



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

7:00 PM - Monday, April 25, 2022

Telephone/Video Conference only

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ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. **Welcome New Commissioners**
2. **Environmental Commission Minutes**
Environmental Commission Minutes Approve minutes of the regular meeting of March 14, 2022

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. **Reach Codes**
Update by the Reach Codes subcommittee and subcommittee reformation.
4. **Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP)**
Update by the CAAP subcommittee, discussion on prioritization of action items for the CAAP implementation in 2022 and subcommittee reformation.
5. **Environmental Commission Work Plan**
Discuss Commissioner updates on the work plan items.

6. Environmental Commission Accomplishments and Goals

Discuss Environmental Commission Accomplishments and Goals for joint council session.

7. City Staff Updates

Receive information and announcements from City staff.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, March 14, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M.
TELECONFERENCE**

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT: Chair Teksler, Vice Chair Delagneau, Commissioners Humayun, Klein, Lu, Weiden and Yuan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Environmental Commission Minutes

Approved minutes of regular meeting of January 10, 2022

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Humayun, seconded by Commissioner Lu, the Environmental Commission approved the minutes of the meeting of January 10, 2022.

The motion was approved (6-0) by the following vote:

AYES: Delagneau, Humayun, Klein, Lu, Teksler, Weiden and Yuan

NOES: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2. Reach Codes

Chair Teksler gave an update on the work of the REACH Codes subcommittee on the impending revisions to the REACH Codes (“REACH Codes 2.0”). The Commissioners discussed, with input from Council Liaison Council Member Fligor, the next steps for and the scope of REACH Codes 2.0.

No Public Comment

3. Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP)

Chair Teksler announced the approval of the CAAP by the City Council on March 8, 2022. Vice Chair Delagneau spoke to the CAAP action items for implementation in 2022. The Commissioners, with input from Council Liaison Council Member Fligor, discussed the approaches to the implementation of CAAP actions items. Commissioners also discussed the avenues for collaborating with other City Commissions.

No Public Comment

4. Environmental Commission Work Plan

Commissioner Lu reported on the developments regarding future proposal for the Lehigh Cement and Stevens Creek Quarry (Lehigh). The Commissioners discussed the existing challenges and status of Lehigh and the Commission's role on this item.

5. City Staff Updates

The Commission received announcement and information from Staff Liaison Ranu Aggarwal regarding the lithium ion battery recycling drive up donation service on March 19, 2020 at the Almond Elementary School. Chair Teksler provided additional information on this item. The interim Planning Director Laura Simpson provided an update on the status and schedule of recruitment for vacant positions in the Planning Department.

COMMISSION REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Chair Teksler announced the Green At Home workshop by Acterra on heat pump hot water heaters on April 13th, 6:00 PM for which more information can be found at the Acterra website (Acterra.org). The Commission discussed potential avenues for providing information to the community.

Commissioner Weiden announced the "Climate, Action and Building Community for Electrification" event by Acterra on Friday, March 18, 12:00 noon to 1:00, and provided information on the event.

Commissioner Weiden reported on Vice Chair Delagneau's, Commissioner Humayun's and his attendance at the March 8, 2022, City Council meeting at which the CAAP was approved. Vice Chair Delagneau reported that there was a discussion around the new Police building at the City Council meeting and commented that building of new City buildings should be done within the framework of the CAAP and that should be accounted for in the budget.

The Commission recognized outgoing Commissioner Yuan for her service.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Tree Canopy Policy and Urban Forest Master Plan

List of Environmental Commission's accomplishments from 2021 and work plan for 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Teksler adjourned the meeting at 8:36 P.M.

EC REACH CODES SUBCOMMITTEE (Tekslar, Weiden)

