



**SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES - November 17, 2021**

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll call

Present: Mark Aulman, Rolf Frankenbach, Liza Grandia, Allison Martin, Catalina Munoz, Sara Schremmer, Adelita Serena, Raul Tadle, Robert Ullrey

Absent: None

Staff Present: Rosie Ledesma, Sayetsi Sanchez, Megan Meier

Guests Present: Steve Burns, Valerie Olson, Robin Datel, Stefan Harvey, Tom Stallard

3. Authorize Remote Public Meetings as Authorized by AB 361 (Action Item)

On a motion by Robert Ullrey, seconded by Allison Martin. Passes unanimously.

4. Public comment

Robin Datel requested to wait until item 6 to speak. No public email comments.

5. Member reports (Information Item)

Aulman: Mark reported that the meeting minutes have not been posted on the City website since June. This issue has been brought up to Brent Meyer, Ken Loman, Mayor Stallard and Ken Hiatt who responded that we would work on correcting this. On the agenda center, the committee's agenda is currently being posted but the meeting minutes are not. The Year 2 Report from the 12 months that Mark was Chair was approved unanimously by the Committee but has not been submitted to Council yet.

Frankenbach: Noted a new law that will be phasing out gasoline powered small equipment to battery power units such as leaf blowers and small lawnmowers. AB 1346 and the Air Resources Board will be adopting regulations to reduce emissions by July of next year and by 2024, the sale of small gasoline powered units will be banned but the guidelines still need to be determined. The bill also mentions incentives to purchase battery powered units.

Tadle: Raul reported that he has contacted the Air Resources Board for a list of vehicles that can be provided to replace gas ones. There is currently no list available for alternative options.

Martin: Allison shared the article on the new gas powered equipment law with the committee.

<https://www.route-fifty.com/public-safety/2021/11/california-become-first-state-outlaw-gas-powered-lawn-mowers-and-leaf-blowers/186568/>

Ullrey: Robert reported that the Natural Resource Agency has released a draft on the guideline for the Urban Greenery Grant Program. Robert forwarded information to City Staff, Ken Loman and Rosie Ledesma, to review and provide feedback on the draft if applicable to the Natural Resource Agency.

Grandia: Reported that the Woodland Joint Unified Environmental Stewardship Committee is starting their meetings again but have lost the teacher who coordinate those meetings in the past. The WJUSD Committee is looking volunteers to join the committee. Liza also reported that there is pressure for schools, and specifically UC Davis, to de-carbonize and store energy. Liza also requested that future in-person meetings from the City to be advertised as fragrance free. Liza shared a link how town meetings in Shutesbury, MA mandates for their meetings to be fragrance free.

https://www.shutesbury.org/fragrance?fbclid=IwAR3T5UChN_LDIF6yJ0rOI3q8gXhgvpBhdS_Db2qV1KkYXdBEPufdpKMLA0ug

Serena: Shared a website with the Committee to use for outreach opportunities that are available in Woodland and Yolo County. <https://www.collaborationconnection.org/>

6. Staff reports (Information Item)

Rosie reported that we do not have the October meeting minutes due to staffing absences and that she is working to have the missing meeting minutes submitted and posted to the City website soon.

The annual rate adjustment for Waste Management were approved at last night's Council meeting. She explained that the committee did not have an opportunity to review due to the scheduling of upcoming agenda items. She shared that the adjustments were mainly from the Yolo County tipping fees, which have increased and has led to an 18% - 20% increase in C&D and organics. By January 1, there will be a \$2.16 increase residential accounts and 6-8% increase for commercial accounts.

For the Water Conservation Program, Environmental Services hired an intern, Joshua Valdez, to assist with our Leak Detection Program and high volume of calls within the program. The City has also partnered with Rachio to offer Woodland water costumers a discount on the Rachio 3 Smart Irrigation Controller. Customers can purchase a discounted controller as well as apply for the Weather Based Irrigation Controller Rebate for a very large savings. Sayetsi Sanchez, Water Conservation Coordinator, mentioned that the program has been announced on social media, the EnviroWoodland Newsletter, and there are plans to include it in a bill insert as well as further social media outreach. Sayetsi mentioned that Rachio has done a study that it can save up to 30% of water use as the

device will read current weather forecast and adjust the run time accordingly. It will also automatically skip watering when there is rain in the forecast.

