



Subcommittee Report

PRESENTED FOR COMMISSION MEETING DATE: February 15, 2022

SUBMITTED BY: Tracy Sheldon

SUBCOMMITTEE NAME: Standing Subcommittee on Waste Reduction (SSCoWR)

SUBMITTED DATE: February 10, 2022

LAST SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE: January 11, 2022

NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE: March 3, 2022

Subcommittee Goal:

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

Summary:

1. SB 1383 Planning & Franchise Update

- City staff submitted the application for the SB 1383 grant on February 1, 2022. The maximum amount of the grant is \$63,654.00.
- City staff has worked with the City Attorney's Office on the resolution and application which will go to City Council on February 24, 2022 in advance of the March 1, 2022 application deadline.
- City staff will continue working on capacity planning, edible food recovery from Tier 1 facilities and additional reporting requirements as identified under SB 1383.
- City staff and IT departments from both the City and PSDS will have another meeting with Recyclist regarding their software platform. Recyclist creates cloud-based solutions that make solid waste program management more accessible for local jurisdictions and waste haulers.
- PSDS has ordered tags which will be affixed to recycling and food waste carts.
- PSDS has received confirmation from Burrtec that the Edom Hill facility will begin accepting food waste beginning July 1, 2022.
- Food waste collection will begin for residential customers on October 1, 2022. The October 1, 2022 implementation date is due to supply demand delays on landfill, recycling and food waste carts. Additionally, the delivery of the trucks to PSDS is estimated at late summer/early fall. Also, due to seasonal residents, it will be most appropriate to deliver the carts by October 1, 2022.
- City staff and PSDS presented an update on SB 1383 to ONE-PS on February 8, 2022.
- City staff, PSDS and legal teams are continuing discussions and it is anticipated that the Franchise Agreement and Proposed Rate Schedule will go to City Council on March 24, 2022.

2. Reducing Single-use Plastic Food Ware and Plastic Straws by Food Service Establishments.

- The Food Ware consultants, Abbe & Associates and ReCreate Waste Collaborative, LLC, met with businesses January 19-21, 2022. To date, the consultants have met with nearly 200 food providers and continue communications via phone, e-mail and in person visits.

3. Downtown Trash Can Signage

- Nothing to report.

4. Non-compliance with Commercial Recycling and Organics Requirements

- City staff and PSDS staff have continued meeting with businesses for AB 1826 organics and AB 341 recycling management in an effort to achieve 100% compliance.

5. Community Composting

- Commissioner Torrens met with Haley Preston of Desert Compost who stated they have a small compost site which is operational at St. Margaret’s church in Palm Desert. Desert Compost is still working on aligning efforts with UC Riverside extension campus in Palm Desert for a site location. Desert Compost stated that grant funding has been reappropriated.
- Commissioner Torrens advised Desert Compost of the suggested City location at Civic and Alejo. The challenge for Desert Compost is a lack of grant funding. Desert Compost is offering to be an advocate for composting and the importance of food waste separation.
- City staff was contacted by Abby Winston and Susan St Louis of Desert Compost on is working on scheduling a meeting with them to view the City location at Civic and Alejo. Desert Compost will advise City staff of their availability.

6. Outreach

- Staff is continuing to work on outreach material for residents on refuse, recycling and organic waste.
- City staff is working with the Special Events Department and providing an additional 100 temporary recycling containers for special events and Village Fest.
- PSDS will provide food waste containers and “Do Your Part” signage for special events. The signage will help with education on which items go into which bin.
- The ONE-PS picnic will be held on March 19, 2022. Discuss with Sustainability Commission about being “waste ambassadors” at picnic educating residents on which items go into landfill, recycling and food waste.
- City staff to contact Camelot Theaters about recycling and food waste implementation.
- Commissioner Barrett requested staff to research requirements for installing recycling containers at city parks, specifically Demuth Park.

7. Battery Recycling Project

- Staff have collected and shipped five (5) containers of batteries (approximately 175 pounds) since the last report.

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

- Nothing to report.

9. Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)

- Nothing to report.

10. Shredding and E-waste Collection Event

- The next shredding and e-waste recycling event is planned for Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 8am-12pm at City Hall.

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	Conclude Franchise Agreement discussions with PSDS. Continue following up with businesses who are not in compliance with recycling and organics requirements. Prepare new rates for waste management services.
POTENTIAL FISCAL IMPACT/REQUEST IF ANY:	N/A