Orange Goes Green!

Policy Action Summary and Implementation Status

	Timing
I. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND OUTREACH	
Action 1.0. Online "green resources" information. Status: The *Orange Goes Green!* website will be launched on Earth Day 2009.	April 2009.
Action 2.0. Written public information materials. Status: Focused issue handouts will be available online, at libraries and City Hall in April 2009. Due to fiscal limitations, production of the Green Guide will be deferred. However, much of the Green Guide content will be made available online through the *Orange Goes Green!* website in April 2009.	April 2009. Green Guide deferred, depending on production funds.
Action 3.0. Instructional workshops. Status: Beginning in February 2009, the City's Building Department is hosting its annual Orange Code Academy. This year, workshops are focusing on the new energy and green building code requirements, the *Orange Goes Green!* program and incentives, utility company incentives, and existing green building rating and certification programs.	February through April 2009. Ongoing.
Action 4.0. "Green Team" to advise developers. Status: Planning and Building Division staff are available to developers and Orange community members to discuss existing green building rating programs, concepts and technologies.	2009-Ongoing.
Action 5.0. City coordination/promotion of existing utility/agency incentives. Status: SCE (energy) and MWDOC (water) incentive programs and rebates will be highlighted in this year's Orange Code Academy workshops and on the *Orange Goes Green!* website.	2009-Ongoing.
II. CITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY	
Action 6.0. Incorporate sustainability concepts in the General Plan and zoning code update. Status: The City's Comprehensive General Plan Update was released for public review in February 2009. The proposed General Plan incorporates sustainable concepts including accommodating future growth through redevelopment and mixed use development in appropriate areas. Mixed use zoning will also move forward for Council consideration in 2009. A comprehensive zoning code update will follow. Due to limited staffing and fiscal resources, the comprehensive update of the zoning code was deferred and will be considered again for funding in the FY 10/11 budget.	General Plan Update and mixed use zoning- 2009. Defer Comprehensive Zoning Code update due to limited staffing and fiscal resources. Revisit during FY 10/11 budget process.

III. CITY FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS	
Action 7.0. Green building policy for new City buildings.	Effective February 2009.
Action 8.0. Green policy for retrofits to existing City buildings	Effective February 2009.
Action 9.0. Policy for "greening" City operations and maintenance. Status: In FY 09/10, City staff will begin to evaluate City operations, and implement specific changes in City purchasing, maintenance, and fleet replacement policies when operationally feasible and cost effective. Policy changes will be made over time.	Effective February 2009. Ongoing.
Action 10.0. Allocate staff resources to pursue grant funds for program implementation.	Effective FY 10/11
IV. PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES	
Action 11.0. Policy to establish incentives to encourage private developers to construct third-party certified green buildings. Status: The City of Orange is offering the following incentives for private sector development of third party certified green buildings in Orange: • "Priority Processing" for planning and building permits • Local Recognition (refer to Action 13.0) Loan programs through the Economic Development Department, fee waivers and fee deferrals were considered by the City Council and will not be implemented at this time. These incentive options may be revisited as part of the FY 10/11 budget, subject to direction by the Council.	Effective FY 09/10
Action 12.0 Policy to establish incentives to encourage private developers to construct "green" upgrades and retrofits to existing buildings. Status: The City of Orange is offering the following incentives for private sector green retrofits in Orange. The City's Community Development Department maintains a list of eligible green improvements. • "Priority Processing" for planning and building permits • Local Recognition (refer to Action 13.0) Loan programs through the Economic Development Department, fee waivers and fee deferrals were considered by the City Council and will not be implemented at this time. These incentive options may be revisited as part of the FY 10/11 budget, subject to direction by the Council.	Effective FY 09/10
Action 13.0. Policy to implement a Local Recognition Program.	Effective FY 09/10.