

8/22/17 AGENDA, ITEM 5b - PUBLIC HEARING TO CERTIFY THE PLAN HERMOSA FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) AND ADOPT PLAN HERMOSA SUPPLEMENTAL LETTER AND ATTACHMENT FROM TRACY AND MARK HOPKINS SUBMITTED TO THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE ON 8/21/17 AT 2:30 P.M.

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Please add the attachment as a supplement to the Tues 8/22/17 Agenda under the PLAN Hermosa item.

Please also redact my email address.

Thank you,

Tracy Hopkins



Agenda 21 Synopsis

*“As someone who lived under communism for most of my life I feel obliged to say that the biggest threat to freedom, democracy, the market economy and prosperity at the beginning of the 21st century is not communism or its various softer variants. Communism was replaced by the threat of ambitious **environmentalism**.”* Vaclav Klaus, President of the Czech Republic

<http://canadafreepress.com/article/75058>

Agenda 21 / Sustainable Development is a UN plan for a new form of regional government. It was signed by 178 world leaders including President Bush at the Rio Earth Summit in 1992. This new form of government is achieved through “Sustainable Development”; proponents use this term in general and avoid the term Agenda 21. Sustainable Development views the American way of life as wasteful and greedy and teaches that man is living beyond the Earth’s ability to carry him. While often promoted as environmental stewardship or

simply “going green” the true nature of Sustainable Development is actually about controlling the Earth’s citizens and its resources.

After the Rio Conference it was immediately implemented by President Clinton when he formed the PCSD or President’s Council on Sustainable Development. The PCSD consisted of nonprofits like the Sierra Club, business leaders, and cabinet level appointees. They in turn came up with millions of dollars for the American Planning Association (APA) and directed it to write a comprehensive legislative guide that is used today as a template for cities, counties, and states across the United States to implement the UN’s model as expressed in Agenda 21.

The United Nations is responsible for Agenda 21 and coined the very terms Sustainable Development and Smart Growth. In fact today, in the United States Agenda 21 and ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives) for all intents and purposes ARE the Sustainable Development movement.

Many people deny that Agenda 21 exists, or deny Sustainable Development is either linked to it or synonymous. Here is the UN’s own website that shows the manual “Earth Summit Agenda 21” that outlines the plan and also details how Agenda 21 is Sustainable Development.



<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/milestones/unced/agenda21>

Sustainable Development consists of three linked components *Environment, Economy, and Social Equity*. In a world governed by this new system all human activity must balance by the UN’s definition of

these three components perfectly in order to be considered “Sustainable” or allowable. Therefore everything we do in our daily lives must come under increasing governmental control in order to protect the planet and maintain “Sustainability”. Policies that are connected to Agenda 21 and Sustainable Development are currently being put into place nationwide and globally at all levels of government and within all sectors of society to regulate our behavior.



A term you hear constantly from proponents of Sustainable Development is “Social Justice” ...here is the definition: *“Social justice is described as the right and opportunity of all people “to benefit equally from the resources afforded us by society and the environment.” Redistribution of wealth. Private property is a social injustice since not everyone can build wealth from it. National sovereignty is a social injustice. Universal health care is social justice.”* In short, Social Justice is Socialism. Our local regional government, SCAG, regularly runs “Environmental Justice” workshops that describe how poor people are disproportionately affected by Global Warming and that resources need to be redistributed to them as a result.

<http://www.scag.ca.gov/programs/Pages/EnvironmentJustice.aspx>

Other terminology includes: Smart Growth, Complete Streets, Regionalism, Whole Building and the extremely dangerous “Precautionary Approach” which preaches that if something is ruled “serious” ie: Global Warming that we need not wait for scientific proof before acting.

Essentially, any term that begins or ends with the words “Smart” “Justice” or “Green” is suspect and should be investigated.



Numerous aspects of American life are subject to scrutiny under this radical new philosophy. Where and how we build our homes, the

products we use, the foods we eat, and the methods of transportation we choose, are just a few examples of American life that United Nations Agenda 21, Sustainable Development & Regional Governments like SCAG seek to bring under their controlling grasp.



Since the basis for Sustainable Development is the false belief of Global Warming it's no surprise that the Automobile is the primary target for elimination. In nearly every conversation or plan about Sustainable Development the phrase "we have to get people out of cars" will come up and all of the plans seek to replace the car with Public Transportation, Bikes or Walking. It may sound crazy but when you watch videos and read articles about Sustainable Development and you'll see the same narrative repeated over and over. It is *the* Mantra of Agenda 21.

