

## Chapter 2.32

### ~~RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSIONS~~SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION \*

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\* For provisions of the Environmental Quality Act of 1970 generally, see Public Resources Code 21000, et seq.; for provisions authorizing attorney general intervention in matters of environmental concern, see Gov. Code § 12600, et seq.

Prior legislation: Prior code § 1.718, Ords. 1299 and 1310.

#### **2.32.010 Creation.**

~~There is hereby created a Resource Conservation Commission~~The Resource Conservation Commission was created by ordinance in 1980; that Commission has been renamed the Sustainability Commission (the "Commission"). The provisions of Article VI of the City Charter, Chapter 2.25 CVMC and this chapter shall govern this Commission. (Ord. 3211 § 6, 2011; Ord. 3198 § 3, 2011; Ord. 1928 § 2, 1980).

#### **2.32.020 Purpose and intent.**

It is the purpose and intent of the City Council, in establishing the ~~Resource Conservation~~ Commission, to create a broadly based multifunctional commission to provide citizens' advice to the City Council in the areas of energy and water conservation, resource recovery, environmental sustainability, and other related fields as determined by the City Council. The Commission shall also provide this citizens' advice to the other boards and commissions, the City Manager and members of the City Manager's staff on these matters. (Ord. 3211 § 6, 2011; Ord. 3198 § 3, 2011; Ord. 1928 § 2, 1980).

#### **2.32.030 Statement of City goals and policies.**

The goals and policies of the City that relate to the duties of the ~~Resource Conservation Commission~~Sustainability Commission are:

- A. Create and maintain sustainable conditions under which man and nature can exist in productive harmony to fulfill the social and economic requirements of present and future generations;
- B. Take all actions necessary to provide the people with clean air, land, and water, enjoyment of aesthetic, natural and scenic qualities, and freedom from excessive noise;
- C. Prevent the elimination of fish or wildlife species due to population intrusion, assist in assuring that these populations do not drop below self-perpetuating levels, and preserve for future generations representations of indigenous plant and animal communities;
- D. Ensure that the long-term protection of the environment shall be the guiding criterion in decisions by the City;
- E. Maximize the conservation and efficient utilization of nonrenewable energy resources, and encourage the utilization of renewable energy sources;
- F. Maximize the recovery, recycling and reuse of discarded resources and minimize waste generation through City action and cooperation with other public agencies and private concerns;

G. Seek the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all Chula Vista citizens with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies;

H. Minimize any conflict with any national, state, regional or local environmental goals. (Ord. 3211 § 6, 2011; Ord. 3198 § 3, 2011; Ord. 1928 § 2, 1980).

**2.32.040 Functions and duties.**

A. The Commission shall provide the City Council with a citizens' assessment of the following:

1. The effectiveness of proposed goals, policies, procedures and regulations of the City in accomplishing the purpose, intent and goals of this chapter;
2. The extent to which the capital improvement program implements this chapter;

B. The Commission may submit to the City staff, other boards or commissions, or the City Council recommendations concerning existing or new goals, policies, procedures or regulations necessary to implement this chapter;

C. The Commission may recognize individuals or groups in the community who have implemented notable measures to foster the purpose, intent and goals of this chapter;

D. The Commission may hold hearings relating to any matter under investigation or in question before this Commission;

E. With regard to energy and water conservation and resource recovery:

1. The Commission shall review and make a recommendation to the City Council for the disposition of appeals regarding the administration of CVMC Title 20, Energy and Water Conservation, except those portions which are within the scope of the Board of Appeals and Advisors and the Planning Commission.
2. The Commission shall review and make a recommendation to the City Council for the disposition of appeals regarding the administration of Chapter 8.24 CVMC, Solid Waste and Litter, and Chapter 8.25 CVMC, Recycling, except those portions which are within the scope of the Planning Commission. (Ord. 3211 § 6, 2011; Ord. 3198 § 3, 2011; Ord. 1928 § 2, 1980).

**2.32.050 Administrative functions.**

A. In the event that private funds or funds from other governmental agencies are made available for special projects, surveys, educational programs or general program support, the City Manager is authorized, upon recommendation of the Commission and approval of the Council, to enter into appropriate contracts for the utilization of such funds in furtherance of the purpose and intent of, and the duties and functions of, the Commission.

B. The ~~Resource Conservation Commission~~Sustainability Commission shall have no power or right to acquire any property for or on behalf of itself or the City, nor shall it acquire or hold any money for itself or on behalf of the City. (Ord. 3211 § 6, 2011; Ord. 3198 § 3, 2011; Ord. 1928 § 2, 1980).

**2.32.060 Membership.**

The ~~Resource Conservation Commission~~Sustainability Commission shall consist of seven members, to be appointed in accordance with Article VI of the City Charter and Chapter 2.25 CVMC. (Ord. 3211 § 6, 2011).

**2.32.070 Meeting schedule.**

The Commission shall hold its regular meetings on the second Monday of each month ~~at 4:00 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room (C-103), located in Building 100 (City Hall) in the Civic Center at 276 Fourth Avenue~~ at a place and time determined, at a time to be set by resolution of the Commission. The Commission may change its regular meeting day, time, or location by written resolution in accordance with CVMC 2.25.200. (Ord. 3211 § 6, 2011).

**2.32.090 Historical site permit process.**

*Repealed by Ord. 3198 § 3, 2011.* (Ord. 1928 § 2, 1980).

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**2.32.100 Implementation of ~~resource conservation commission~~Sustainability Commission functions in designated areas by Chula Vista redevelopment corporation.**

*Repealed by Ord. 3153 § 2 (Exh. B), 2010. (Ord. 3009 § 2, 2005).*