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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 23, 2006

To: David Ramsay, City Manager

From: Paul Stewart, Deputy Planning Director
Natural Resource Management Team

Subject: Environmental Stewardship

Recommendation

City Council schedule a study session on Environmental Stewardship

Background

The interdepartmental Natural Resource Management Team has put together a work program for 2006 to continue to implement the adopted Natural Resource Management Plan. In addition, staff has compiled a status report on actions that have been taken to respond to the Climate Protection Agreement that was signed on to by the City last year.

There are a number of departments that are involved with a variety of efforts regarding environmental stewardship both internally and in the community at large. We would like to brief the Council on these activities and have a discussion on where to go from here. In that respect, I would recommend that this discussion occur in a study session format to include key staff from several departments. This would enable the Council and staff to have an interactive exchange on a variety of important environmental stewardship topics, strategies and issues.

In looking at the Council calendar, the earliest available study session date is in August. It would be preferable to meet earlier in the year rather than later and I would recommend that, if possible, the Council consider holding a special study session in April, May or June.