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**Malibu City Council**  
**Environmental Sustainability Subcommittee**  
**Special Meeting Agenda**  
**(to be held during COVID-19 emergency)**

**Thursday, April 29, 2021**

**11:00 A.M.**

**Various Teleconference Locations**

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**Mayor Mikke Pierson**  
**Councilmember Steve Uhring**

**Call to Order**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Report on Posting of the Agenda** – April 23, 2021

**1. Presentations / Staff Updates**

2. **Old Business**

None.

3. **New Business**

A. Approval of Minutes – March 25, 2021

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

Staff Contact: Executive Assistant Linden, 456-2489, ext. 232

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

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

Staff contact: Environmental Sustainability Analyst Shen, 456-2489, ext. 376

**Adjournment**

*I hereby certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing agenda was posted in accordance with the applicable legal requirements. Special meeting agendas may be amended up to 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2021, at 9:00 a.m.*

  
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Mary Linden, Executive Assistant



# Environmental Sustainability Subcommittee Agenda Report

Environmental  
Sustainability  
Subcommittee  
Special Meeting  
04-29-21

## **Item 3.A.**

To: Councilmember Peak and Councilmember Wagner

Prepared by: Mary Linden, Executive Assistant

Approved by: Reva Feldman, City Manager

Date prepared: April 23, 2021 Meeting date: April 29, 2021

Subject: Approval of Minutes – March 25, 2021

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve minutes for the Environmental Sustainability Subcommittee Special meeting of March 25, 2021.

**DISCUSSION:** Staff has prepared draft minutes for the Environmental Sustainability Subcommittee Special meeting of March 25, 2021 and hereby submits the minutes to the Subcommittee for approval.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Draft March 25, 2021 Environmental Sustainability Subcommittee Special Meeting Minutes

MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 25, 2021  
TELECONFERENCED - VARIOUS LOCATIONS  
10:00 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**

Mayor Pierson called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

PRESENT: Mayor Mikke Pierson and Councilmember Steve Uhring

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION Councilmember Uhring moved and Mayor 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 March 19, 2021, and the amended agenda was posted on March 20, 2021.

ITEM 1 PRESENTATIONS

None.

ITEM 2 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 3 NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes – November 14, 2019

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes for the Environmental Sustainability Subcommittee Special meeting of November 14, 2019.

MOTION Councilmember Uhring moved and Mayor Pierson seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the Environmental Sustainability Subcommittee Special meeting of November 14, 2019. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Environmental Programs Update

Recommended Action: Receive and file a presentation on the Environmental Programs activities and provide feedback to staff.

Environmental Sustainability Director Bundy introduced Environmental Sustainability Analyst Shen and Environmental Programs Coordinator Johnson.

Environmental Sustainability Analyst Shen provided the presentation. She stated Southern California Edison (SCE) increased delivery charges by 10-11 percent for all customers last month. She clarified the increase was unrelated to Malibu joining the Clean Power Authority (CPA) for green power. She stated presentations on the Dark Sky Ordinance were postponed due to COVID-19. She stated three gas stations were scheduled for Dark Sky compliance. She discussed no-cost services the City received from CPA, including a full city audit and power for Bluffs Park. She stated the Malibu Smart program offered Malibu residents the highest lawn replacement rebate in California thanks to contributions from West Basin Municipal Water District and Los Angeles County Waterworks District 29.

Environmental Programs Coordinator Johnson provided a presentation on the City's compliance programs. He discussed regular reports required for various County and State compliance programs. He discussed inspections being conducted at the La Paz development project. He described enforcement of recreational vehicle (RV) illicit discharges, including daily site visits at Las Tunas Beach. He stated staff coordinated with the Sheriff's Department for enforcement. He stated he was working with the City's consultant to complete modifications to the Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP) to be presented to the Council before the June 2021 deadline. He stated he served on the Watershed Area Steering Committee for Safe Clean Water LA. He explained Safe Clean Water Program funding could only be used for projects that provided a stormwater

benefit. He stated staff submitted a comment letter on the Santa Monica Bay Marine Debris Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) to extend the deadline to March 2023.

Environmental Sustainability Analyst Shen discussed recycling programs. She stated City staff were working closely with local restaurants and with Pepperdine on a food recovery pilot program. She discussed assisting grocery stores on compliance with plastic bag bans during the pandemic. She discussed the Malibu Living Shoreline Project, which encompassed three acres of dune sand and the use of native plants. She stated the Bay Foundation was preparing interpretive signage for the Zuma Lagoon project area. She discussed activities offered in the Virtual Environmental Center during the pandemic at [www.MalibuCity.org/VirtualEnviroCenter](http://www.MalibuCity.org/VirtualEnviroCenter). She discussed upcoming programs, including CPA free battery storage, comparative energy analysis, and a virtual firescaping workshop. She discussed work on a draft food recovery program ordinance for SB 1383 compliance. She stated SB 1383 approach details would be presented to the Subcommittee next month. She discussed Earth Month 2021 activities.

