



Subcommittee Report

PRESENTED FOR COMMISSION MEETING DATE: November 16, 2021	SUBMITTED BY: Patrick Tallarico
SUBCOMMITTEE NAME: Standing Subcommittee on Waste Reduction (SSCoWR)	SUBMITTED DATE: November 10, 2021
LAST SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE: November 4, 2021	NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE: December 2, 2021

Subcommittee Goal:

Divert 90% of waste generated by the City of Palm Springs from landfill by 2030.

Summary:

1. Reducing Single-use Plastic Food Ware and Plastic Straws by Food Service Establishments.
 - City staff hosted a webinar on October 27th with approximately 20 restaurants in attendance. Business owners expressed the problems they've experienced with supply chain issues and access to items such as cups. The website has been updated to include the webinar recording, presentation, food ware fact sheet, scholarship application, exemption request form, compliance guide, flyer and signage. Attendees voiced an interest in assistance with both food ware and food waste management.
 - City Council approved the selection of Abbe & Associates and ReCreate Waste Collaborative, LLC, to provide technical and compliance assistance support services to local businesses at the October 28, 2021 meeting. The consultants are in the process of being onboarded and a kickoff meeting is being planned for the week of November 15th. Restaurants have requested a meeting with the consultants and city staff will coordinate.
 - The main message to businesses is that the City wants to work with them to help them comply. The two critical enforcement issues for next year is the elimination of polystyrene sale/use/distribution and plastic straws.

2. SB 1383 Planning & Franchise Update
 - City staff will present the new Solid Waste Ordinance Update (First Reading) will be presented to City Council for approval at the November 18, 2021 City Council meeting. Most of the elements within the ordinance are requirements by the State.
 - Although the presentation of the Franchise Agreement is planned for December 9th, it may need to be postponed if it is not ready.
 - The mailing for the PSDS Annual Rate Adjustment and Extraordinary Rate Adjustments went out the week of October 25, 2021 to approximately 34,000 customers. City staff created a webpage for the notice and public hearing scheduled for December 9, 2021 and is located at [December 9, 2021, Public Hearing on Waste and Recycling Rates | City of Palm Springs \(palmspringsca.gov\)](https://www.palmspringsca.gov/december-9-2021-public-hearing-on-waste-and-recycling-rates). The webpage includes the notice and commonly asked questions we have received. Commissioner Barrett asked Manager Tallarico to attend and present on this topic at the November 9, 2021 One-PS meeting.
 - City staff and PSDS participated in an annual meeting with CalRecycle on October 26, 2021 which focused on implementation of SB 1383. CalRecycle will present at the November 18, 2021 City Council meeting to provide an overview of SB 1383 requirements.
 - City staff met with Mayor Holstege and Councilmember Kors about next steps for SB 1383-related Council items in light of requests related to community composting. It was agreed that City staff should move forward with these items and be clear about how community composting is or is not addressed in the documents. Economic Development will take the lead in any discussions regarding siting a community composting facility.
 - City staff held a kickoff meeting with Community Works Design Group (CWDG) on November 3, 2021. This consultant will perform analysis of mulch and compost utilization in support of implementation of SB 1383

requirements. CWDG collected soil samples from city owned properties including City Hall, city parks, dog parks, etc. on November 5, 2021 and the samples have since been sent to their lab for analysis. Under SB 1383 requirements, the City will need to procure 3,800 tons of mulch per year. The City currently uses two (2) tons of mulch per year.

3. Downtown Trash Can Signage

- City staff will order stickers for the downtown trash cans which have the “no” smoothie and coffee cup symbols on them. Staff will also create a mockup of stickers which can be adhered to the top of the trash cans which reminds users of what is acceptable and not acceptable in the trash cans.

4. Battery Recycling Project

- Staff have collected and shipped four (4) containers of batteries (approximately 140 pounds) since the last report.

5. Toward a Public Spaces Recycling Program for the City of Palm Springs.

- Nothing to report.

6. Outreach

- Staff is continuing to work on outreach material for residents on recycling.

7. Non-compliance with Commercial Recycling and Organics Requirements

- City staff continues to contact businesses who have been previously unresponsive to AB 1826 organics and AB 341 recycling management in an effort to achieve 100% compliance.

8. Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)

- Nothing to report.

9. Shredding and E-waste Collection Events for 2022

- The dates for 2022 are: January 15, 2022, April 23, 2022, and October 15, 2022.

Recommendation/Request

Subcommittee members will continue to conduct research and refine products to improve recycling rates and report on progress at future Commission meetings.

ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO COMMISSION	None
ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY	Continue Franchise Agreement discussions with PSDS. Continue communications with DCC on possible locations for community composting. Continue following up with businesses who are not in compliance with recycling and organics requirements. Work on SB 1383-related ordinance. Prepare new rates for waste management services.
POTENTIAL FISCAL IMPACT/REQUEST IF ANY:	N/A