Once you connect the dots you'll see...It's not about the Environment or the Car, it's about control. Agenda 21 seeks to remove automobiles as a primary source of transportation replacing them with mass transit situated next to high-density housing. How free would you be if your only choices of transportation were a Bus, Bike or your Feet ?

from Google's Sergey Brin: "Google X's most high-profile project of the last three months has been a new purpose-built prototype of its self-driving car. Brin hopes that it can be a "really dramatic change" society but only if we migrate away from car ownership.

"So much of our land in most cities, about 30% to 50% is parking, which is a tremendous waste. Also, the roads themselves, which are both congested and take a lot of space are just unpleasant," explained Brin. "So with self-driving cars, you don't really need much in the way of parking, because you don't need one car per person. They just come and get you when you need them."

A core Progressive belief in Sustainable Development is the idea that America has somehow hurt the “developing” world with our consumerism and success and that we have pillaged other nation’s resources in order to become the sole superpower. This is completely false and it is highly suspect that America is the only country ever mentioned that needs to atone for her “excesses”. It follows that redistribution of America’s wealth is at the heart of Agenda 21, under the Progressive's view the US must be brought down to the level of other countries.

From economist Paul Driessen:

“Put simply, those who control carbon control our lives ... our livelihoods, liberties, living standards, and even life spans. It is therefore essential that climate science reflects the utmost in integrity, transparency, and accountability.”

In essence, Agenda 21 / Sustainable Development is simply a human control mechanism and therefore the antitheses of freedom. Agenda 21 was not adopted as law in 1992 by the US and therefore is not mandated in this country, and yet somehow is being implemented. In Southern California, Agenda 21’s dirty secret are the local, unelected boards such as SCAG, OCTA, CARB, CALTRANS and OCCOG...referred to as COGs or Councils of Government. These COGs receive guidance from the State and Federal governments and produce directives that local governments follow. To entice cities to follow the directives Grant Money is offered to bribe cash-strapped municipalities to obey. Read this sample document from HUD working with a Washington COG that doesn’t disguise implementation of Sustainable Development.

Since the COGs are unelected, take public funding and make decisions that affect citizen’s lives they are *patently* unconstitutional. One argument COG proponents make is that some board members are

elected officials and therefore the COG is valid; this is incorrect as the members were elected by other bodies and not elected by their constituents to the COG. My assertion is that SCAG and regional governments like it are Unconstitutional. In doing some research on Representative (Republican) Government I came across this interesting quote:

"So if the "Republican form of government" clause does not prohibit the use of direct democracy as a means of state government, what is its purpose? Simply stated, the clause prohibits the people of any state in the Union from amending their state constitution in order to adopt a monarchy or an aristocracy."

The Republican form of Government comes from Article IV, Section 4 of the Constitution, What is SCAG but a monarchy ? No citizen voted for them to take tax money, plan, mandate cities to construct or even EXIST. Therefore, SCAG and Regionalism are Unconstitutional.

The "comprehensive planning" required by sustainable development in Agenda 21 is initiated by a coalition of international organizations such as ICLEI who decide in their "visioning consensus" how and where everyone should live.

ICLEI infiltrated over 600 county and local governments in the U.S. who became members of this organization that recently changed its name to ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability USA to avoid the stigma of an international organization meddling in American zoning affairs.

The top-down unelected government develops comprehensive master plans that form "urban boundary zones." The comprehensive master plan serves the purpose to create "sustainable communities," the vision of the globalists who created Agenda 21. It is not a coincidence that "every county's comprehensive master plan contains the same

elements, the same goals, the same processes,” spelled out in Agenda 21.

Another excuse proponents of Sustainable Development use is “Urban Sprawl”. From this article *“Developing sustainable human communities will require an unprecedented emphasis on reducing urban sprawl and its unsustainable consequences. Such an effort must simultaneously create more efficient use of urban space, **reduced consumption of material and energy resources**, improved community livability, and **improved administrative and planning processes capable of dealing effectively, sensitively, and comprehensively with the social and environmental complexity of urban settlements.**”*

*“Urban sprawl can be contained by setting limits on physical expansion and favoring alternatives to the **automobile**. Appropriate measures include limiting **automobile** access to inner cities, levying regional carbon dioxide taxes, **restricting parking availability**, and using **traffic-calming street designs**. ”*.....the theory of Urban Sprawl is nothing less than an excuse to forcibly bring citizens into the Inner City and ban automobiles.

