



SSCoWR Subcommittee Report

PRESENTED FOR COMMISSION MEETING DATE:

SUBMITTED BY: Don Barrett

SUBCOMMITTEE NAME: Standing Subcommittee on Waste Reduction (SSCoWR)

SUBMITTED DATE: October 18, 2023

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE: September 7, 2023

NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE: TBD

Subcommittee Meeting Goal:

Divert 90% of waste generated ~~by~~ in the City of Palm Springs from landfill by 2030. (note suggested change)

Summary:

Composting/recycling:

- PSDS will be at 3 HOA/NOrgs in next month to start catching seasonal returnees
- Discussed need to interact with vacation rental agencies
- Noted problems with green carts being stolen both at residents and businesses. Discussed possibly securing, and impact on PSDS audits
- Noted that there are ambassadors working with businesses, and need to put name/address on cart.

Food recovery (SB 1383):

- Tier 1 (grocery stores): already doing that through FIND (Food In Need of Distribution) Food Bank.
- Tier 2 (large restaurants): Comparatively few in PS (e.g., Elmers) and has been more difficult there. FIND offered to do the monitoring of tier 2 restaurants but would be charge; some assistance may be through CalRecycle; need to start reporting by 1/1/2024
 - Opportunity for a startup business
- Noted need to address food recovery at food carts and food truck.
- Noted need to work with VillageFest on food recovery, reusable foodware, and ban on styrofoam

Other:

- Noted need to work on websites to make recycling requirements clearer. Pyrex was mentioned at an item that is not recyclable as glass (tempered glass, not easily broken up).

Recommendation/Request

(none at this time)

ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO COMMISSION	(none at this time)
ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY	Updates on issues noted in summary.
POTENTIAL FISCAL IMPACT/REQUEST IF ANY:	Funding of recovery audit of tier 2 restaurants.