



# City of Woodland

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## SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 13, 2019

### 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

Present: Mark Aulman, Marcia Cary, Liza Grandia, Catalina Munoz, Raul Tadle,

Absent: Christine Casey, Sara Schremmer, Robert Ullrey

Staff Present: Rosie Ledesma, Jianelli Morones

### 3. Public comment

None.

### 4. Member reports

**Munoz:** Catalina recently met with Jose Perez, Director of Yolo County Transportation District, to discuss transportation and commuting alternatives. Perez invited her to attend the Districts' technical advisory meetings.

**Cary:** Marcia attended the grand opening of the anaerobic composter at the Yolo County Central Landfill on October 22 and shared some of the handouts from the event with the Committee.

**Grandia:** Liza met with the Woodland Joint Unified School District's (WJUSD) facilities management staff regarding an update to the District's flooring policy. The policy will be taken to the WJUSD Board meeting on December 19 to be finalized and adopted. She will be reaching out to Google for potential funding options regarding flooring in schools. Liza shared an update on the progress that has been made in banning flavored e-cigarettes. She will be participating in Woodland's holiday parade to promote the Green Coalition and is looking for others to join her.

**Tadle:** Raul shared his recent research regarding arsenic levels in baby food and how some water districts are using antiquated testing systems, which do not always detect all contaminants. He also discussed carpooling opportunities through Google's Waze app and exploring options for how similar carpooling systems could be used in Woodland.

**Vice Chairperson Aulman:** The Valley Clean Energy (VCE) Community Advisory Committee met on November 12 to discuss VCE's offer to purchase PG&E's infrastructure and distribution network, which was rejected by PG&E. VCE's has established a new goal for electric vehicles and recently launched their new website which includes tools and tips on going electric. Woodland Tree Foundation is hosting a tree planting on December 7 at 8:30 a.m. at Campbell Park. The Foundation is also working with the City to apply for another CalFire grant to preserve current tree canopy and offer financial support for homeowners to help preserve mature trees. The Foundation will be proposing to Council a tree protection ordinance to protect and preserve 880 mature oak trees in Woodland.

Members also discussed researching Cool Davis and exploring options for starting a similar organization in Woodland. Liza and Catalina stated they would reach out to Cool Davis for more information.

## **5. Staff reports**

Rosie Ledesma, Environmental Resource Analyst, reported that staff is working to implement an online recycling tool called Waste Wizard to help residents identify how to handle specific materials for disposal, recycling, or special handling to help avoid contamination. Waste Wizard will also feature a collection calendar to notify residents when their trash, recycling, organics, green waste, and street sweeping services are. A link to the tool will be sent to the Committee to pilot the program and gather their feedback at the December meeting.

## **6. CivicSpark Fellow reports**

Jianelli Morones, CivicSpark Fellow, shared her progress on the Climate Action Plan web pages and dashboard. Jianelli has been researching best practices in communicating about climate change and attending informational webinars to support her projects.

## **7. Approve minutes for September 11, 2019**

On a motion by Liza Grandia, seconded by Catalina Munoz, and carried unanimously on a 5-0-3 vote, committee members approved the minutes for the October 9, 2019 meeting.

Ayes: Aulman, Cary, Grandia, Munoz, and Tadle

Noes: None

Absent: Casey, Schremmer, and Ullrey

## **8. Discuss work plan**

The Committee discussed the first item of the draft work plan and agreed that they would like to work on the whole work plan individually leading up to the December meeting rather than discussing one work plan item per meeting. Members will send their work plan input to Reyna Piñon, Conservation Coordinator, for discussion at the December meeting. Discussion of the work plan items included ideas of researching what other jurisdictions are doing in regards to providing sustainability policy and Climate Action Plan feedback to city councils and boards of supervisors and visually mapping out existing city programs. The Committee would also like to create a mission statement during development of the work plan.

## **9. Discuss long-range calendar**

The Committee agreed that they would continue discussion of the entire work plan at upcoming meetings rather than discussing one work plan item per meeting.

## **10. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.