On August 6th, 2014 in a public forum, the HB Planning Dept. was pressed on what authority they use to produce their housing element, they replied that they use SCAG’s RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment) as their authority to mandate, proving this connection. (<http://rtpscscs.scag.ca.gov/Pages/Regional-Housing-Needs-Assessment.aspx/index.htm>) On February 9th in public forum I shared demographic data that disproves SCAG’s assertion that the population in Southern CA is growing, this completely invalidates the reasoning for RHNA.

More in depth explanation of local COGs and how they function can be found here and here. The COG’s function as Shadow Governments under which sympathetic cities implement Sustainable Development. A short description of how laws get passed despite no regulatory mandate can be found here

“Defenders of Agenda 21 and ICLEI are quick to point out that they have no regulatory authority and cannot enforce any of their recommendations. That’s true. But once the genie is out of the bottle and finds its way into the rules, regulations, ordinances, “green” building codes, and land-use restrictions of local governments, what comes out does have the force of law behind it. The plantocracy, with all the interlocking relationships it has with well-funded and well-connected interests, is a beast that is roaming the countryside searching for its next prey.”

The gateway to Agenda 21 / Sustainable Development in your hometown is your local Planning Department. Look at any school where urban planning is taught and you will find Sustainable Development. It’s a given that your local Planning Dept. is going to be 100% behind Sustainable Development, it gives the City Planners the opportunity to remake the city in an image their ideology chooses and GUARANTEES their employment for decades to come. Without Sustainable Development a city will encourage development the traditional way with common zoning densities, with Sustainable Development the zoning rules are changed via Form-Based Codes (code system based on Sustainable Development principles) to allow development many times the standard density, this motivates property owners to overdevelop their land with the easy approvals guaranteed by Sustainable Development. When President Clinton created the President’s Council on Sustainable Development (PCSD) the first group they co-opted was the American Planning Association (APA) the governing body of city planners, look at this APA document which spells out how cities can use the General Plan process to install Sustainable Development. General Plans are the Trojan Horses of Agenda 21

<https://www.planning.org/pas/quicknotes/pdf/QN33.pdf>

<https://www.planning.org/sustainingplaces/compplanstandards/>

And what about property owners and the Chambers of Commerce that support this type of activity ? that's easy. As a developer myself I can attest that, if a city or county said they would allow a property owner to develop 10x the current zoning AND help them expedite the process by waiving public hearings, a land owner would rush to turn their parcel into a high-density building before the City, County or State changed their minds. Sustainable Development is the perfect crony capitalist storm.



In California, Governor Schwarzenegger signed AB 32 and SB 375, codifying Sustainable Development into law. These new laws are the direct reasons for the high-density projects in HB and in fact give “Density Bonuses”, like smaller parking requirements, the denser a developer builds.

Why is this relevant to us in Huntington Beach? Because Agenda 21 / Sustainable Development is here now and being installed right under our noses. Why do so many facets being implemented at this very moment match those of the UN blueprint for the 21st century they say all cities should be like? there are too many coincidences to be random.

For example:

In May of 2014 it was revealed that the City of Huntington Beach hired a consulting firm, PMC, that is focused on Man-Made Climate Change; the lead consultant is Tammy Seale, author of the \$75 dollar book “Local Climate Action Planning Guide”. Most egregious is the fact that HB paid PMC \$2 million to produce our General Plan.

Clearly, the City of HB has hired a company focused on Man-Made Climate Change, not city planning, and is producing a biased general plan template for our city's future. In fact, many cities in the Southland are going through this same dishonest General Plan process right now...all of them following the same pattern.

Here is my appearance at the City Council talking about the flawed General Plan process. Citizens participate in local visioning meetings and consensus-building stakeholder meetings under the false promise and understanding that they do have input in their communities.

"The smart way to keep people passive and obedient is to strictly limit the spectrum of acceptable opinion, but allow very lively debate within that spectrum...."

— Noam Chomsky, The Common Good

A key component of Agenda 21 is the fanatical belief in Man-Made Global Warming; without it the whole scheme falls apart. Under the guise of Global Warming we are told we need to produce less CO2 and "conserve precious resources"; the truth is that global average temperatures have not changed in 18 years completely disproving their baseline theory.

From this article:

"The so-called "Greenhouse Effect" depends entirely on the known property of carbon dioxide gas to intercept radiant heat in certain wavelengths. This process starts operating as soon as the extra gas enters the atmosphere. If this influence is strong enough to drive "dangerous global warming", its effect should be noticeable even in the short term, with Earth's surface temperature increasing in step with increasing carbon dioxide. Carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has been steadily increasing for over a century, but global

temperatures have fluctuated in broad cycles decades long, and the temperature trend has been flat for the last 17 years."

