

MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
APRIL 29, 2021  
TELECONFERENCED - VARIOUS LOCATIONS  
11:00 A.M.

**The following meeting was held pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 and fully teleconferenced from various locations during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Councilmember Pierson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Mikke Pierson and Steve Uhring

ALSO PRESENT: Yolanda Bundy; Environmental Sustainability Director; Christine Shen, Environmental Sustainability Analyst; Mark Johnson, Environmental Programs Coordinator; Rebecca Nelson, Administrative Assistant; Alex Montano, Media Technician; and Mary Linden, Executive Assistant

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION Councilmember Uhring moved and Councilmember Pierson seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA**

Executive Assistant Linden reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on April 23, 2021.

**ITEM 1 PRESENTATIONS / STAFF UPDATES**

Environmental Sustainability Director Bundy stated staff continued to work with Poison Free Malibu and the City's Media team to provide more information on social media regarding rodenticides. She discussed outreach on sustainability choices. She stated a short version of the Environmental Programs presentation from the Subcommittee's March 25, 2021 meeting would be posted to the City website. She stated staff reached out to Pepperdine's Sustainability Director to strengthen the partnership with the City and increase student participation. She stated staff contacted The Bay Foundation about citizen involvement in the Malibu Living Shoreline project. She stated The Bay Foundation indicated it was in the

early stages of developing a virtual field trip of the dune restoration and provided information about internships, which was shared with Pepperdine.

In response to Councilmember Uhring, Environmental Sustainability Analyst Shen stated staff was waiting for a response from Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) regarding working with students at Malibu schools.

Environmental Sustainability Director Bundy stated she connected with Blue City Network to set up an assessment for certification. She stated the City may not meet the minimum requirement for climate protection and staff would provide more information during the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget discussions.

In response to Councilmember Uhring, Environmental Sustainability Director Bundy stated recruitment started this week for an Environmental Sustainability Assistant Director.

Councilmember Pierson discussed a Blue City Network email that stated the City did not adopt a climate action plan. He discussed an area-wide climate action plan process for which the City might qualify. Environmental Sustainability Director Bundy stated she would follow up with Blue City Network.

ITEM 2 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 3 NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes – March 25, 2021

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes for the Environmental Sustainability Subcommittee Special meeting of March 25, 2021.

MOTION Councilmember Uhring moved and Councilmember Pierson seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the Environmental Sustainability Subcommittee Special meeting of March 25, 2021. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

B. California State Senate Bill (SB) 1383: Organic Waste Reductions

Recommended Action: Receive and file a presentation on California SB 1383: Organic Waste Reductions.

Environmental Sustainability Director Bundy introduced the item. She stated further updates would be presented in the future.

Environmental Sustainability Analyst Shen provided the presentation. She stated SB 1383 was the strongest waste reduction law in 30 years. She stated it addressed

organic waste and food recovery and that organic waste represented two-thirds of the waste stream. She explained SB 1383 required the state to recover 25 percent of edible food by redirecting it to feed those in need. She discussed the impact of methane. She stated landfills were the third largest producer of methane in California. She stated enforcement of SB 1383 could begin in 2022. She stated Malibu would be required to take enforcement actions against non-compliant entities in the City in 2024. She explained collection options. She stated staff would meet this month with authorized waste haulers in the City to ensure compliance. She stated grocery stores must comply by January 1, 2022. She stated Malibu had 13 Tier 2 generators that must comply by January 1, 2024. She stated staff would participate in County meetings and was working with Seed LA, the County's consultant, to develop a plan. She discussed plans for community outreach. She stated the City was currently at 57 percent of the goal for parks. She announced an ordinance must be adopted by January 1, 2022, with enforcement beginning January 1, 2024. She expressed hope that an early, robust education program would reduce the need for enforcement. She stated the ordinance was expected to go to Council in late summer 2021. She discussed a model water efficient landscape ordinance (MWELo). She explained recordkeeping requirements to be reported to CalRecycle. She provided a summary of the City's progress to date and discussed upcoming scheduled activities. She stated 80 percent of one full-time staff person's time would be spent on SB 1383 implementation.