Staff Liaison – Ranu Aggarwal

Council Liaison – Neysa Fligor

1. Basic Timeline
 - a. Outline concepts with Staff – Week of 3/21
 - i. Discuss staff engagement, public outreach & website update, council schedule
 - b. Draft concepts and present to Council Liaison then EC meeting - April
 - c. Develop concepts into proposed actions with Staff – Mid April
 - d. Initial draft of actions and present to Council Liaison then EC meeting – May
 - e. Develop working draft of actions with Staff – Mid May
 - f. SVCE Reach Code in person Workshop – May / June
 - g. Draft actions presented to Council Liaison then EC meeting – June
 - h. Council review or study session – Late June / July
 - i. Final drafts – July / August
 - j. Council sessions and Vote – August / September
2. Basis Strategy
 - a. Develop alternative code options
 - b. EC selects and makes recommendation of selected alternative code options
3. Outreach
 - a. Update and maintain City EC Web page with current information
 - b. Advertise EC meeting discussions and considerations
 - i. City Manager weekly
 - ii. Town Crier
 - iii. Staff emails to CAAP focus group leaders
 - c. Advertise SVCE Reach Code in person workshop
 - d. Assist focus groups with public education and support
 - e. Advertise Council review or study session
 - f. Advertise Council public hearing
4. Conceptual Actions
 - a. Municipal Code Ordinance – All electric, follow SVCE draft with limited exclusions and 50% remodel
 - b. Building Code Ordinance – All electric, similar to current with current exclusions (stoves, comfort appliances) and 50% remodel
 - c. End of flow ordinance (2035 or 2040)
 - d. EV Zoning Code Ordinance – Follow SVCE draft
 - e. Existing Building Electrification – Municipal Code Ordinance, follow SVCE draft coming in April / May. Potential inclusions
 - i. No extension of existing natural gas infrastructure
 - ii. On-Bill financing
 - iii. All heat pump installations must be capable of heating and cooling
 - iv. Conversion upon burnout / property sale
 - v. Power hookups for bike storage
5. Discussion items for Ranu Aggarwal
 - a. Discuss concept items 1 – 4 above
 - b. Who should EC subcommittee work with to Update and Maintain City EC web page and get announcements in City Managers weekly notice?

Notes for 3/28 Meeting with Ranu & Veronica Tinoco

- Sonia Lee is still PIO. Ranu working with her to update webpage and build “green page”
- Veronica envisions code written by EC subcommittee and reviewed by staff
- Process: EC develop proposed options, review with staff, revise
- More than 50% of new homes still installing gas appliances (cooktops, fireplaces, pool heating).
- All ADUs have been 100% electric.
- Electric pool heating requires ~400 BTU → need 400-600 amp panel
- Over 750 ft² addition triggers addition of sprinklers, gas line check, undergrounding of utilities (municipal code ordinance = \$20-30K expense) → good definition for significant remodel
- During COVID big increase in water heater & AC permitting (15/20 per week)
- Veronica can provide data on new building permits
- Anthony is attending MAWG and interfacing with SVCE

CAAP SUBCOMMITTEE PROPOSED 2022 ACTIONS

- Reach codes
 - Sub-committee of 2 members in place (add third member?)
- Development of yearly EV fair program
 - Partnership with Green Town Los Altos. Needs EC liaison
- Draft ordinance to phase out off-road fossil fuel engines
 - Establish a subcommittee to work on GLB ban in 2022 (education, outreach, special programs) and explore expansion next year
- Task Force on methane gas user fee established with recommendation to Council by end of year
 - To revisit in 2023
- New ordinance banning single-use plastics
 - Subcommittee in place. Relaunch program with new sustainability coordinator
- Residential and commercial energy audits support tools set up
 - Needs further discussion at the CAAP subcommittee level. Exploring alternative options
- Energy efficiency audits of city buildings
 - Positive response from City Manager. CAAP Subcommittee to further discuss with staff

CAAP SUBCOMMITTEE PROPOSED 2022 ACTIONS

- Establish policy to facilitate alternative work schedule or telecommuting options for city staff
 - Policy established: hybrid system with up to 50% office work for most employees
- Zero waste policy for city facilities and city-sponsored events
 - On hold until sustainability coordinator hired
- Integrate CAAP goals into city projects
 - Requires Sustainability coordinator. Long term project.
- Ban use of non-organic pesticides and herbicides for city green spaces
 - Will require new subcommittee to coordinate with staff and potentially bring in consultant
- Urban Forest Master Plan
 - Will require new subcommittee (can also be in charge of ban on pesticides/herbicides)
- All year farmer's market
 - TBD between LAVA and staff (Sustainability coordinator to monitor progress with CAAP Sub or EC liaison)
- Set up stock of N95 masks to distribute to vulnerable populations
 - Pushed into next year or later

