



AGENDA

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Wednesday, February 16, 2022
6:00 PM – **Remote Access Only**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Michelle Beritzhoff-Law, Bryce Ebrahimian, Margaux Keiser, Meredith Keet, Peter Wilk - Chair

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS *(No action may be taken)*

All correspondence received prior to 12 NOON on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Commissioners to review. The Committee Members may not discuss Written Communications to any significant degree but may request issues raised be placed on a future agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 20, 2021

OTHER BUSINESS

1. 2022 Work Plan
2. Organics/Recycling Guide
3. Elect Chair and Vice-Chair
4. Meeting schedule review

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

ADJOURNMENT to March 16, 2022

Notice: The Commission on the Environment meets monthly 6:00 PM. Meetings are Remote Access Only.

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DRAFT MINUTES
Commission on the Environment
Regular Meeting
October 20, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioners Present: Cathlin Atchison, Michelle Beritzhoff-Law, Margaux Keiser Meredith Keet, Peter Wilk - Chair

Commissioners Absent: Bryce Ebrahimian

City Staff Present: Steve Jesberg, Danielle Uharriet

Chairperson Wilk called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

WRITTEN & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 15, 2021 minutes were approved (Keet/Keiser)

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Restaurant Guide/Compostable and Biodegradable Take Out Materials

Michelle Beritzhoff-Law presented a draft 2-sided guide design with bullet points of the current ordinance regulations.

A discussion ensued about detail of content, outreach to restaurants and ordinance enforcement. Education is a priority before enforcement; product stream of eco-friendly products and financial hardship may be challenges for some businesses. Current enforcement is by complaint only. The Commission discussed enforcement utilizing volunteers, use of the current fining structure, and development of an action plan for enforcement to present to the city manager and city council.

Steve Jesberg commented initially the city hired Save Our Shores to assist with implementation of the new ordinance with an educational outreach campaign and enforcement effort with the restaurants. He noted budget would need to be designated for enforcement. He will discuss the enforcement plan with the city manager; and the City Council may consider setting the enforcement plan as a priority work item during a Council work program review at the beginning of 2022. Additionally, there are new plastics regulations that the city will be considering at the beginning of 2022.

The Commission unanimously supported the 2-sided design with quick easy and clear information and the following actions:

- A. Michelle Beritzhoff-Law will refine the 2-sided guide/flyer design including graphics and penalties
- B. COE will develop a plan for enforcement for staff to discuss with the City Manager and City Council

2. Western Monarch Count

Meredith Keet commented Elkhorn Slough was hosting a virtual event highlighting native planting for pollinators.

Cathlin Atchison stated the Xerces Society is now promoting planting for pollinators, not just the correct milkweed or correct plants for monarchs. She suggested the COE promote the proper plants.

3. Residential Composting Update

Beginning January 2022, the Marina Landfill will be accepting residential organics in the green cans. Greenwaste Recovery will be the lead on a public education campaign.

4. State passed Gas Powered Leaf Blower Ban

On October 9, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 1346. This bill would require the state board, by July 1, 2022, consistent with federal law, to adopt cost-effective and technologically feasible regulations to prohibit engine exhaust and evaporative emissions from new small off-road engines. The bill would require the state board to identify and, to the extent feasible, make available funding for commercial rebates or similar incentive funding as part of any updates to existing applicable funding program guidelines to local air pollution control districts and air quality management districts to implement to support the transition to zero-emission small off-road equipment operations.

5. 2022 Meeting Schedule

The Commission unanimously approved the 2022 meeting schedule. (Beritzhoff-Law/Keet)

6. Cancel December 15, 2021 meeting

The Commission unanimously approved canceling the December 15, 2021 meeting. (Keiser/Beritzhoff-Law)

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Restaurant Guide/Compostable and Biodegradable Take Out Materials
Review the 2021 work plan

ADJOURNMENT to November 17, 2021

Approved at the meeting of January 19, 2022

Danielle Uharriet
Environmental Projects Manager

**CITY OF CAPITOLA
COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
Agenda Report**

Meeting Date: February 16, 2022

Agenda Item: 1

Subject: 2022 Work Plan

The following is a summary of the 2021 COE Work Plan. The COE should consider continued work items and developing new work items, focusing on prioritizing, identify realistic goals, and discuss strategies for competing items.

#1 Compostable and Biodegradable Take Out Materials Restaurant Guide

The COE discussed the content and basic design of a guide; and will continue to refine a 2-sided guide/flyer design with quick easy and clear information to be distributed to local restaurants. Further development of a plan for enforcement for staff to discuss with the City Manager and City Council

#2 Soquel Creek/Peery Park Riparian Restoration

The city's consulting riparian restoration specialist developed a detailed plan for expanding restoration work in Peery Park/Rispin Park, however this work has not been funded.

