



DATE: July 13, 2020

AGENDA ITEM #3

**TO:** Environmental Commission  
**FROM:** Emiko Ancheta, Staff Liaison  
**SUBJECT:** Environmental Commission Work Plan

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Review and take action, as appropriate, on the 2020/21 Environmental Commission Work Plan

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**BACKGROUND**

The Environmental Commission met in a Joint Meeting with the City Council on May 5, 2020 to review the Commission's 2019/20 Accomplishments and Draft 2020/21 Target areas and discussed issues and projects for the upcoming year. Based on this discussion, the targets were finalized, and the 2020/21 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 2020/21 year.

**DISCUSSION**

Environmental Commission Targets and resulting Work Plan for 2020/21 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.

**ATTACHMENT:**

- A. 2020/21 Targets and Work Plan
- B. PGE Support Letter
- C. Mission Trail Waste System Amended and Restated Collection Service Agreement Summary

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

### 2020/21 Targets & Work Plan

July 13, 2020

Targets	Projects	Assignments	Target Date	City Priority related to	Status
<b>Climate Action Plan</b>	Building and Electric Vehicle Reach Codes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subcommittee -Don Weiden, Laura Tekler and Lei Yuan</li> </ul>	July 2020	CAP Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On November 19, 2019, City Council directed the EC and City staff to pursue an All-Electric Reach Code Ordinance and conduct outreach</li> <li>Reach Code community webinar was held April 29, 2020</li> <li>EC Subcommittee and staff to revise ordinance, review outreach feedback and discuss recommendation</li> <li>Reach Code Ordinance on Council Agenda for Fall 2020</li> </ul>
	Update of City's CAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subcommittee to work with staff and Subconsultant</li> </ul>	Monthly	CAP Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget for consultant confirmed and staff will discuss next steps with City management team</li> <li>EC to work with staff and consultant to update the City's Climate Action Plan</li> <li>RFP is targeted for Summer 2020</li> </ul>
<b>Water Conservation &amp; Stormwater Management</b>	Green Infrastructure Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assist staff in development and review of Plan</li> </ul>	Monthly	Storm Water Regional Discharge Permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff made a presentation of the Green Stormwater Infrastructure Plan to the Environmental Commission on May 13, 2019</li> <li>This was approved by City Council on July 9, 2019</li> <li>Staff is developing an update to the Integrated Pesticide Management (IPM) policy</li> <li>Staff to present EC with a draft IPM Policy update at the July 13, 2020 EC meeting</li> </ul>

Solid Waste Diversion	Provide review comments on Solid Waste Disposal Contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subcommittee Don Weiden, Laura Tekler and Bruno Delagneau</li> </ul>	May 2020	Solid Waste Disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Mission Trails Waste System (MTWS) Contract was approved by City Council on Oct. 22, 2019</li> <li>The MTWS Contract extension will be finalized in 2020</li> <li>The Amended and Restated Collection Service Agreement between the City of Los Altos and MTWS was executed on April 23, 2020</li> </ul>
	Investigate initiatives on limiting single use plastics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subcommittee to work with Staff and Subconsultant</li> </ul>	Monthly	Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Andrea Trese (Assistant Civil Engineer) and Emiko Ancheta (Sustainability Coordinator) are the Los Altos representatives for the Ad Hoc Model Foodware Ordinance Committee</li> <li>The second draft of the ordinance was reviewed at the Feb. 2020 Adhoc meeting</li> <li>Per Council direction staff is modifying the ordinance and conducting internal review with a goal to present ordinance to Council in Dec. 2020</li> <li>Draft ordinance to be presented to EC in August 2020</li> </ul>
Community Outreach & Education	Develop program in collaboration with the Los Altos History Museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental Education Fund held by LACF</li> <li>David Klein</li> </ul>	June 2020	Public outreach and education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EC coordinates with History Museum for Apricot Stem Fair; EnviroThon Challenge held at the annual Apricot STEM Fair</li> <li>EC will coordinate w/ History Museum for annual event</li> <li>All City events cancelled/postponed for 2020 due to COVID-19</li> </ul>
	Update environmental measures on the City web site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David Klein</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Public outreach and education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City's new Public Information's Officer, Sonia Lee will work together with staff and Subcommittee on updating the City's website, including the Environmental Resources Dashboard</li> <li>Reach Code information page created and linked to EC webpage on April 2020</li> </ul>
	Continue gas-powered leaf blower (GPLB) ban outreach and education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laura Tekler</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Public outreach and education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Linda Ziff gave an update on her team's efforts to educate about the GPLB at the March 9, 2020 EC meeting</li> </ul>

