



Subcommittee Report

PRESENTED FOR COMMISSION MEETING DATE: March 19, 2018

SUBMITTED BY: Robert McCann

SUBCOMMITTEE NAME: Standing Subcommittee on Waste Reduction (SSCoWR)

SUBMITTED DATE: Mar 14, 2018

LAST SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE: Feb 27, 2018

NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE: Mar 25, 2019

Subcommittee Goal:

Divert 90% of waste generated by the City of Palm Springs from landfill by 2030.

Summary:

1. C&D Waste Ordinance.

- No developments to report.

2. Reducing Single-use Nonrecyclable Plastic Food Ware and Plastic Straws by Food Service Establishments.

- Update on development of Staff Report: Patrick Tallarico.

3. Battery Recycling Project

- February 27. Patrick Tallarico briefed meeting attendees on options for non-plastic collection bags. Following discussion of the options, a downselect was completed on March 12.

4. Design and Placement of Waste Containers for Public Areas of the City

- February 27. SSCoWR completed a draft of a white paper on “Best Practices” for waste container design and placement in public areas.
- March 13. SSCoWR members Robert McCann, Roy Clark, and Lani Miller met to evaluate revisions to the February 27 Report and complete a final revision.
- March 14. A final version of the SSCoWR White Paper was completed and submitted to the Sustainability Commission and City Council Members.

5. NUSA Conference Presentation

- March 14. Presenters Rob McCann and David Freedman met with Dan DeGarmo to critique early drafts of their presentations and provide feedback for next month’s preparatory meeting.

Recommendation/Request

The SSCowR notes that the bright blue recycle containers now in our public parks are currently co-existing with bright blue trash containers that were placed in the parks at the beginning of this year. To avoid confusion and decrease the rate of contamination of the waste stream being placed in our recycle containers, the SSCowR recommends that the bright blue trash containers be replaced with the standard brown trash containers that have been deployed in downtown areas, or that the bright blue trash containers in the city parks be painted brown with “trash only” signage.

ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO COMMISSION	N/A
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POTENTIAL FISCAL IMPACT/REQUEST IF ANY:	N/A