



Subcommittee Report

PRESENTED FOR COMMISSION MEETING DATE: June 28, 2022

SUBMITTED BY: Don Barrett

SUBCOMMITTEE NAME: Standing Subcommittee on Waste Reduction (SSCoWR)

SUBMITTED DATE: June 15, 2022

LAST SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE: June 2, 2022

NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE: July 7, 2022

Subcommittee Goal:

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

Summary:

1. Sustainability Chair Comments

- Chair Barrett stated he would like outstanding issues to be listed on the subcommittee agenda under “Sustainability Chair Comments.”
- Chair Barrett said he preferred future subcommittee reports to the Sustainability Commission meeting to be provided by the Sustainability Chair in conjunction with city staff.
- Chair Barrett provided his chair e-mail as: Don.Barrett-ABM@palmsspringsca.gov

2. SB1383 Planning - Short Lived Climate Pollutant (SLCP)

- City staff attended a training for CalRecycle’s Electronic Annual Report (EAR) on June 2nd. The reporting module has changed and will now include SB1383 reporting. The EAR report is due October 3, 2022 and will include CY 2021 data and Short Lived Climate Pollutant (SLCP) (SB1383) data from January 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022. Due to the volume of changes to the EAR report, CalRecycle will host Q&A sessions on June 28th and July 7th. CalRecycle now refers to SB 1383 as SLCP.
- City staff is in the process of creating Edible Food Recovery Agreements with Tier 1 food providers. The report is due to Riverside County on July 1, 2022 and the County will be providing a county wide report to CalRecycle on August 1, 2022.
- Palm Springs Unified School District Implementation – staff does not have an update at this time for the 28 school sites.

3. Franchise Update

- The updated draft franchise agreement was presented to City Council on May 26, 2022. Joanna Gin of the City’s legal counsel provided a presentation providing a brief overview of SB1383 (SLCP) requirements and the updates to the draft franchise agreement. PSDS provided an overview of the three (3) rate options and City Council indicated their preference for Option 1 of the rate options. City Council asked for staff to provide pre SB1383 (SLCP) rates from the jurisdictions located within Coachella Valley and post SB1383 (SLCP) rates for those cities who have passed their updated franchise agreements. The next presentation to City Council is on June 16, 2022.
- Commissioner Clark stated during last week’s Franchise Agreement discussion Mayor Middleton stated there will have to be a lot of training. To assure Council that education is already in process, Commissioner Clark suggests a one page overview of the outreach and education efforts which have been occurring throughout 2022 be provided at the June 16, 2022 City Council meeting.

4. Food Ware Ordinance

- ReCreate Waste Collaborative, LLC, met with businesses in person the week of May 17-20, 2022. Abbe and Associates met with businesses in person the week of May 23-26, 2022. Abbe and Associates contract concluded on May 30, 2022 as it depleted the funds available in the contract. To date, the consultants have met with all food providers and continue communications via phone, e-mail and in person visits.
- City staff is inquiring with the SSCoWR committee if there are any recommendations on enforcement. In regard to enforcement, the ordinance allows for warnings, \$100, \$250 and \$500 fines.
- City staff is inquiring with the SSCoWR committee if there are any recommendations on a recognition program which highlights businesses that are in compliance with the ordinance.
- McDonald's and Starbuck's both submitted exemption request forms for the CY 2022 while working with corporate on compliance.
- City staff have continued to receive Sustainably Food Ware Scholarship applications and have processed 17 applications thus far and have 23 applications in process which are incomplete application submissions.
- In regard to compostable products, Liz with PSDS stated Edom Hill will accept fiber based compostable products but will not accept compostable bioplastics, such as fork, spoons, knives, and the compostable bioplastics will be diverted to a landfill. PSDS will confirm with Burrtec for their Edom Hill and Coachella Valley Compost sites for a list of acceptable compostable materials.
- Commissioner Clark inquired on the disconnect between the City's ordinance requiring compostable waste and facilities not accepting them.
- Chair Barrett requested the Department of Sustainability seek answers to the following questions:
 1. What are other cities doing?
 2. Has a city found a solution?
- The California cities which currently have food ware ordinances are: Arcata, Berkeley, Culver City, Fairfax, Marin, Pacifica, Palm Springs, San Anselmo, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa and Watsonville.
- Chair Barrett requested staff contact Culver City and San Luis Obispo, cities closest to Palm Springs, to obtain information on their progress in Food Ware Ordinance.

6. Battery Recycling Project

- Staff have collected and shipped fourteen (14) containers of batteries (approximately 490 pounds) since the last report.

7. Shredding and E-waste Collection Event

- The next shredding and e-waste recycling event is planned for Saturday, October 15, 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

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Continue following up with businesses who are not in compliance with recycling and organics requirements.

POTENTIAL FISCAL IMPACT/REQUEST IF ANY:

N/A