Environmental Programs Coordinator Johnson stated the City would continue to seek funding for water quality improvements projects. He discussed a rural drainage inlets survey. He stated staff's TMDL comment letter requested some catch basins be classified as rural drainage inlets. He discussed the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's efforts on a regional-wide MS4 permit with new requirements for the City. He discussed dry weather outfall inspections.

Environmental Sustainability Director Bundy thanked Environmental Sustainability Analyst Shen and Environmental Programs Coordinator Johnson for their work. She discussed budget impacts of COVID-19, including the elimination of one Environmental Programs staff position. She discussed Work Plan items postponed due to the pandemic and work distribution with only two staff members. She confirmed plan check for gas station compliance with the Dark Sky Ordinance would continue. She stated ESD needed input from the Council on prioritization of work plan items due to limited staffing while also meeting outside agency compliance requirements. She commended Environmental Sustainability Analyst Shen and Environmental Programs Coordinator Johnson. She discussed ESD program modifications during COVID-19, including online permit applications and Woolsey Fire rebuild tasks. She stated building in Malibu did not stop during the pandemic. She stated ESD staff were passionate and dedicated to working with and for the community.

Mayor Pierson commended staff for an excellent presentation and thanked them for their dedication.

Councilmember Uhring thanked staff for a very impressive presentation. He stated he needed to learn more about compliance efforts.

Pamela Conley Ulich deferred her time to Dean Kubani.

Kian Schulman commended staff for an excellent job. She stated ESD staff needed more help. She commended Environmental Sustainability Director Bundy. She requested the Council establish an Environmental Commission. She stated assistance from youth in Calabasas helped reduce that city's budget impacts. She suggested Malibu utilize youth support. She discussed neighboring city efforts on locking lid bins. She requested more outreach materials regarding rodenticide issues.

Dean Kubani, Malibu Foundation Senior Advisor on Climate Change, commended staff on their presentation and ongoing work. He discussed the City's emergency climate emergency declaration. He recommended the City prioritize climate change. He discussed the need for a climate resiliency action plan and for the City to adopt a target on reducing greenhouse gases. He stated he would be happy to make a presentation at a future City Council meeting. He stated Malibu Foundation was speaking with the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments since four of the five cities did not have climate action plans. He stated he would suggest one plan be developed for all cities without a plan to reduce cost.

Candace Bond McKeever was not available at the time of the hearing.

Pamela Conley Ulich expressed support for the City to work with Malibu Foundation. She suggested the proposal be added to the Subcommittee's next agenda.

Mayor Pierson stated he worked with Mr. Kubani on bringing the climate plan forward. He discussed his work with the group working on a plan for the Santa Monica area.

Councilmember Uhring asked what was stopping gas stations from being compliant with the Dark Sky ordinance. Environmental Sustainability Director Bundy explained the process for obtaining an electrical permit necessary for compliance. She stated only five of seven gas stations had submitted for Planning approval. She stated four had passed Planning and were under review by ESD for permit approval.

In response to Councilmember Uhring, Environmental Sustainability Analyst Shen stated the Malibu Smart program had reached 94% of its total target. Councilmember Uhring stated it was important for the community to know how well it was doing. He agreed with Mr. Kubani regarding the goals related to climate change. He requested Malibu Foundation present more details to the Subcommittee before going to the City Council.

Environmental Sustainability Director Bundy stated she and her staff were available to meet with Councilmember Uhring at any time to answer his questions.

Mayor Pierson agreed with scheduling media outreach about Environmental Programs. He suggested Councilmember Uhring join the Resilient Santa Monica Mountains Plan's Project Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Uhring stated he was willing to join the group and work with the Malibu Foundation. In response to Councilmember Uhring, Mayor Pierson confirmed climate change was not currently a City project.

Mayor Pierson commended staff again. He stated he and Councilmember Uhring also served on the Administration and Finance (A&F) Subcommittee that would review unfunded projects. He stated the environmental program was important to everyone. He stated it would be helpful to understand estimates on budget and staffing, including outside consultants, for projects being considered. Environmental Sustainability Director Bundy stated she could prepare that information. Mayor Pierson stated he continued to work on a microgrid project to get City Hall and the Civic Center Water Treatment Facility (CCWTF) off the grid with solar power and battery backup. He stated much had changed and some funding mechanisms would not hurt the City.

