



MARIN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

ALEX HINDS, DIRECTOR

February 14, 2005

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Urban Environmental Accords.

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION: Approve signing of the Urban Environmental Accords.

SUMMARY: At the request of Supervisor McGlashan, the World Environment Day Urban Environmental Accords have been reviewed for their application to the County of Marin. These Accords were developed as part of World Environment Day, held in June 2005 in San Francisco. The Accords include 21 ambitious but non-binding goals for sustainability, and have been signed by more than 70 mayors and other local leaders from around the world.

The 21 actions that comprise the Accords are organized by urban environmental themes such as energy, urban design, transportation, environmental health and water. They include proven first steps toward environmental sustainability. Actions set forth in the Accords will most often produce cost savings as a result of diminished resource consumption and improvements in the health and general well being of local residents. Between now and World Environment Day 2012, local governments will be working to implement many of the 21 Actions. The Accords can be implemented through programs and activities even where local governments lack the requisite legislative authority to adopt laws.

The number of accords achieved by 2012 will determine the County's rating as a one, two, three or four-star city as follows:

- 8 to 11 actions shall be recognized as a 1-star city
- 12 to 17 actions shall be recognized as a 2-star city
- 15 to 18 actions shall be recognized as a 3-star city
- 19 to 21 actions shall be recognized as a 4-star city

Based on an assessment of planned, underway, or completed County sustainability initiatives being undertaken by a variety of departments, Marin County should achieve 2-star status by 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT: There will be no fiscal impact on the General Fund.

Reviewed By:	<input type="checkbox"/> Auditor-Controller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/> County Counsel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachment: Urban Environmental Accords