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Agenda Item No: NA

To: City Council
From: City Manager and Staff

Council Meeting Date: Jun 17, 2013

Re: Legislative Action: SB 265, relating to "Agenda 21" prohibitions

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council may wish to consider asking the Governor to veto this bill. Supporters say that it is necessary to protect private property rights. Opponents say it could jeopardize local government involvement in sustainability programs.

DISCUSSION:

Agenda 21, adopted by the United Nations in 1992 (and periodically updated) addresses the global balance between the environment and development, suggesting steps that nations, states and cities may take on a voluntary basis, especially in developing countries. Staff suggests that, if signed, SB 265 may unintentionally erode the City's capacity to address health, environmental and energy issues in ways that are consistent with community preferences.

The bill is so broad that it could be interpreted to jeopardize the collaborative adaptive management partnership to address Hinkson Creek watershed issues; public and private funding for projects to enhance sustainability; our local voter-approved mandate to increase the use of renewable energy; and partnerships with networks, organizations, clubs, schools and other entities interested in environmental stewardship.

You may view the Agenda 21 document at this link:

<http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/Agenda21.pdf>

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact is unknown, but funding relationships for various projects could be threatened.

VISION IMPACT:

<http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Meetings/visionimpact.php>

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Determine if the potential risk associated with SB 265 is significant enough to ask for the Governor's veto. If so, direct staff to draft a letter for the Mayor's signature.

FISCAL and VISION NOTES:					
City Fiscal Impact Enter all that apply		Program Impact		Mandates	
City's current net FY cost	\$0.00	New Program/ Agency?		Federal or State mandated?	
Amount of funds already appropriated	\$0.00	Duplicates/Expands an existing program?		Vision Implementation Impact	
Amount of budget amendment needed	\$0.00	Fiscal Impact on any local political subdivision?		Enter all that apply: Refer to Web site	
Estimated 2 year net costs:		Resources Required		Vision Impact?	
One Time	\$0.00	Requires add'l FTE Personnel?		Primary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	
Operating/ Ongoing	\$0.00	Requires add'l facilities?		Secondary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	
		Requires add'l capital equipment?		Fiscal year implementation Task #	