Environmental Sustainability Director Bundy thanked Environmental Sustainability Analyst Shen for leading the project and for her commitment to the City's success. She stated partnerships would be critical. She stated the goal was to get community collaboration for Malibu to become a truly sustainable community. She stated she was confident Tier 1 could be accomplished with grocery store cooperation by January 1, 2022. She stated she expected Tier 2 compliance in 2022 or early 2023. She requested Council support for additional staff in Environmental Programs to accomplish SB 1383 and the work plan.

In response to Councilmember Uhring, Environmental Sustainability Analyst Shen stated she was in contact with a community member interested in establishing a composting site in Malibu. She stated most businesses in Malibu had organic recycling but no composting options.

Councilmember Uhring stated this was a daunting project. He commended Environmental Sustainability Analyst Shen for another excellent presentation. He requested the Council be kept up to date on what was needed to ensure compliance. He discussed Pepperdine's food recycling. Environmental Sustainability Analyst Shen stated Pepperdine had a food recovery network when students were on campus. She stated a joint venture with Pepperdine was on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic and would restart when students returned to campus.

Councilmember Uhring suggested contacting the Malibu Community Alliance. Environmental Sustainability Director Bundy stated monthly Subcommittee meetings would help keep the Council updated about where assistance could be helpful.

Councilmember Uhring discussed Tier 2 requirements with which not all restaurants would be required to comply. He thanked staff for reaching out to all restaurants. He asked if additional enforcement staff would be required. Environmental Sustainability Director Bundy confirmed enforcement would begin in 2024, including inspections. Councilmember Uhring requested additional staffing be brought to the Council as early as possible. In response to Councilmember Uhring, Environmental Sustainability Analyst Shen stated she was unaware of programs for automating recordkeeping. Environmental Sustainability Director Bundy stated the State might provide assistance with maintaining documentation. She stressed the importance of communication with the County and other cities. Councilmember Uhring stated he had contacts who might be able to help.

In response to Councilmember Uhring, Environmental Sustainability Analyst Shen discussed Malibu Methodist Church's current food recovery processes. Councilmember Uhring agreed with Environmental Sustainability Director Bundy regarding the importance of community collaboration.

Councilmember Pierson commended Environmental Sustainability Analyst Shen for a fantastic presentation. He discussed a questionnaire last year to gauge the City's progress on organic recycling. He suggested a budget be developed for costs associated with SB 1383 compliance over the next few years. He expressed support for the goals of SB 1383.

Councilmember Uhring suggested contacting the Chamber of Commerce to get involved. Environmental Sustainability Director Bundy agreed with Councilmember Uhring and stated the presentation could be offered to the Chamber.

Councilmember Pierson stated the Chamber had greatly improved its messaging to members since the Woolsey Fire.

Councilmember Uhring stated some restaurants had connections with other restaurants in the City. He stated those leaders could provide assistance with outreach.

Councilmember Pierson stated restaurants could raise prices slightly to cover additional costs. Environmental Sustainability Analyst Shen stated the food recovery plan would help with cost recovery. In response to Councilmember

Uhring, she explained how the recovered food could be distributed to those in need. She stated Seed LA was searching for potential recipients.

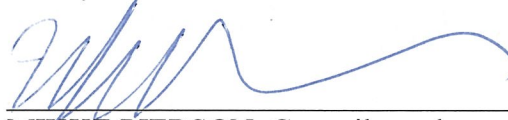
Environmental Sustainability Director Bundy stated staff hoped to bring draft ordinance to the Subcommittee for review next month.

Councilmember Uhring discussed how Pepperdine students could assist.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** At 11:49 a.m., Councilmember Pierson moved and Councilmember Uhring seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approved and adopted by the Environmental Sustainability Subcommittee of the City of Malibu on June 9, 2021.



MIKKE PIERSON, Councilmember

**ATTEST:**



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MARY LINDEN, Executive Assistant