ITEM NO. 13

STAFF REPORT

CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: February 22, 2006

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Water Utilities Department

SUBJECT: **ESTABLISHMENT OF A CITY COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE TO RESEARCH IMPLEMENTATION OF SOLAR ENERGY PROGRAMS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council establish a City Council ad hoc committee, as follows:

Solar Energy Programs for Seniors Ad Hoc Committee

a. Purpose: To research implementation of solar energy programs for senior citizens
b. Membership: Councilmember Esther Sanchez and Deputy Mayor Shari Mackin
c. Term: The term of this ad hoc committee shall be for a period of one year unless terminated earlier or extended by City Council action. This committee shall terminate automatically upon submission of a final report to the City Council intended to be referred to City staff for review and recommendation and ultimate approval by the full City Council.

BACKGROUND

On January 11, 2006, pursuant to a request from Councilmember Sanchez, City Council approved direction to staff to bring back for Council approval, according to the provisions of Oceanside City Council Policy Number 100-58, the establishment of an ad hoc committee, comprised of Councilmember Sanchez and Deputy Mayor Mackin, to research implementation of solar energy programs for senior citizens in Oceanside.

ANALYSIS

On January 12, 2006, after a year of development, the California Public Utilities Commission created the California Solar Initiative, a 10-year, $2.9 billion incentive program that is designed to help bring the costs of solar electricity down for California consumers. The program sets aside 10 percent of program funding for low-income customers and affordable housing installations. The proposed ad hoc committee on solar energy programs for senior citizens will research the process of applying for incentives to install solar photovoltaic and solar thermal electric projects.

Consistent with City Council Policy 100-58, committee will have a one-year term unless terminated or extended by City Council action. This committee will terminate automatically upon submission of a final report to the City Council to be referred to City staff for review and recommendation and ultimate approval by the full City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

The proposed committee constitutes an ad hoc committee under the provisions of Oceanside City Council Policy Number 100-58.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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