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

2021/22 Targets & Work Plan

April 18, 2022

Targets	Projects	Assignments	Target Date	City Priority related to	Status
Climate Action Plan	Building Electrification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subcommittee -Don Weiden, Laura Teksler and Lei Yuan 	Fall 2022	CAAP Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reach Codes approved at the November 10, 2020 Council meeting On January 25, 2021, the CEC approved the Reach Code ordinances Reach Codes currently implemented and in effect Work to implement CAP building electrification actions Council adoption of Reach Code ordinance update (2.0) targeted for Fall 2022
	Implementation of City's CAP (Climate Action and Adaptation Plan- CAAP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subcommittee- Don Weiden, Bruno Delagneau, Raashina Humayun to work with staff and consultant 	2022	CAAP Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EC worked with staff and consultant to update the CAP - Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Council CAAP adoption targeted for December 2021 CAAP survey #1 and #2 completed CAAP Community Workshop held June 28, 2021 October 11, 2021, Consultant presented to the EC November 2, 2021, CAAP Study Session with City Council Working draft CAAP presented at the December 13, 2021, and January 10, 2022, EC meeting March 8, 2022, CAAP adopted by City Council
	Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EC cooperative with Complete Streets Commission 	Ongoing	CAAP Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work to implement CAAP transportation actions Advance walking, biking, and shared transit Complete Streets Master Plan (CSMP) draft available at the City website November 9, 2021 CSMP Study Session with City Council

Green/Sustainability Activities	Green Infrastructure and Other Sustainability Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist staff in implementation of the Green/Sustainability Actions 	Ongoing	Storm Water Regional Discharge Permit and other Environmental Related Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City's Integrated Pest Management update finalized August 14, 2020 Assist with City Streetscape efforts such as rain gardens, storm water quality, surface water infiltration Assist with Land Use and Public Spaces efforts such as trees, street closures, pest management and storm water - cooperative with Complete Streets Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission
Solid Waste Diversion	Solid Waste Disposal Contract- Recycling and Composting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subcommittee- Don Weiden, Laura Teksler and Lei Yuan 	Monthly	Recycling and Composting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Amended and Restated Collection Service Agreement between the City of Los Altos and MTWS was executed on April 23, 2020 EC to assist staff and Mission Trail Waste System with education and implementation, set goals, measures and report for both Commercial and Residential Subcommittee to work on strategies for waste reduction Subcommittee to work with staff and MTWS on Public Education and Outreach plan
	Reduction- Investigate initiatives on limiting Single-Use Plastics and CA SB 1383 compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subcommittee- Don Weiden, Laura Teksler and Bruno Delagneau 	Fall 2021	Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft ordinance presented at EC meetings of Sept. 14, 2020, and Oct. 12, 2020 November 10, 2020, Council decided to postpone SUP ordinance due to COVID-19 Assist staff with SB 1383 compliance ordinance SB 1383 - Draft Muni Code update and Edible Food Recovery Ordinance reviewed by EC August 9, 2021 and September 13, 2021 October 26, 2021, Council approved 1st reading of SB 1383 Ordinances and November 9, 2021 Council approved 2nd reading.
	Reuse- Develop Repair Assistance		Ongoing	Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop repair assistance- information resource, Repair Café, volunteers, solid waste hauler diversion and more

Community Outreach & Education

<p>Develop program in collaboration with the Los Altos History Museum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Education Fund held by LACF • Subcommittee- David Klein, Laura Tekler and Lei Yuan 	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Public outreach and education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EC coordinates with History Museum EnviroThon Challenge • Ed fund balance \$1,636.85 as of Jan. 13, 2021 • A Subcommittee was established February 2021 • Subcommittee to develop programs that utilize LACF Environmental Education Fund balance
<p>Sustainability Lens- assist Council in project evaluations and update environmental webpage on the City web site</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EC to assist Council 	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Public outreach and education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City's Public Information's Officer, Sonia Lee and staff will continue to update the City's website • Dashboard updated as of January 2021 • EC to work with staff on updates to the environmental webpage on the City web site as needed • Assist Council in project evaluations for Policy Resolutions • Lehigh Hansen and Stevens Creek Quarry Subcommittee formed with Commissioners Lu and Klein
<p>Santa Clara County Healthy Cities Program assistance</p>		<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Public outreach and education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist with Santa Clara County Healthy Cities Program
<p>Continue to support SVCEA community outreach and education</p>		<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Public outreach and education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City's Public Information's Officer and staff will continue to update the community with programs and opportunities offered by SVCEA
<p>Assist staff with various outreach and education efforts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Action Plan • Water Conservation • Storm Water Management • Solid Waste Diversion • Native Landscaping 	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Public outreach and education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On July 14, 2021, Cal Water Service activated Stage 1 of their Water Shortage Contingency Plan (Schedule 14:1) • Los Altos has reduced water usage by approx. 7% from July of 2020 • Cal Water has re-launched their Lawn-to-Garden and Spray-to-Drip rebate programs