7. Climate-Safe California Campaign (Action Item)

Robin came to the committee in September and asked to review the campaign and platform. The information was sent out to the committee. Marks suggests that the committee advises council to endorse the campaign and their platform. A goal should be in place for each step in hopes to achieve all of them and to make an effort to do so.

The committee has options on how to proceed with this item.

Option A: Endorse the campaign and recommend it to council,

Option B: Endorse as a committee,

Option C: Have two members review it deeper and come back in December on this item,

Option D: no action taken.

Committee discussed each option and how the committee should move forward.

Public Comments:

Robin Datel came to the meeting with 4 other members from the Unitarian Church of Davis, 2 of which are Woodland residents, to help address some of the concerns that may arise. Robin stated that Woodland's CAP mentions faith ground being involved in this work and has brought members to speak on this.

Valerie Olsen stated the committee should support this campaign. Valerie comes from a health background and is aware of the issues climate change can cause, specifically to the vulnerable population such as children, elderly and homeless. Climate change leads to fires and crop issues and it's important to give access to fresh foods, food security and there are a lot of benefits. We must consider the effects Climate change has on health.

Steve Burns, a small internet business owner in Woodland, mentioned the concerns and complaints on social media about power issues and outages. Steve noted that SB 1999 did not pass which would have built reliable electrical systems. Local electives should support this to show the State that this is an issue. Steve has also reviewed our CAP and hoping that its being monitored. There were goals for 2020 and wants to know where people can find information on where we are on these goals.

Robin Datel noted that she spoke to Mayor Tom Stallard about endorsing this campaign and its platform and was told that coming to the Sustainability Advisory Committee was the place to go.

On a motion by Mark Aulman, seconded by Adelita Serena, and carried on an 8-1 vote, committee members approved to endorse the Climate-Safe California Campaign and recommend it to Council.

Ayes: Serena, Martin, Aulman, Frankenbach, Grandia, Munoz, Schremmer, and Tadle
Noes: Ullrey
Absent: None

8. SB 1383 Update (Discussion Item)

Rosie Ledesma presented on SB 1383 and discussed collections, enforcement, food recovery, capacity planning, procurement, record keeping, education and outreach.

Mark asked for clarification on why Yolo Food Bank was not included under the list for food Recovery. Rosie stated site visits were done and due to the pandemic, Yolo Food Bank doesn't have any capacity and is unable to take on more. Yolo Food Bank may also reduce their inventory intake due to not having enough capacity. Yolo Food bank also declined 300,000 that was offered by the County and its Cities but the City is still requesting the money as it can be used for other food recovery organizations or even get a truck. The deadline for this to be implemented is by January 1.

Robert asked for clarification if SB 1383 was related to the rate hike from Waste Management. Rosie replied that they are not related as the rate hike is due to tipping fee increase for operations. It can potentially relate in the future. The City will need a sustainable source for funding programs. A potential source could be from Waste Management bill rates. Currently, residents pay 70 cents per household, per month, to currently fund our recycling programs. The City could look into increasing rates for additional support, consultants, staffing. SB 1383 allows the City to use franchise or rate increase to fund these programs and it can be considered next year after a rate study.

Alison asked what happens if the City is not in compliance. Rosie stated that AB 619 delays enforcements on jurisdictions for SB1383 requirements if the City applies. If jurisdictions do not meet requirements by the deadline, that jurisdictions will be placed on a compliance plan to meet them. If a jurisdiction does not comply, they could be fined \$10k per day.

