City Council Meeting
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Item 1.B.8.

Council Agenda Report

To: Mayor Silverstein and the Honorable Members of the City Council

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Date prepared: September 10, 2026 Meeting date: September 28, 2026

Subject: Earth Friendly Management Policy Annual Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file the Earth Friendly Management Policy annual report from July 2025 to June 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION: N/A

DISCUSSION: On June 24, 2019, Council adopted Resolution 19-32, implementing the Earth Friendly Management Policy (EFMP) (malibucity.org/earthfriendly). The EFMP was adopted following the completion of an Initial Study, as required under the California Environmental Quality Act. The EFMP replaced the Integrated Pest Management Policy and Organic-Only Pesticides Pilot Program. The EFMP applies to all City-owned, managed, or leased properties except those not studied in the Initial Study.

The Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) is responsible for the oversight of the EFMP. In 2021, the Commission established an EFMP Working Group (Working Group) to review and provide feedback on program and outreach development, education, and partnership strategies. The Working Group meets quarterly, and members include Kian Shulman, Commission Chair Judy Villablanca, Commissioner Georgia Goldfarb, and Dr. Florybeth La Valle from Pepperdine University. Additionally, the Commission receives quarterly EFMP updates at a Regular meeting.

A requirement of the policy includes an annual report provided to Council outlining goals, accomplishments, key initiatives, and emergency use of organic pesticides.

Priorities, accomplishments, and organic pesticide use from July 2025 through June 2026 are outlined below,

- Partnered with the Malibu Library to host educational classes focused on policy initiatives
- Organized a pollinator plant giveaway at Legacy Park in partnership with the Los Angeles County Fire Department Forestry Division
- Oversaw landscape maintenance at City properties to ensure work was completed following the EFMP
- Completed the 2025 Mayors' Monarch Pledge
- Installed a Pollinator Garden at Malibu Bluffs Park in Partnership with the Santa Monica Mountains Fund
- Offered five educational lectures in partnership with the Malibu Monarch Project. Experts on various subjects provided information on Chaparral Ecology, Santa Monica Mountains Biodiversity, and watersheds of the Santa Monica Mountains. Lecture series attendance exceeded 145 individuals.
- Completed seasonal non-native plant removal at all City Parks by mechanical methods or hand-weeding
- Initiated the emergency use of Pyrethrum Concentrate at Malibu Bluffs Park Michael Landon Center due to an insect infestation

The EFMP working group established the following goals for Fiscal Year 2026-27,

- Complete and present quarterly reports to the Parks and Recreation Commission
- Complete and provide an annual report to Council
- Continue mitigation methods in compliance with the policy
- Complete the 2026 Mayors' Monarch Pledge
- Offer public education on earth-friendly landscape and gardening management, waste management, wildlife protection, and rodent solutions
- Add earth-friendly management data and education on pre-existing Community Services Department app-based platforms, such as Agents of Discovery and social media
- Collaborate with Pepperdine University Biology Department to complete a scientific analysis of Legacy Park environmental systems
- Provide service-learning opportunities with the Harry Barovsky Memorial Youth Commission related to earth-friendly management
- Work with Malibu schools to offer educational sessions on environmental stewardship

ATTACHMENTS: 2025-26 Earth Friendly Management Policy Annual Report

Malibu City Council
Earth Friendly Management Policy Annual Report
July 2025 to June 2026

Section	Action Taken
Limited Use Emergency Exemptions	- Pyrethrum Concentrate at Malibu Bluffs Park Michael Landon Center
Exclusion and Biological Controls	- Regularly filled rodent holes to mitigate issues at Malibu Bluffs Park sports fields - Monitored City dumpsters to ensure the locking lid mechanisms were in place and secure at City Hall, Malibu Bluffs Park, Equestrian Park, and Charmlee Wilderness Park - Installed mulch to help trees and landscape retain moisture and suppress weeds (all parks) - Completed rodent mitigation under storage containers at Malibu Bluffs Park - Completed seasonal removal of nonnative invasive plants (all parks) - Used hand tools and hand-pulling weeding methods at all (all parks)
Educational	- Partnered with the Malibu Library to host EFMP educational classes - Continued development of EFMP web pages (MalibuCity.org/EarthFriendly) based on feedback from the EFMP Working Group - Updated the Legacy Park and Malibu Bluffs Park Agents of Discovery app-based “challenges” for public education - Organized a native plant giveaway in partnership with the Los Angeles County Fire Department Forestry Division - Completed the first environmentally focused lecture series in partnership with the Malibu Monarch Project - Installed a pollinator garden at Malibu Bluffs Park in partnership with the Santa Monica Mountain Fund

Other	- Completed the 2025 National Wildlife Federation Mayors' Monarch Pledge - Applied for the 2026 National Wildlife Federation Mayors' Monarch Pledge