Bill	Name	Description	Status
AB-480	Hazardous substances	Current law requires a business that handles a hazardous material, or an employee, authorized representative, agent, or designee of that business, to, upon discovery, immediately report any release or threatened release of a hazardous material, or an actual release of a hazardous substance, as defined, to the UPA and the Office of Emergency Services, as provided. This bill would require that reporting of the release or threatened release to the UPA and the Office of Emergency Services, as provided. The bill would require a handler, employee, authorized representative, agent, or their designee to provide state, city, or county fire or public health or safety personnel and emergency response personnel with access to the handler's facility if there is a release or threatened release at the facility.	Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 743, Statutes of 2021.
AB-707	Mercury Thermostat Collection Act of 2021	This bill would repeal the Mercury Thermostat Collection Act of 2008 and recast the program, as part of the state's hazardous waste control laws, as the Mercury Thermostat Collection Act of 2021. This bill would establish the Mercury Thermostat Collection Fund in the State Treasury. The bill would require, beginning January 30, 2022, and annually thereafter until an unspecified date, each manufacturer, as defined, of mercury-added thermostats, or group of manufacturers, to contribute moneys to the fund until an unspecified amount has been contributed to the fund for that calendar year, as provided. This bill would require the Department of Toxic Substances Control to issue a request for proposals for a qualified third party to develop and implement a convenient, cost-effective, and efficient program, as specified, for the collection, transportation, and recycling or disposal of out-of-service mercury-added thermostats, as defined.	Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 703, Statutes of 2021.
AB-1035	Department of Transportation and local agencies: streets and highways: recycled materials	This bill would require the Department of Transportation and a local agency that has jurisdiction over a street or highway, to the extent feasible and cost effective, to use advanced technologies and material recycling techniques that reduce the cost of maintaining and rehabilitating streets and highways and that exhibit reduced levels of greenhouse gas emissions through material choice and construction method. The bill would require, on and after January 1, 2025, a local agency that has jurisdiction over a street or highway, to the extent feasible, to apply standard specifications that allow for the use of recycled materials in streets and highways, as specified. By increasing the duties of local agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.	Vetoed by Governor
SB-244	Lithium-ion batteries: Illegal disposal: fire prevention	This bill would prohibit a person from knowingly disposing of a lithium-ion battery in a container or receptacle that is intended for the collection of solid waste or recyclable materials, unless the container or receptacle is designated for the collection of batteries for recycling. The bill would require CalRecycle, on or before July 1, 2024, and in consultation with the Department of Toxic Substances Control, to develop a guidance document relating to the proper handling and disposal of lithium-ion batteries and products that contain lithium-ion batteries. The bill would require the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, before January 1, 2023, in consultation with relevant state agencies and stakeholders, to develop a model protocol and training that identifies best practices for the detection, safe handling, and suppression of fires that originate from discarded lithium-ion batteries or products that contain lithium-ion batteries on or in solid waste or recycling collection vehicles, transfer or processing stations, or disposal facilities.	Vetoed by Governor
AB-1201	Solid waste: plastic products: labelling: compostability and biodegradability	This bill would prohibit a person from selling a plastic product that is labeled with the term "compostable," "home compostable," or "soil biodegradable" unless the product meets specified standards and satisfies specified criteria. The bill would authorize the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to adopt regulations for plastic product labeling to ensure that plastic products labeled "compostable" or "home compostable" are clearly distinguishable from noncompostable products upon quick inspection by consumers and solid waste processing facilities.	Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 504, Statutes of 2021.
AB-1276	Single-use food accessories and serviceware	This bill would prohibit a food facility or a third-party food delivery platform, as defined, from providing any single-use food accessories, as defined, to consumers unless requested by the consumer. The bill would require a third-party food delivery platform to provide each of its ready-to-eat food vendors with the option to customize the vendor's menu, on the online food-ordering platform, regarding the availability of single-use food accessories, as provided. The bill would, commencing on January 1, 2023, prohibit a full-service restaurant that has adequate dishwashing capacity to sanitize reusable serviceware from providing single-use serviceware to consumers except under specified conditions. The bill would require a city, county, or city and county governing body to select on or before June 1, 2022, to authorize an enforcement agency to enforce these requirements. The bill would specify that the first and 2nd violations of the prohibitions result in a notice of violation, and any subsequent violation is an infraction punishable by a fine of \$100 for each day in violation, but not to exceed an annual total of \$1000.	Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 505, Statutes of 2021.