Continue anti-idling outreach and education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don Weiden</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Public outreach and education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On June 10, 2019, the Los Altos HS Survey Results were presented</li> <li>• The EC has been supporting the efforts of Greentown Los Altos</li> </ul>
Continue to support SVCEA community outreach and education		Ongoing	Public outreach and education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reach Code webinar was held April 29, 2020</li> </ul>
Assist staff with various outreach and education efforts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate Action Plan</li> <li>• Water Conservation</li> <li>• Storm Water Management</li> <li>• Solid Waste Diversion</li> <li>• Urban Forest / Trees</li> <li>• Downtown Vision</li> </ul>		Public outreach and education	



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California Energy Commission  
Docket Unit, MS-4  
Re: Docket No. 19-BSTD-03  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, California 95814-5512

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proud to provide electric and natural gas service to our customers. And we are committed to helping customers and the community achieve their energy goals. As part of this commitment, PG&E welcomes the opportunity to support the California Energy Commission's efforts to advance efficient, all-electric new construction, when it is feasible and cost-effective, through the forthcoming rulemaking for the 2022 iteration of California's Energy Code (Title 24, Part 6).

PG&E strongly supports California's climate and clean air goals. We recognize that achieving these goals require a range of approaches and tools, including increasing the use of energy-efficient electric appliances in buildings when cost-effective. PG&E welcomes the opportunity to avoid investments in new gas assets that might later prove underutilized as local governments and the state work together to realize long-term decarbonization objectives. With all this in mind, PG&E supports state and local government policies that promote all-electric new construction when it is feasible and cost-effective. PG&E supports and encourages investment in the supporting code compliance and enforcement tools and resources that will be needed to implement the evolving requirements in the forthcoming 2022 Energy Code.

Beyond new construction, PG&E believes a multi-faceted approach is needed to cost-effectively achieve California's broader economy-wide long-term GHG reduction objectives, including both electrification and decarbonizing the gas system with renewable natural gas and hydrogen. As California's decarbonization policies evolve, PG&E will continue to ensure the safe and reliable operation of the electric and gas systems to continue supporting the customers that depend on us.

PG&E appreciates the opportunity to comment and support the Energy Commission during its triennial rulemaking process, including through our role as statewide leads for the Codes & Standards program. Participating in the rulemaking process, and utilizing the time between code adoption and the effective date, allows us to prepare for the future and continue providing the best service possible to customers. PG&E continuously forecasts load in its service territory and implements upgrades to the distribution grid to meet the demand. PG&E fully expects to meet the needs that all-electric buildings will require. PG&E remains ready to engage with our customers, local government, businesses, and community members to meet their needs safely, reliably, affordably, and with clean energy.

June 23, 2020

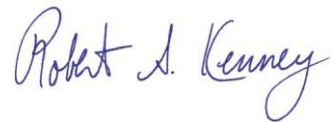
Attachment B

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PG&E looks forward to continuing to work with the California Energy Commission to accomplish its policy goals.

Thank you, and have a safe day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert S. Kenney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'R' and 'K'.

Robert S. Kenney  
Vice President

cc: Mark Krausse

### **Amended and Restated Collection Service Agreement-Mission Trail Waste System (MTWS)**

The Amended and Restated Collection Service Agreement between the City of Los Altos and MTWS was executed on April 23, 2020. The agreement approves a 10-year extension terminating September 30, 2030. MTWS minimum diversion requirement reset to an achievable level of 65%, while maintaining a goal of 78% and compliance with State recycling mandates. The agreement will require roll-out of organics services to all non-exempt commercial customers by July 1, 2021. Additional relevant changes to the agreement can be found below:

- Deployment of all new compressed natural gas fueled collection vehicles by October 1, 2021
- Increase in bulky waste collection from one to two routes, with the option to add additional routes (with a commensurate rate increase) if two routes are not sufficient to meet demand during the peak summer season
- Potential for additional future rate adjustments due to unknown changes in City-directed disposal facility or disposal rates (after expiration of existing disposal agreement on November 20, 2023)
- Annual adjustments to correct for changes to MTWS's cost of organics processing
- No future adjustments to rates due to changes in recyclables processing costs or sales/redemption revenues
- SB 1383 meet-and-confer provision to allow for changes in contamination monitoring procedures, cart and bin labeling, or other changes if needed for compliance
- Provision allowing MTWS to dispose of un-marketable recyclable materials, upon MTWS request and City approval
- MTWS will re-route Thursday routes to achieve operational efficiencies necessary for agreed-on rate adjustments
- Performance bond amount increased to \$1.5M
- Additional requirements added regarding fleet lifecycle and vehicle maintenance and upkeep
- Additional annual report items
- Addition of bulky waste collection promptness of service requirements
- Addition of liquidated damages for existing requirements
- MTWS to maintain all other currently provided services

The complete Amended and Restated Collection Service Agreement for Mission Trail Waste System can be found on the City website at: <https://www.losaltosca.gov/publicworks/page/trash-pick-and-recycling>