NS WG Meeting 2 Notes\_Jon

Questions and community comments:

Conversation focused mostly on water, with discussion of agriculture and pesticides as well.

Goal-COS-1: Promote a safe*, healthy*, and adequate supply of water for community uses

Agricultural practices that can help conserve water and reduce emissions – cover crops vs plowed, promoting produce grown with regenerative practices (starting to be a global movement), carbon sequestration.

City looking at how to expand recycled waste water. Scalping plants need ultra purification to return water to aquifers. Very costly. Less treatment needed to reuse on crops.

It doesn’t rain like it used to so we have to change our habits and capture more water. Don’t have the time stated in sustainability plans.

Promote home grey water systems – look at Monterey

Goal-COS-5: Protect, enhance, *and regenerate,* ~~remaining~~identified and significant ecological and biological...

Restore riparian floodplains. Restore creeks and add paths. -> some have limits to restoration, as their purpose is to manage stormwater and prevent flooding. Example given from staff on Gabilan/Natividad Creek efforts.

Natividad Creek has a sediment problem.

New Urban Forest Plan underway in Public Works, goal is to double urban canopy in 10 years. Would cost about $1 mil/year. (from Public Works staff)

Sustainable Salinas has had a tree program, mostly given out fruit trees (most popular choice)

Other agriculture and environmental comments

We need a local source of clean energy

Ag Commissioner should be involved/invited to local meetings. We have pesticide drift problems and pesticide is often sprayed when Ag Commission offices are closed. Who do we call?

Californians for Pesticide Reform – source saying California is not taking GHG emissions from pesticides seriously enough.

Taylor Farms incident should prompt reexamining of storage of chemicals