Additionally, CO₂ is nature's fertilizer without which plant life, and therefore Life, would cease to exist. No one that I am aware of has ever articulated at what level CO₂, the cornerstone of life on earth, goes from plant food to atmospheric poison.

Here is the Global Warming Hypothesis in a nutshell: Co₂ poured into the atmosphere will cause a greenhouse effect and warm the planet. Reality: nearly 2 decades of flatlined global temperatures, at a time when record amounts of Co₂ were poured into the atmosphere. Result of experiment: The theory of Global Warming has utterly failed; if this were about Science there would be no mention of it but it's not about science, it's about control from the top and religion from the bottom.



At this point the failed theory of Man-Made Global Warming should be banished from any public policy making. We must force this to happen.

Yet, despite Actual Science proving the case against Global Warming rules based on it are being implemented in HB at this moment, example:

The High Density housing projects at Bella Terra, Pacific City, Beach and Main & Beach and Adams dovetail perfectly with the housing element of Sustainable Development and will severely impact our City resources and way of life. None of this housing is mandated and therefore the many projects on the books can be stopped by civic involvement and City Council intervention. Also, my understanding is that HB being a Charter City gives us more options to stop them as well.

HB will net very little for this type of growth in the short term and be stuck with a much larger bill in the future. The largest benefits to the city are the development fees, these are one-time. The projects are being sold as "Tax Booms", from property taxes HB gets roughly 1.5% of every dollar so not much "Boom" there. Next we are told that many of these new residents will be spending their disposable income in HB, that's not guaranteed but if they do 1% of it goes to HB (of the 8% sales tax HB gets 1%, 6.5% to State of CA, rest to OC County)...again, no motherlode.

Then, the Downside. Every new citizen has a price tag attached; PD, Fire, infrastructure, services & crime...and the list goes on...so with all these new citizens, paying \$1700 and up for tiny little boxes and with not much money leftover HB gets little....if nothing for all the new density it is being forced to absorb.

And then there is the quality of life issue. With all these new resource-gobbling residents come all the problems...traffic, diminished services, overcrowding and crime...turning our nice bedroom community into a metropolis for no reason and against the wishes of a massive citizen majority.

But there are folks who make out like Bandits. The landowner gets to develop his property over 10-20x what normal zoning density would be...who would refuse that ? especially if you live somewhere else and don't have to deal with the problems you just built for HB. Then, the State of CA really rakes it in for the long pull. They take the Lion's Share of all those new taxes HB created...it's not hard to see why they created AB 32 and SB 375, they don't need the Fed to print them money, they're doing it by legislation and leaving us with the bill. So you see, there is no benefit to HB to build developments of this type...Sustainable Development is born out of environmentalist daydreams but is in reality a cash cow for the developers and the State of CA....a perfect Crony Capitalist nightmare for any city that implements it.

Here is one such project on the docket for Beach Blvd. near Main St., it was approved over the counter and the property owner is selling it to a developer before it is even permitted. The project aims to cram 187 units on property that should only support 1 / 10th the density.

<http://www.loopnet.com/Listing/18690370/N-A-Huntington-Beach-CA/>

In summary:

- 1) Agenda 21 / Sustainable Development was created and codified by the UN in 1992.
- 2) Agenda 21 says that humans are destroying the planet and her resources and human life on earth must be tightly controlled by "experts" in government.
- 3) Agenda 21 is dependent entirely on the failed theory of Man-Made Global Warming, it collapses without it.
- 4) The US did not adopt Agenda 21 but it is stealthily being implemented locally by unelected boards (CARB, OCCOG) with

the help of city planning departments and City Councils.

- 5) What to watch for in your City:
- A. General Plan updates that claim to ask for citizen involvement but in reality do not.
 - B. Approvals and/or building of High-density housing projects, sometimes 10x occupancy levels of previous zoning limits.
 - C. Calls to limit individual property and voting rights.
 - D. The limiting or closing of public access to open space. (Bolsa Chica, Banning Ranch)
 - E. A focus on global warming and mandating steps to help lessen its supposed impacts.
 - F. Implementing more public transport and bike lanes.
 - G. Encouraging people to get out of cars and walk more.
 - H. Constant calls to “Go Green” and being told how wasteful your lifestyle is (<http://www.huntingtonbeachgreenguide.com>).



There are many groups that fight Agenda 21. One of them, Freedom Associates, held a "Globalization of California" summit in April of 2014 which dealt with many aspects of Agenda 21, here are the videos from that conference. I attended it and the talks changed the way I understand this issue.

<http://www.augustforecast.com/>