



## Meeting Report: Standing Subcommittee on Climate Action

<b>PRESENTED FOR COMMISSION MEETING DATE:</b> 16 January 2024	<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b> Roy Clark (Chairperson)
<b>SUBCOMMITTEE NAME:</b> Standing Subcommittee on Climate Action	<b>DATE SUBMITTED:</b> 1 January 2024
<b>SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS:</b> Roy Clark, Kathy Cohn, Erik Graham, Prema Walker	<b>NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING:</b> 10 January 2024
<b>SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE:</b> 13 December 2023	

**Subcommittee Goal:** Develop and implement policies and plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the City of Palm Springs by 40% from 1990 levels by 2030. (Reference: Palm Springs Climate Action Roadmap, dated 28 October 2021)

**Summary of meeting**

Transportation Survey:

- Christian Wheeler listed the locations and media where the survey had been publicized. At the Farmer’s Market on December 9, 160 responses with 12 from visitors

History of Climate Action Activities:

- Roy Clark reviewed the 2021 Vulnerability Analysis: Impact and Adaptive Capacity are shown in a matrix to assess Vulnerability of natural systems, built systems, and human systems; results of the Vulnerability Analysis can be integrated into goals, policies, and implementation actions of the General Plan

Priorities for presentations at upcoming meetings

- January: PlaceWorks GHG analysis process; 2022 update—Christian Wheeler
- February: Results of Transportation Survey; implications for CV Link—Christian Wheeler, CVAG rep

Priorities for near-term activities

- Subcommittee members will review (1) Appendix A of the Vulnerability Assessment, (2) the 2013 Climate Action Plan, and (3) the 2016 Sustainability Plan, and will discuss activities at the January 10 meeting that could be completed in the near term. Christian Wheeler identified some activities in the 2013 Climate Action Plan at the December 13 meeting.

Drive-through coffee shop

- The Subcommittee discussed the public testimony from the Sustainability Commission that will be given at the December 14 City Council meeting regarding the proposed coffee shop at North Palm Canyon Drive and Racquet Club Road

Shade structures

- The plan for obtaining shade structures for parks presented by the Public Arts Commission at the November Commission meeting was discussed. The discussion will continue at the January Subcommittee meeting with focus on what involvement the Sustainability Commission will have, if any. The Subcommittee will report at the January Commission meeting.

Food truck generators

- LP McCloy will provide information from staff reports on dealing with emissions from food truck generators. The Subcommittee will report at the January Commission meeting.

**Recommendation/Request to Subcommittee**

Continue to prioritize presentations to the subcommittee on ongoing activities, internal and external to the City (include other Commissioners?)

- GHG analysis and modeling (PlaceWorks) (January)
- CVAG, including CV Link (February)
- Airport expansion (LP and PSP General Manager)
- Convention Center
- Bicycle routes (Christian and Engineering)
- City fleet electrification (LP)
- Sunline routes/expansion (Sunline General Manager)
- Desert Community Energy

<b><u>Request To Commission</u></b>	Read this report and tell Subcommittee what you would like discussed in more detail in Commission meeting
<b><u>Request To Office of Sustainability</u></b>	<p>Expand outreach and education to City Council, City staff, and other commissions; meeting notices and written messaging; integrate sustainability with other organizations</p> <p>Support new activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GHG inventory, 2020 update and new 2022 (PlaceWorks)</li> <li>Identify the number of houses in the City with solar panels</li> <li>Identify the number of electric vehicles registered in the City by recent year</li> <li>Survey how EV drivers in the City charge their vehicles</li> <li>Develop EV rideshare programs to serve disadvantaged areas and Navigation Center</li> </ul>
<b><u>Potential Fiscal Impact/Request</u></b>	<p>Unknown</p> <p>Could be a lot of money required in the long term to implement strategic activities</p>