Councilmember Uhring agreed the current work plan was more than sufficient for the upcoming year. He stated he did not see a need to add more to the plan. Environmental Sustainability Director Bundy stated she knew Dark Sky was a Council priority.

Councilmember Uhring asked if an Environmental Commission would be helpful to staff. He stated he did not want to add more to staff's plate. In response to Councilmember Uhring, Environmental Sustainability Director Bundy stated she would have to do research about the impacts of a new commission. She stated SB 1383 was a top priority and would be brought forward in upcoming months. She discussed SB 1383 mandated deadlines from the State. She stated Woolsey Fire rebuilds continued to be ESD's highest priority.

Councilmember Uhring stated he would talk to the community pushing for the Commission to see what was expected. Environmental Sustainability Director Bundy stated it would be helpful to know more about what items would be brought to the new commission. Councilmember Uhring stated he did not want it to be a burden to staff.

Mayor Pierson stated a new environmental commission was a high priority for him. He stated the microgrid project and undergrounding power lines were important and having the right people helping would be a benefit. He suggested the commission initially start with quarterly meetings.

Councilmember Uhring discussed how the Public Safety Commission took specific actions to get things done. He stated he could agree with an environmental commission if it would actually get things done.

Mayor Pierson requested more clarity on potential budget and staff estimates and a developable plan for outreach.

In response to Ms. Shulman, Environmental Sustainability Director Bundy stated staff could work on outreach related to rodenticide use. Mayor Pierson stated his neighborhood placed signs about rodenticides.

In response to Councilmember Uhring, Mayor Pierson stated the rodenticide ban was being considered by the California Coastal Commission. Councilmember Uhring asked how outside companies could be monitored on enforcement of the ban.

Councilmember Uhring agreed with seeking student involvement in projects such as the Zuma Lagoon project. Environmental Sustainability Director Bundy stated staff could reach out to the schools about making presentations.

Mayor Pierson suggested partnering with Pepperdine University on outreach. Councilmember Uhring agreed and stated Pepperdine students seemed to understand the value of the Dark Sky ordinance more than many residents.

Environmental Sustainability Analyst Shen stated staff had good contacts at Pepperdine and the schools and would reach out to them.

Mayor Pierson stated the Council was prepared to be supportive of staff. Environmental Sustainability Director Bundy stated regular Subcommittee

meetings would also provide the opportunity for Councilmembers to learn more about the programs.

Mayor Pierson suggested Councilmember Uhring take the lead on the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission and he could take the lead with CPA. Councilmember Uhring stated working with these groups helped educate him.

Mayor Pierson thanked staff and all the speakers. Councilmember Uhring stated this was one of the more informative meetings he had attended.

Environmental Sustainability Director Bundy thanked the Subcommittee for their support and feedback.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** At 11:35 a.m., Mayor Pierson moved and Councilmember Uhring seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved and adopted by the Environmental Sustainability Subcommittee of the City of Malibu on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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MIKKE PIERSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

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MARY LINDEN, Executive Assistant



# Environmental Sustainability Subcommittee Agenda Report

Environmental  
Sustainability  
Subcommittee  
Special Meeting  
04-29-21

## Item 3.B.

To: Mayor Pierson and Councilmember Uhring

Prepared by: Christine Shen, Environmental Sustainability Analyst

Reviewed by: Yolanda Bundy, Environmental Sustainability Director

Approved by: Reva Feldman, City Manager

Date prepared: April 19, 2021 Meeting date: April 29, 2021

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

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive and file a presentation on California SB 1383: Organic Waste Reductions.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding for this project was included in the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in Solid Waste Professional Services 207-3004-5100.

**WORK PLAN:** This item was included as item 5.h. in the Proposed Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

**DISCUSSION:** In 2016, Governor Brown signed into law Senate Bill (SB) 1383 (Lara, Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016), establishing methane emissions reduction targets in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP) in various sectors of California's economy. SB 1383 is the State's most ambitious waste reduction law in the last 30 years and enacts the following targets to reduce organic waste in landfills:

- Achieve a 50% reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020 and a 75 % reduction by 2025
- Rescue for people to eat at least 20% of currently disposed surplus food by 2025

On September 9, 2019, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 19-42 (Attached) endorsing the declaration of a climate emergency and requesting regional collaboration on an immediate just transition and emergency mobilization effort to restore a safe climate. By declaring a climate emergency, the City committed to eliminate all greenhouse gas emissions at emergency speed, and advocate for other cities and levels of government to do the same.

