

Green Team Public Meeting Responses to Public Questions				
Meeting Date	Topic	Question/Issue	Response	Contact
7/2/2008	State Issues	The City taking lead in CEQA reform	The City is interested in effective and practical proposals for CEQA reform that further green building. Specific issues and recommendations brought forth to the Green Team can be addressed individually.	Planning
7/2/2008	GBP Development	Why was LEED the chosen system for the Green Building Program?	The LEED Rating System was adopted as the standard for the Green Building Program for several reasons. The City has been successfully using the standard to build green municipal buildings since 2002. Also, LEED applies to multiple building types, including residential, commercial, and schools. There is also a broad expertise and awareness of this system; the criteria and standards are formulated through a consensus process and are nationally recognized. LEED is also used as a standard by other cities in Southern California, including Pasadena, Long Beach and Santa Monica as well as the Los Angeles Community College District.	Planning
8/6/2008	GBP Compliance	Can I use a green practice not accounted for in LEED?	Innovation in Design (ID) credits recognize innovative strategies not addressed by any existing LEED credit. When pursued, these credits must be adequately documented within the plans and annotated on the Checklist in the same fashion required for every credit. ID credits previously approved by the USGBC for projects that reflect similar circumstances pertinent to the innovation should be documented in the plans and annotated in the Checklist. Previous ID credits are available online at: USGBC.org > LEED > LEED Resources > LEED Reference Documents > LEED ID Credit Catalog. Applicants may seek consultation by contacting the Department of City Planning Green Team representative. His/her e-mail is available <a href="http://environmentla.org/greenbuilding/greenTeam.htm">http://environmentla.org/greenbuilding/greenTeam.htm</a>	Planning
9/3/2008	Waste	Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling Program	The Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation (Bureau) is developing a Construction and Demolition (C&D) Debris Recycling Ordinance that will require Private Solid Waste Haulers and C&D Contractors to deliver all mixed C&D debris generated within the City to City Certified Processing Facilities. The Bureau conducted a series of stakeholders' meetings in order to obtain and incorporate feedback from affected parties as part of the ordinance development process. The next step is to prepare the ordinance along with an accompanying staff report which will be routed to the Board of Public Works within the next couple of months for first level approval. Thereafter, the ordinance will be routed to the City Attorney's Office, applicable Council Committees, and ultimately full Council for approval.	Bureau of Sanitation
9/3/2008	Water	What is the City doing in terms in greywater?	The City is in the process of arranging a meeting with the County Department of Health Services to find out their requirement. In addition to the City, graywater systems also fall under the jurisdiction of the County Department of Health Services.	Building & Safety
9/3/2008	State Issues	State Green Building Code	The State of California published its Green Building Code in July 2008. This code is not mandatory and does not effect the City program at this time.	Building & Safety
8/6/2008	Water	The City's water conservation efforts	The Department of Water and Power is developing a new water efficiency ordinance that will include specific water conservation measures and practices to be required of all new construction projects. The specified measures and practices exceed the requirements of current code and/or standard practice. A draft of the ordinance language has been posted on the EnvironmentLA.org website. The Department of Water and Power welcomes comments and feedback.	LADWP
9/3/2008	Water	What are the City's water recycling (purple pipe) efforts?	The Department of Water and Power will make a presentation on its recycled water (purple pipe) system at the November 5, 2008 Green Team public meeting.	LADWP
10/1/2008	Green Technology	How can I use permeable materials for my parking lot?	The City is holding monthly meetings comprised of representatives from Planning, Department of Building and Safety, Bureau of Engineering, General Services Division, Street Services, the Fire Department and Sanitation to develop a set of performance criteria that can be adopted into the Zoning Code. Materials that meet or exceed this criteria would be approved.	Planning
11/5/2008	Green Business	Has the City done anything in regard to green hotels?	Council motion (07-0970-S1) scheduled for Council (subsequently adopted) addressing the Green Business Certification Program includes Green Hotels. The program will be based on certification of area hotels to Green Seal's GS-33 environmental leadership standard for lodging properties. EnvironmentLA has provided updated web info. at <a href="http://www.environmentla.org/cgbp/lodging.html">www.environmentla.org/cgbp/lodging.html</a> . Green Seal and LAInc. have been meeting with local hotels to discuss the program and their concerns.	EnvironmentLA
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11/5/2008	Water	Greywater	The City has been working with the County Health Department to resolve issues with greywater systems. A detailed report will be made at the Jan 7th meeting.	Mayor's Office
12/3/2008	Policy	City Council actions	A summary was provided on current City Council activity on green building issues.	Chief Legislative Analyst
1/7/2009	Green Technology	Status of permeable material standards	The group of City department representatives continues to meet monthly to develop standards for permeable paving. Based on a outline created in an earlier meeting, the group is now gathering relevant information to develop a set of performance criteria. The group aims to have a draft by March.	Planning
1/7/2009	Green Technology	Windmill permitting	The existing process to obtain a permit for windmill is to pursue a conditional use permit. It is at that point that other related factors, such as height limits, would also be taken into consideration. The Planning Department and Department of Building and Safety will begin discussions on whether this route is the most appropriate and efficient.	Planning
2/4/2009	Green Technology	Windmill permitting	The Green Team discussed the option of pursuing a code change to streamline the process of obtaining a permit for a windmill, but ultimately decided that due to a shortage of resources and the resulting prioritization of code changes, the DCP will not be pursuing this code change in the foreseeable future.	Planning

3/4/2009	Water	Irrigation	A motion has been introduced for DWP to evaluate rebates for weather-based sprinkler systems for residential and commercial customers.	CLA
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