SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE Minutes December 6, 2011

Attendees: Janice Carr, Gillian Schultz, Beckie Urrutia-Lopez, Chris Burley, Mia Casey

1. Report out on Fall Quarter Activities

Mia reported that the first Emerald Campus Lecture series took place this fall, featuring David Kelly from Stanford d.School of Design, Peter Drekmeier of the Tuolumne River Trust, and Jessica Frank from the Surfrider Foundation. The events were well attended, with several classes, as well as Middle College. There is a Spring Series in the works, which will cover a number of different topics related to our water theme.

2. World Water Day, March 22 Events

Planning is underway for a World Water Day, which will feature a number of non-profit groups such as Acterra, GreenTown Los Altos, and more. Additionally, there will be a keynote speaker rounding out the day's activities- Brock Dolman from The Water Institute in Occidental.

3. Transportation Plan/ASFC and VTA

ASFC has invited VTA to come in and present their EcoPass program. We had met with VTA a few years ago about this program, and at the time due to lack of ridership and restrictions in place by VTA it would not work for us. However, last year DeAnza was able to work out an agreement with VTA, and ASFC is interested in hearing more about the program to see if it might now work for Foothill.

4. Giving Water a Voice Competition

Middle College will be participating in the Giving Water a Voice national competition put out by the Nature's Voice / Our Choice. They will be creating artwork and or poems relating to how we think about water. We are hoping to use some of their artwork to display for our World Water Day event.

5. Population Connection Video

Janice Carr shared her Population Connection video. She will also be tabling at the World Water Day event, sharing information on the connection between population and water issues.

6. Open Discussion / New Topics No new issues brought up.