As a result of human activity since the Industrial Revolution, the concentration of greenhouse gases (GHG) has trapped heat in the atmosphere, causing global temperatures to rise. SLCPs, including the GHG methane, adversely affects indoor and outdoor air quality. Methane emissions are more potent than carbon dioxide but live a short time in the atmosphere. In fact, methane has an atmospheric lifetime of 12 years, and it also serves as a major contributor to the production of tropospheric ozone (another SLCP). Reducing SLCPs can deliver multiple benefits for development and human well-being, supporting efforts to improve health, and assist with alleviating food insecurity.

Since landfills are the third largest producer of methane, the State's SLCP strategy includes managing organic waste. Food scraps, green waste, paper, and cardboard are organic materials that account for a significant portion of California's overall waste stream. Increasing food waste prevention, encouraging edible food rescue, and expanding the composting and in-vessel digestion of organic waste will reduce methane from landfill operations. In addition to setting specific emissions reduction goals, SB 1383 mandated regulations for cities and counties:

- Provide organic waste collection services to all residents and businesses
- Develop and adopt an enforcement mechanism or ordinance by January 2022
- Establish an edible food recovery program
- Update the City's procurement policy to purchase recycled content paper and recycled organic waste products (e.g., compost, mulch, and renewable natural gas) at a volume of 0.08 tons/resident
- Provide outreach and education for generators, haulers, facilities, edible food recovery organizations, and municipal departments
- Plan and secure access for recycling and edible food recovery capacity
- Monitor compliance and conduct enforcement
- Maintain accurate compliance records

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution No. 19-42: Declaration of a Climate Emergency

RESOLUTION NO. 19-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MALIBU  
ENDORING THE DECLARATION OF A CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND  
REQUESTING REGIONAL COLLABORATION ON AN IMMEDIATE JUST  
TRANSITION AND EMERGENCY MOBILIZATION EFFORT TO RESTORE A  
SAFE CLIMATE

The City Council of the City of Malibu does hereby find, order and resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. Recitals.

A. In April 2016, world leaders from 175 countries, including the United States, recognized the threat of climate change and the urgent need to combat it by signing the Paris Agreement, agreeing to keep warming “well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels” and to “pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C.”

B. The death and destruction already wrought by global warming of approximately 1°C demonstrate that the Earth is already too hot for safety and justice as attested by increased and intensifying wildfires, floods, rising seas, diseases, droughts and extreme weather.

C. Climate change and the global economy’s overshoot of ecological limits are driving the sixth mass extinction of species, which could devastate much of life on Earth for the next 10 million years.

D. The United States of America has disproportionately contributed to the climate and ecological crises and has repeatedly obstructed global efforts to transition toward a sustainable economy, and thus bears an extraordinary responsibility to rapidly solve these crises.

E. Restoring a safe and stable climate requires an emergency mobilization on a scale not seen since World War II to reach zero greenhouse gas emissions across all sectors at wartime speed, to rapidly and safely drawdown or remove all the excess carbon from the atmosphere, and to implement measures to protect all people and species from the consequences of abrupt climate change.

F. Justice requires that frontline communities, which have historically borne the brunt of the extractive fossil-fuel economy, participate actively in the planning and implementation of this mobilization effort at all levels of government and that they benefit first from the transition to a renewable energy economy.

G. Fairness demands a guarantee of high-paying, good-quality jobs with comprehensive benefits for all and many other tenants of a Green New Deal effort as the mobilization to restore a safe climate is launched.

H. The City of Malibu can act as a global leader by both converting to an ecologically, socially and economically regenerative economy at emergency speed, and by catalyzing a unified regional just transition and climate emergency mobilization effort this year.

SECTION 2. The City Council does endorse the declaration of a climate emergency and requests regional collaboration on an immediate just transition and emergency mobilization effort to restore a safe climate.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

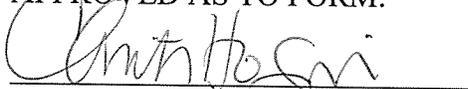
PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.

  
JEFFERSON WAGNER, Mayor

ATTEST:

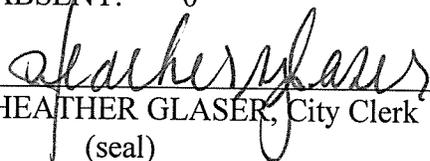
  
HEATHER GLASER, City Clerk  
(seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
CHRISTI HOGIN, City Attorney

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION NO. 19-42 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Malibu at the regular meeting thereof held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:	4	Councilmembers:	Peak, Pierson, Farrer, Wagner
NOES:	1	Councilmember:	Mullen
ABSTAIN:	0		
ABSENT:	0		

  
HEATHER GLASER, City Clerk  
(seal)