen as a result of changes to commuter train operations, and impacts are mitigated consistent with regulatory requirements. [*Staff recommendation based on Council action 1/11/05*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPW**

3.7 Air Quality

- (2) Support efforts to manage and reduce risks from air toxics. [*First Appeared 2003*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**
- (3) Support efforts to improve or strengthen regional and local regulation of mobile source emissions. [*2003 Public Works Staff Recommendation*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**
- (5) Oppose redirecting state and regional revenue used by local government for locally based air quality programs. [*1996 LCC Resolution, 2005 modified by staff*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**
- (9) Support the development of greenhouse gas regulations, such as implementation regulations for the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32 and SB 32), to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and beyond. Encourage the Secretary for Environmental Protection and the California Air Resources Board to work in partnership with all sectors of the community to ensure that the implementation regulations do not have a negative, long-term impact on the resources and services provided by the City of Sunnyvale or the California economy. [*DPW & CDD Housing staff collaboration and recommendation 2007*] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 12-009, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. ESD**
- (10) Support the progress and implementation of California GHG and climate change policy and plans as they relate to advancement of the City's climate action goals, considering impacts to City operations and services, and funding for the City's climate action initiatives. [2023 Priority Advocacy Issue] (Moved to long term Council Policy, RTC 24-0102, January 30, 2024) **Lead Dept. ESD**

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