

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

6:00 PM - Wednesday, April 09, 2025

Via Video Conference and In Person

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Location: 14901 Dallas Pkwy, Dallas, TX 75254, United States

AGENDA

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Members of the audience may bring to the Commission's attention any item that is not on the agenda. The Commission Chair will announce the time speakers will be granted before comments begin. Please be advised that, by law, the Planning Commission is unable to discuss or take action on issues presented during the Public Comment Period. According to State Law (also known as "The Brown Act") items must first be noted on the agenda before any discussion or action.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. **Special Presentation:** Ted Reiff, Founder of the ReUse People, Ankur Sole, owner of Marcan Enterprise and Certified Deconstruction contractor, and Raashina Humayun, Los Altos Resident and Environmental Commissioner will give a presentation on deconstruction followed by Q&A from the commission.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

2. **Meeting Minutes:** Approve minutes of the regular meeting of March 12, 2025.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. **Deconstruction (Humayun):** Receive an update on implementing Deconstruction requirements in building demolition and discuss next steps.
4. **Living Electric Event (van Reis):** Receive an update for the May 4, 2025 event, provide feedback, and discuss schedule for Environmental Commission table.
5. **SB 1046 – Pre-Checkout Bags (City staff):** Receive an update from staff on recent findings and discuss next steps.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

1. Reports from Council Meetings
2. Roundtable Progress Updates

STAFF UPDATES

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M. IN
PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE

ESTABLISHING QUORUM

PRESENT: Chair Humayun, Vice Chair van Reis, Commissioner Hecht (Virtual),
Commissioner Nee, and Commissioner Lu

ABSENT: Commissioner Weiden

ATTENDEES: Tania Katbi (Management Analyst II)

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comment from Gary Hedden.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Environmental Commission Minutes

Approved minutes of the February 12, 2025, meeting.

Action: Upon a motion by Chair Humayun, seconded by Vice Chair van Reis, the Environmental Commission approved the meeting minutes.

The motion was approved (5-0) by the following vote:

AYES: Hecht, Humayun, Nee, van Reis, Lu

NOES: None

ABSENT: Weiden

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Ecosystem Restoration Presentation:

Dr. Rick Lanman, MD, presented the development of the urban forest with an ecological lens, followed by questions and discussions from commissioners.

No action was taken.

3. Electrification Event (EV Fair)

Vice Chair van Reis provided an update on the event, Living Electric.

No action was taken.

4. 2025 Workplan

Chair Humayan provided a debrief on the meeting with the Commission's Council Liaison and further discussed the workplan. The following actions were taken:

- Appointed the Chair and Vice Chair to write the memo to the council regarding the workplan.

- Appointed the Subcommittee on Policy Incentives and Community Engagement Recommendations (Hecht, Nee, Weiden).
- Changed the Commission Liaison to the CSC from Lu to Humayun.

Group	Topic	Commissioner
Ad-hoc Subcommittee	Policy Incentives & Community Engagement Recommendations	Weiden, Hecht, Nee
Working Pair	Urban Forest	Lu, van Reis
Individual Work	Electrification Event	van Reis
Individual Work	Transportation	Humayun
Individual Work	Deconstruction	Humayun
Commission Liaisons	Planning	Humayun
Commission Liaisons	CSC	Humayun

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioners shared updates from Council meetings and provided updates.

STAFF UPDATES

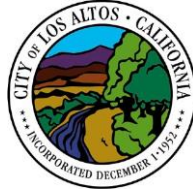
Staff provided updates.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. SVCE Update
2. CAL Water Update
3. GHG Inventory Follow-up
4. SB 1046
5. Reuse Presentation
6. Deconstruction Presentation
7. SVCE Full-Service Program Presentation

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Humayan adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.



Meeting Date: April 9, 2025

Subject: SB 1046 – Pre-Checkout Bags

Prepared by: Tania Katbi, Management Analyst II

Background

[SB 1046](#) (Eggman, Chapter 991, Statutes of 2022) restricts the types of bags that many retail establishments can offer customers at checkout. Affected businesses include most grocery stores, retail stores with pharmacies, convenience stores, food marts, and liquor stores.

Pre-checkout bags are provided to a customer before checkout to:

- Contain unwrapped items like bulk foods or loose produce
- Protect a purchased item from damage or contamination

As of January 1, 2025, stores may only provide customers with pre-checkout bags that are:

- Recycled paper bags or
- Compostable bags

Compostable pre-checkout bags must comply with specific requirements.

Analysis

The City of Los Altos (“City”) has confirmed with Mission Trail Waste Systems and Newby Island that compostable bags are not accepted because they do not break down in their composting system. This lack of decomposition leads to contamination, which puts the facility's OMRI organic certification at risk, thereby impacting their ability to sell compost.

Discussion

- Should Los Altos amend SB 1046 locally, to ban compostable pre-checkout bags and require recycled paper only?