AB-1311	Recycling: beverage containers	This bill would require, on or before July 1, 2022, CalRecycle to develop and implement a process pursuant to which a certified recycling center can annually apply to the department for authorization to operate on an alternative schedule. The bill would require the department to include in its process, among other components, criteria the department shall use to authorize a certified recycling center to operate on an alternative schedule. The bill would provide that, until July 1, 2022, a certified recycling center or location that is not a reverse vending machine is additionally "open for business" if the certified recycling center or location receives written authorization from the department to operate pursuant to an appointment system during the hours of operation and the certified recycling center or location meets specified requirements. The bill would require the department to authorize a certified recycling center or location to operate pursuant to an appointment system only if the department determines that high customer demand, weather, or public health and safety concerns warrant the implementation of an appointment system at the certified recycling center or location, and the certified recycling center or location posts certain information.	Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 506, Statutes of 2021.
AB-962	Returnable bottles	This bill allows returnable ("refillable") bottles to more broadly enter the California market by allowing them to flow through the state's Beverage Container Recycling Program. By making returnable bottle washing/filling facilities eligible for the same payments as other recyclers, this bill would allow for glass bottles to remain intact for reuse rather than crushed for recycling.	Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 502, Statutes of 2021.
AB-1200	Plant-based food packaging: cookware: hazardous chemicals	This bill would require, beginning January 1, 2024, a manufacturer, as defined, of cookware sold in the state that contains one or more intentionally added chemicals, as defined, present on a designated list, as defined, in the handle of the product or in any product surface that comes into contact with food, foodstuffs, or beverages to list the presence of those chemicals on the product label, as defined, and include a statement on the product label and on the product listing for online sales, in both English and Spanish, regarding how a consumer can obtain more information about the chemicals in the cookware, as provided. The bill would exclude cookware that meets specified conditions from the product label requirement, but would still require a manufacturer of exempt cookware to include the required information on the product listing for online sales. The bill would require, beginning January 1, 2023, a manufacturer of this cookware to post on an internet website for the cookware a list of chemicals in the cookware that are present on the designated list, among other information. The bill would prohibit a manufacturer from making a claim, either on the cookware package commencing January 1, 2024, or on the internet website for the cookware commencing January 1, 2023, that the cookware is free of any specific chemical if the chemical belongs to a chemical group or class identified on the designated list, unless no individual chemical from that chemical group or class is intentionally added to the cookware. The bill would prohibit a person from selling, offering for sale, or distributing in California cookware that does not comply with these provisions.	Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 503, Statutes of 2021.
AB-652	Product safety: juvenile products: chemicals: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances	This bill would, on and after July 1, 2023, prohibit a person, including a manufacturer, from selling or distribution in commerce in this state any new, not previously owned, juvenile product, as defined, that contains intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), as defined. The bill would require a manufacturers to use the least toxic alternative when replacing PFAS chemicals in a juvenile product.	Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 500, Statutes of 2021.
AB-881	Mixed plastic waste exports	AB 881 will close an existing loophole in California law that allows mixed plastic exports to be counted as recycling regardless of their ultimate destination, which is often overseas landfills, incinerators or waterways. This bill will ensure that only materials that are truly being recycled get counted towards state and local recycling goals. Until January 1, 2024, or the expiration of a relevant trade agreement or arrangement with Canada or Mexico, whichever is later, these provisions would not apply to exports to Canada or Mexico.	Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 501, Statutes of 2021.