#3 Climate Action Plan (CAP)

The city has taken steps toward reducing its impact on the environment by quantifying its 2005 baseline community-wide GHG emissions and regularly updating the inventory in 2010, 2015, 2018 and 2019; and has already met the 2020 AB 32 GHG emissions reduction targets. The most recent inventory will move to further reductions by 2030 as well as the 2045 carbon neutrality goal with continues focus on emissions reductions in transportation and natural gas.

The Commission discussed transportation contributions have been going down and will continue to decline with the increased use of electric cars. The reduction of natural gas emissions will take the conversion of gas appliances to electricity. The COE may develop action items for inclusion in a presentation/report to the City Council by the Community Development Director.

#4 Heritage Tree Investigation/Revision of Tree Ordinance

The was no progress in the investigative and information gathering stage for heritage trees. Rewriting the ordinance is a Planning Department work item as time and staff permit. No further action was taken by the COE.

#5 Composting Investigation

The COE began to explore available options and strategize about ways to encourage residents and businesses to compost. On January 1, 2022 a state wide regulation (SB1383) requires residents to include food waste and yard waste in the green organics container. Greenwaste Recovery mailed a flyer to all residents before the holidays and rate correction flyer at the end of 2021. A sticker for green organics cans will be distributed citywide by Greenwaste.

#6 Native Milkweed Campaign

The COE continued discussing ways to promote the proper plants to improve monarch habitat and promoted the Xerces annual butterfly count at the end of 2021.

#7 Gas Powered Leaf Blower Ban

The City Council requested the COE to consider prohibiting gas-powered leaf blowers. After reviewing several studies and other readily available information on gas vs. electric leaf blowers the COE provided an executive summary recommending the City Council not consider ban at this time.

On October 9, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 1346. The bill requires the state board begin strategies to transition to zero-emission small off-road equipment operations.

**CITY OF CAPITOLA
COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
Agenda Report**

Meeting Date: February 16, 2022

Agenda Item: 2

Subject: Organics/Composting Update

On January 1, 2022 a state wide regulation (SB1383) was implemented requiring residents to include food waste and yard waste in the green organics container. Greenwaste Recovery mailed a flyer (attachment 1) to all residents before the holidays and rate correction flyer at the end of 2021. A sticker (attachment 2) for the green organics curbside bin will be distributed citywide by Greenwaste. Solutions to address multi-family residential complexes that do not have individual green bins for organics collection are in the process of being resolved.

Greenwaste will be giving an organics presentation to the City Council at the February 24, 2022 meeting.

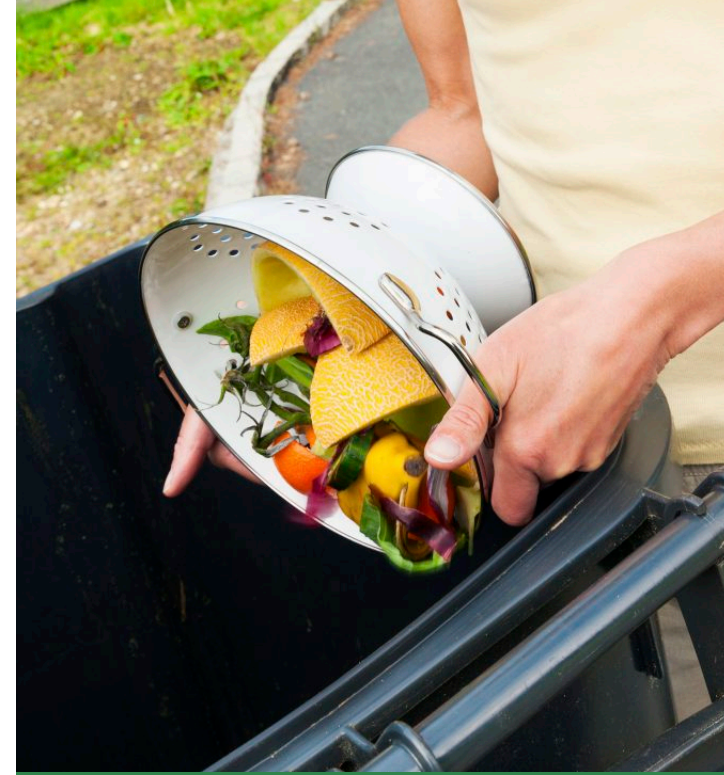
COMING SOON to CAPITOLA

Starting January 1, 2022

ORGANICS RECYCLING PROGRAM

Food and yard waste in landfills emit 20% of the state's methane. Methane, a climate super pollutant, is 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide. In compliance with new statewide regulation (SB1383), the City of Capitola will be required to include food scraps to current yard waste collection services. All food waste and yard waste will soon need to be placed in your green organics container. This new program will increase monthly waste collection costs, which will be included in the January 1, 2022 rate adjustment.

