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Palo Alto, CA

FRANK'S WEEKLY MEMO

4 May 28 Community Meeting on Foothills Fire Management Plan

On May 28, 2008, from 7 - 9 p.m., the City will be holding the first of three community meetings to get input from residents on updating the Foothills Fire Management Plan.

Community Meeting #1 Foothills Fire Management Plan

7 - 9 p.m.

Foothills Park Interpretive Center
3300 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, CA

The goal of the meeting is to discuss the following items:

- Project Background
- Goals
- Work Program

The City Manager's Office is working on the Foothills Fire Management Plan Update and has engaged Wildland Resource Management, Inc., (WRM) to conduct the project. There will be two other community meetings, planned for July and September/October.

For more information, visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/info/default.asp and click on "Community Meetings" under Emergency Information.

4 PaloAltoGREENStock Festival

The City of Palo Alto extends its appreciation to all who attended Saturday's PaloAltoGREENStock event. Everyone who attended was very enthusiastic about the City's renewable energy programs, including Alix Mayer and Jenny Jump, supporters of PaloAltoGreen, Mayor Larry Klein, and City of Palo Alto Utilities employee



4 Designates an item related to one of the City Council's "Top 4" Priorities.

Brian Ward (pictured above). There was a healthy level of interest in the launch of the Utilities' new solar water heater rebate program, as well as the PV Partners Program. A new Team Card, launched recently and given to PaloAltoGreen participants, enabled the 150 or so festival attendees to receive discounts on hot dogs, bagels and solar attic fans. Residents were able to get information on community activities and recycling, and learn about many environmental organizations in the area. The weather cooperated fully and the band did a great job. The partnership with the community and City efforts continue to encourage environmental approaches to utilities services.

For information about the PaloAltoGreen program or the new Team Card, visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/pagreen

Palo Alto Makes the Grade for Visitors

Palo Alto was featured in the June 2008 issue of "Condé Nast Traveler" magazine as a nice place to visit. The Palo Alto Art Center was specifically mentioned for its inexpensive drop-in classes on drawing, painting and jewelry-making techniques. The "Word of Mouth" recommendation for great value vacations in three university towns are on page 46 of the current issue, and list Palo Alto, California; Chiang Mat, Thailand; and Heidelberg, Germany.

4 Utilities Contract Finalized for Renewable Geothermal Power

On May 20, the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) announced that it had signed an agreement with Western GeoPower, Inc. for the supply of about 265,000 MWh per year of clean, renewable electricity. The 35 MW geothermal power plant is scheduled to begin producing power in early 2010. The project will emit approximately four billion fewer pounds of CO₂ compared to even the cleanest natural gas-fired power plant over the 20-year contract term. The plant will be located at the Geysers geothermal field in Sonoma County, about 75 miles north of San Francisco.

On February 19, 2008, the City Council approved entering into a contract with NCPA to receive a portion of the energy produced from the geothermal project. The project will help Palo Alto meet the Council-approved goal to meet 30 percent of City loads with renewable resources by 2012 and 33 percent by 2015. It should be noted that the City's renewable goals exclude large hydro-electric resources that account for approximately 50 percent of the City's electric supply in an average hydro year.