Legislation Tracking List 21-22

<p>AB-618</p>	<p>Solid waste: premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes</p>	<p>This bill would require, except as provided, certain premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes manufactured on or after July 1, 2022, to be labeled clearly and conspicuously with the phrase "Do Not Flush" and a related symbol, as specified. The bill would prohibit a covered entity, as defined, from making a representation about the flushable attributes, benefits, performance, or efficacy of those premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes, as provided. The bill would establish enforcement provisions, including authorizing a civil penalty not to exceed \$2,500 per day, up to a maximum of \$100,000 per violation, to be imposed on a covered entity who violates those provisions. The bill would establish, until January 1, 2027, the California Consumer Education and Outreach Program, under which covered entities would be required, among other things, to participate in a collection study conducted in collaboration with wastewater agencies for the purpose of gaining understanding of consumer behavior regarding the flushing of premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes and to conduct a comprehensive multimedia education and outreach program in the state. The bill would require covered entities to annually report to specified legislative committees and the State Water Resources Control Board on their activities under the program and would require the state board to post the reports on its internet website.</p>	<p>Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 590, Statutes of 2021.</p>
<p>SB-343</p>	<p>Environmental advertising: recycling symbol</p>	<p>Prohibits a person from offering for sale, selling, distributing, or importing into the state any product or packaging using a deceptive or misleading claim about its recyclability, including the display of a chasing arrows symbol or any other symbol or statement indicating recyclability, unless the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) has determined the product or packaging is recyclable.</p>	<p>Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 507, Statutes of 2021.</p>
<p>SB-619</p>	<p>Organic waste: reduction regulations</p>	<p>This bill would authorize a local jurisdiction facing continuing violations that commence during the 2022 calendar year of those regulations to submit to the department no later than March 1, 2022, a notification of intent to comply. For violations of the regulations that are disclosed in a notification that is approved by the department, the bill would require the department to waive administrative civil penalties for the violations if the local jurisdiction implements the actions proposed in the notification to remedy the violations. The bill would authorize the department, notwithstanding those regulations, to establish any maximum compliance deadline in a corrective action plan that it determines to be necessary and appropriate under the circumstances for the correction of a violation of the regulations. The bill would authorize the department to adopt emergency regulations it determines to be necessary to implement and enforce these provisions.</p>	<p>Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 508, Statutes of 2021.</p>
<p>AB-332</p>	<p>Hazardous waste: treated wood waste: management standards</p>	<p>This bill will reinstate the Alternative Management Standards for Treated Wood Waste and continue that program until a date yet to be determined. These provisions were repealed as of January 1, 2021. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.</p>	<p>Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 147, Statutes of 2021.</p>
<p>AB-698</p>	<p>Hazardous waste: small quantity generator</p>	<p>This bill would replace the terms "conditionally exempt small quantity generator" and CESQG with "very small quantity generator" and "VSQG" with reference to a different federal regulation that recasts those provisions regarding the amount of hazardous waste and which hazardous wastes are included in, or excluded from, that calculation. The bill would also change the provision referencing compliance with certain federal waste accumulation regulations as a condition for certain generators of less than 1,000 kilograms of hazardous waste in a calendar month to be excluded from the definition of storage facility to conform to updated federal waste accumulation regulations. To the extent this bill changes the conduct that constitutes the crime of violating the hazardous waste control laws, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.</p>	<p>Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 153, Statutes of 2021.</p>
<p>AB-504</p>	<p>Solid waste: commercial and organic waste: recycling bins</p>	<p>This bill would, for a theme park, amusement park, water park, resort or entertainment complex, zoo, attraction, or similar facility, restrict the requirement to provide customers with a recycling bin or container to permanent, nonmobile food service facilities with dedicated seating areas that are not full-service restaurants. The bill would authorize those facilities, instead of providing an organic recycling bin or container, to implement a process for recycling organic waste that yields results comparable to or greater in volume and quality to results attained by providing an organic waste recycling bin or container. The bill would also make other revisions to these provisions, including revising the definition of "full-service restaurant," deleting obsolete provisions, and making conforming changes.</p>	<p>Approved by Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 56, Statutes of 2021.</p>
<p>AJR-4</p>	<p>Mixed plastic waste exports</p>	<p>This resolution urges the United States federal government to ratify the Basel Convention, which is an international treaty that regulates the movement of hazardous waste across international borders, including mixed plastic waste.</p>	<p>Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Res. Chapter 77, Statutes of 2021.</p>

Environmental Commission 2021/22 Accomplishments and 2022/23 Work Plan

2021/22 Accomplishments

Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP)

Along with staff and consultant, CAAP subcommittee directed city's process to develop 2022 CAAP leading to the successful approval of the plan by City Council in March 2022. Process included public outreach including two community focus groups (April 23rd – Climate Vulnerability; May 24th – Los Altos Potential Strategies), two community workshops (6/28/2021) and a community survey. Subcommittee met on a bi-weekly basis providing countless hours of input and expertise into the process.

