



DATE: December 9, 2019

AGENDA ITEM #4

TO: Environmental Commission
FROM: Callie Niday, Staff Liaison
SUBJECT: Environmental Commission Work Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and take action, as appropriate, on the 2019/20 Environmental Commission Work Plan

BACKGROUND

The Environmental Commission met in a Joint Meeting with the City Council on May 7, 2019 to review the Commission's 2018/19 Accomplishments and Draft 2019/20 Target areas and discussed issues and projects for the upcoming year. Based on this discussion, the targets were finalized, and the 2019/20 Work Plan was developed. The Targets and Work Plan are intended to focus the Commission's agenda items and will serve as a roadmap for projects and actions, as appropriate, during the 2019/20 year.

DISCUSSION

Environmental Commission Targets and resulting Work Plan for 2019/20 are:

1. Climate Action Plan
2. Water Conservation and Stormwater Management
3. Solid Waste Diversion
4. Community Outreach and Education

The Commission will review the targets, projects, and status updates at each of its monthly meetings and act appropriately.

Attachments:

- A. Single Use Plastics Subcommittee Memo
- B. 2019/20 Targets and Work Plan

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To: Environmental Commission

From: Single Use Plastics Subcommittee
Halkola, Weiden, Yuan

Subject: Environmental Commission
2018/2019 Targets & Work Plan

Discussed the status of the Subcommittee investigation at the February 11, 2019 Environmental Commission Meeting. Committee agreed that the Subcommittee should continue investigating and reporting on ordinances and regulations under consideration. This is an update for the December 9, 2019 Environmental Commission Meeting

1. State of California
 - a. A single use plastics bill, SB 54 by Allen and Wiener was not voted on during the 2019 session and will return in 2020.
 - i. Current requirements include that manufacturers and retailers of single use plastic packaging or products in CA to reduce waste generation through combined source reduction and recycling by 30% on 1/1/2026, 40% on 1/1/2028 and 75% by 1/1/2030.
 - ii. Information on the Bill is located at http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB54
 - b. On October 30, 2019, an application for an Initiative was filed with the CA Attorney General. If the Initiative qualifies, it could appear on the November 2020 ballot. <https://www.sfchronicle.com/politics/article/California-s-plastic-pollution-fight-may-be-14809106.php>
 - i. Requirements include that manufacturers and retailers of single use plastic packaging or products in CA to reduce waste generation through combined source reduction and recycling by 20% on 1/1/2023, 40% on 1/1/2025 and 80% by 1/1/2030
2. Santa Clara County
 - a. County of Santa Clara Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission (Los Altos is a voting member of this Commission) www.reducewaste.org
 - b. The County Waste Reduction Commission proposed the Ad Hoc Model Foodware Ordinance Committee (Most Cities in the County are participating)
 - c. A draft model ordinance has been circulated and will be reviewed by the committee at a meeting scheduled for 12/10/2019.
3. City of Los Altos
 - a. Andrea Trese is the Los Altos representative to the Ad Hoc Model Foodware Ordinance Committee

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

2019/20 Targets & Work Plan

December 9, 2019

Targets	Projects	Assignments	Target Date	City Priority related to	Status
Climate Action Plan	Review and comment on Building and Electric Vehicle Reach Codes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subcommittee -Don Weiden, Laura Tekslar and Lei Yuan 	January 2020	CAP Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SVCE presentation of Building Model Reach Code language on May 29, 2019; SVCE presentation of Electric Vehicle Model Reach Code language on June 6, 2019; SVCE presentation of Reach Codes to Commission on July 8, 2019; Commission made a motion to support staff development and ratification of a reach code; Subcommittee met on July 15, 2019; the subcommittee will come back with recommendations to City staff by the next EC meeting; the Commission discussed and selected reach code pathways on Oct. 14, 2019; the Commission reviewed the draft commission presentation to City Council on Nov. 5, 2019 The City Council directed the EC and City staff to pursue an all-electric reach code ordinance.
	Update of City's CAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subcommittee to work with staff and Subconsultant 	Monthly	CAP Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sustainability Coordinator position was approved by the City Council for the Fiscal Year 2019-20 / 2020-21 Operating Budget on June 11, 2019; the job posting has been created (Oct. 2019) and interviews will take place Nov. 2019 The CAP is on hold until the new Sustainability Coordinator is on board
Water Conservation & Stormwater Management	Green Infrastructure Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist staff in development and review of Plan 	June 2019	Storm Water Regional Discharge Permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff made a presentation of their final plan to the Environmental Commission on May 13, 2019 Approved by City Council on July 9, 2019

Solid Waste Diversion	Provide review comments on Solid Waste Disposal Contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subcommittee Don Weiden, Laura Tekler and Chad Martin 	January 2020	Solid Waste Disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subcommittee met with staff and City Consultant on March 20, 2019 for a study session; City held a Community Meeting on May 15, 2019; staff met with subcommittee on Thursday, August 15; a Study Session was held with City Council on August 27; Commission approved a statement to City Council on Oct. 14, 2019; the contract was approved by Council on Oct. 22, 2019
	Investigate initiatives on limiting single use plastics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subcommittee to work with staff and Subconsultant 	Monthly	Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update to EC on June 10, 2019 The City of Los Altos is participating in the Ad Hoc Model Foodware Ordinance Committee Andrea Trese from the City's Engineering Division is the Los Altos representative The draft model ordinance should be distributed to the County Ad Hoc Committee members for discussion in Nov. 2019.
Community Outreach & Education	Develop program in collaboration with the Los Altos History Museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Education Fund held by LACF David Klein 	June 2019	Public outreach and education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination with History Museum Apricot Stem Fair EnviroThon Challenge held at the Apricot STEM Fair on June 30, 2019 Winners and awards were selected at the EC meeting of July 8, 2019
	Update environmental measures on the City web site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chad Martin 	Ongoing	Public outreach and education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City staff is currently looking into gaining access to the City's website
	Continue gas-powered leaf blower ban outreach and education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Tekler 	Ongoing	Public outreach and education	
	Continue anti-idling outreach and education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don Weiden 	Ongoing	Public outreach and education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 10, 2019 Report on Los Altos HS Survey Results
	Continue to support SVCEA community outreach and education		Ongoing	Public outreach and education	

	Assist staff with various outreach and education efforts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Action Plan • Water Conservation • Storm Water Management • Solid Waste Diversion • Urban Forest / Trees • Downtown Vision 		Public outreach and education	
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