There will be no change to your service schedule.



Your Guide to Recycling

ORGANICS

YARD WASTE & FOOD SCRAPS

A Service for Capitola Residents



375 Industrial Rd.
Watsonville, CA 95076

IMPORTANT:
SERVICE CHANGE INFORMATION!

Disponible en español a pedido. Comuníquese con Servicio al Cliente al 831.426.2711 para solicitar que se le envíe uno por correo.



Tips for collecting food scraps from your home:

Use a **lidded container** to collect food scraps from your kitchen.



Keep food scraps indoors in a cool place. If you have room, try freezing or refrigerating food scraps until disposal.

Wait until the night before or the morning of your service day to place food scraps in your cart.

Clean your food scraps container regularly.



Pails are available to residential customers upon request. Please call GreenWaste Customer Service to request delivery.

Tips for your organics cart:

Keep your cart in a **cool place** and set out your cart the night before or the morning of your service day by 7:00 a.m.

Set out your organics cart even if it isn't full.

Make sure that the lid of the cart is kept closed. **Do not overfill** your cart.

Layer yard waste and food scraps.

Clean your organics cart regularly.

Visit our website for even more tips!
www.greenwaste.com



ORGANICS SERVICE GUIDE

If it can be eaten or grown in a field or garden, it can be composted.

YARD WASTE

YES:

Weeds, leaves, vines, grass, small branches, houseplants, plant clippings and flowers



NO:

Dirt, sod, rocks, pet waste, treated wood waste (painted, stained or pressure treated), sawdust, palm fronds, ice plant, poison oak, branches larger than 6" in diameter and 3' in length

FOOD SCRAPS

YES:

Fruits, vegetables, dairy products, grains, bread, coffee grounds and filters, eggshells, cooked meats and bones



NO:

Plastics, grease, glass, metals, raw meats, liquids, compostable and non-compostable utensils, condiment packets, plastic wrap, plastic bags, foil, silverware, drinking straws, bottles, polystyrene (Styrofoam) or chemicals

Residential Rates

| Garbage Cart Size | Monthly Rate |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 10-gallon | \$16.52 |
| 20-gallon | \$18.60 |
| 32-gallon | \$25.81 |
| 64-gallon | \$51.48 |
| 96-gallon | \$77.14 |

New residential rates are effective January 1, 2022. Included with each garbage cart is one 64-gallon recyclables and one 64-gallon organics cart at no additional charge.

If you have any questions about these changes or the program, please contact GreenWaste Recovery Customer Service at 831.768.9505.

To learn more, visit www.greenwaste.com

Notice of Rate Increase

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022

Recently, an organics service guide was sent to residents outlining a new residential organics program and service rates starting January 1, 2022. Unfortunately, the rates within the brochure were incorrect. New collection rates for the City of Capitola are below, effective January 1, 2022.

Residential Rates

| Garbage Cart Size | Monthly Rate |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 10-gallon | \$16.52 |
| 20-gallon | \$19.63 |
| 35-gallon | \$22.26 |
| 64-gallon | \$37.88 |
| 96-gallon | \$53.69 |



www.GreenWaste.com





375 Industrial Rd.
Watsonville, CA 95076

RIGHT SIZE YOUR CART

If you don't fill up your trash cart every week, you may save money by downsizing. The smaller the trash cart the less you pay.



Visit us online at
www.greenwaste.com

See Reverse For Important Information About Your Rates

FOOD SCRAPS

Restos de comida

**YES!
SÍ!**

Please put food scraps in your green cart to be composted.
Coloque los restos de comida en su carrito verde para que se conviertan en abono.



Fruits & vegetables / Frutas y verduras



Cooked meats & dairy / Carnes cocidas y lácteos



Coffee & tea / Café y té



Grains / Granos

NO!

Plastic* / Plástico*



Paper* / Papel*



Raw meat / Carne cruda



Glass / Vidrio



Metal / Metal



*Including compostables / *Incluyendo compostables

Liquids / Líquidos
+ Grease / + Grasa

Questions? Contract GreenWaste Recovery for more information.
¿Preguntas? Comuníquese con GreenWaste Recovery para obtener más información.

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