Waste

EC Reviewed Draft Municipal Code update and Edible Food Recovery Ordinance addressing requirements of SB 1383 (August and September). Council approved code updates in November.

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Subcommittee formed to monitor and provide support to council subcommittee.

Legislation

Provided letter of endorsement for AB 1346 that prohibits the sale of gas-powered small off-road engines (SORE) Action to City Council (June)

Drafted memo to council regarding Commission's position on HR 2307 Carbon Dividend Trust Fund detailing reasons Commission did not take a position on legislation.

Received Presentation on California legislation from Local Government Commission

Informational Updates

Water

Cal Water presentation in June

Los Altos conservation achievements:

- 5 million gallons saved by conservation programs utilized in 2020
- 2020 Lifetime savings = 77 million gallons
- 750 million gallons Lifetime cumulative savings

Residential Water-Efficiency Programs available: High-efficiency toilets, clothes washers, Smart irrigation controllers, High-efficiency sprinkler nozzles. Conservation Kits (Free), Smart Landscape Tune-up Program (Free), Turf Replacement Rebate, Drip-line Conversion Rebate

Standard Prohibited Uses of Water

- Use of water on landscaping that causes runoff onto adjacent property, nonirrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures
- Use of a hose without a shut-off nozzle to wash vehicles
- Use of water for washing driveways and sidewalks

- Use of water for decorative fountains that do not utilize a recirculation system
- Use of water on landscaping during of within 48 hours after rainfall
- Use of excessive water due to unrepaired leaks or defective irrigation systems
- Providing water in restaurants (except upon request)
- Outdoor irrigation between the hours of 8:00 am and 6:00 pm

Energy

SVCE presentation in May

Los Altos Customers in 2020:

- 12,200 households in Los Altos receiving carbon-free electricity
- \$573,000 in on-bill savings for Los Altos customers
- \$48,700 in cash payments for surplus solar energy generated
- 99% reduction in electric utility-related emissions (24,516,000 pounds greenhouse gas emissions avoided)

During pandemic Los Altos customers received:

- \$26,300 in on-bill credits to 263 income-qualifies customers
- \$40,500 in on-bill credits to 162 qualifying small and medium businesses
- \$149,500 set aside for community investment in energy resiliency
- Provided Annual Product Content Label and status of investment in new Renewable Energy projects (over \$1B)
- Customer Resources: eHub online tool, heat pump water rebates (up to \$3,500), solar + battery storage incentives for low-income customers
- Reach Code technical support
- Transition to Time of Use electricity rates: 4-9 is peak pricing period every day

2022/23 Work Plan

Needed Resources: Staff/consultant grant-writer to seek funding for CAAP action implementation. Permanent Sustainability Coordinator.

CAAP Implementation

The EC has identified the following CAAP actions for implementation priority in 2022:

(Discuss during meeting)

Reach Codes 2.0

Conduct public outreach, technical research and develop options for Council study session in June 2022. Refine recommendation for August/September Council consideration.

Single Use Plastics

A proposed single-use plastics ordinance was brought to Council at the end of 2020 at which time it was decided to postpone the adoption of such an ordinance due to the challenges faced by restaurants during COVID. The EC has formed a solid-waste subcommittee to revisit the

ordinance. The subcommittee will engage with business committee (survey) and investigate current single-use plastic ordinances adopted or in development in surrounding communities. The Commission does not expect to be able to bring a new proposed ordinance to council until a new Sustainability Coordinator is hired.

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Continue Monitoring

Education and Outreach

Update and expand webpage resources. Appoint subcommittee to increase public outreach efforts.



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Choose one of the following questions to respond to in your poster:

- Why are local waterways (creeks, rivers, lakes) important to you?
- How can you prevent water pollution?

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- K – 5th grade
- 6th – 8th grade
- 9th – 12th grade

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