

TOWN OF ORO VALLEY

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

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TO: PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: Assign Planning & Zoning Commission representation on a General Plan Energy Policy Advisory Committee

SUMMARY

The development of a new General Plan energy element was initiated via the adopted Fy 10-12 Planning & Zoning Division Workplan. Commencement of the effort is timely. The Town is nearing a population threshold of 50,000 persons – which is a state mandated trigger point to adopt an energy element.

Per ARS 9-461.05, and energy element includes:

- (a) A component that identifies policies that encourage and provide incentives for efficient use of energy.
- (b) An assessment that identifies policies and practices that provide for greater uses of renewable energy sources.

Staff requests appointment of two Planning & Zoning Commissioner representatives. Approximately 10 committee meetings (1-2 per month) are anticipated.

BACKGROUND

A General Plan Energy element provides a roadmap to address a broad range of energy-related issues. Below is a list of topics that may be addressed within an Energy element:

- Energy efficiency objectives and programs
- Recycling goals and initiatives
- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and pollution efforts
- Green building programs
- Internal Town efforts to reduce energy expenditures and consumption
- Other

A broad cross-section of representation on any advisory committee is the key to success. Staff envisions a seven member advisory group that includes both citizens and industry representatives.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends assigning two representatives to help shape an energy element.

SUGGESTED MOTION

The Planning & Zoning Commission may wish to consider the following suggested motion:

I move to recommend the following Commissioners as representatives to the General Plan Energy Policy Advisory Committee: 1) _____, 2) _____

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