Liza asked if the City is currently coordinating with Schools. Rosie stated that the City spent time with schools to get them into compliance. While their tonnage is under Woodland, SB 1383 says enforcement for schools falls to CalRecycle. Schools are in a good place and the City has given them resources such as flyers, bins, banners, lunch sorting, looked at their services to help them be in compliance. Campus that make their own food like Woodland High School and that have kitchens and distribute to other schools wouldn't qualify until 2024 as a Tier 2 generator.

Mark commented that there should be a program or a plan for the disadvantage community. Rosie stated that there is currently a Waste Management discount of 10% for lower income households. We could look into this more with a rate study to increase that discount or add incentives if needed. Rosie also stated that she believes that the City is in a good place for SB 1383.

9. Work Group Updates (Information Item)

Tadle: Working with city fleet to potentially replace new city cars with hybrid and electrics. Contacted the Air Resources Board about providing a list of vehicles that can be provided to replace gas ones, but they don't have one. Consumer Reports has a list of vehicles that other city agencies are considering, and other another option is reaching out to agencies themselves if they came up with a list.

Frakenbach: Rolf and Mark, met with Danny Hewitt from the City's IT GIS who provided large print outs of priority tree planting by 2035 which is a goal of the urban forest mastery plan. Rolf will discuss with Mark on how to sample different houses and lot sizes to see where those opportunities may be and priority sites. There is a website to look at data when out in the field on their phones. Wants to create a report to use as a resource for future use.

Aulman: Mark commented on the heat island reduction effort in Woodland and trying to increase the number of trees planted in those areas. City is allowing to increase number of trees in municipal parking lot in front of city hall and municipal site by the hotel in Woodland. The committee voted about 16 months ago to work with the City on its tree ordinance to protect trees. As part of that effort, study group has revised ordinance and proposal is going to council on December 7.

10. Discuss long-range calendar (Information/Action Item)

No new items were added and no changes were made. Calendar remains open.

11. Adjourn

On a motion by Catalina Munoz, seconded by Liza Grandia the meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

THE CITY OF WOODLAND SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HEREBY ADVISES THE WOODLAND CITY COUNCIL TO ENDORSE THE CLIMATE-SAFE CALIFORNIA CAMPAIGN AND CALL ON THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ENACT THE FOLLOWING SOLUTIONS:

1. COMMIT TO 80% BELOW 1990 LEVELS OF GHG EMISSIONS AND NET NEGATIVE EMISSIONS BY 2030, accelerating existing state policy timelines.

2. SECURE A JUST TRANSITION FOR WORKERS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES WHO DEPEND ON FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRIES, ensuring their economic well-being.

3. CLOSE THE CLIMATE GAP WHEN ENACTING CLIMATE POLICIES TO ENSURE LOWER-INCOME COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ARE NO LONGER DISPROPORTIONATELY HARMED by the health and economic consequences of fossil fuel development, production, and use, and have equitable access to climate-friendly solutions.

4. ENACT BY 2025 THE SUITE OF POLICIES REQUIRED BY SCIENCE TO PUT US ON TRACK FOR NET-NEGATIVE EMISSIONS BY 2030:

a. ACCELERATE THE PHASE-OUT OF FOSSIL FUEL DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, AND USE

- i. Immediately halt new oil and gas drilling and infrastructure development
- ii. Invest now and ramp up public-private efforts to transition fossil fuel workers to good quality jobs or early retirement
- iii. Ensure significantly greater GHG-free transportation and mobility, including no new internal combustion vehicles licensed by 2030
- iv. Secure 100% clean, distributed, resilient electricity and storage, including mobile assets such as electric vehicles, by 2030
- v. Ensure significantly greater GHG-reduction in buildings including 100% electric appliances required in all new buildings, by 2023

b. INCREASE NATURE-BASED CARBON SEQUESTRATION

- i. Protect and increase natural carbon sequestration from the atmosphere to secure an additional ~100+ MMT of CO₂e annually by 2030 through major investments in healthy soils and improved agricultural practices; forest, wetland, and other habitat and vegetation protection and management; and climate-smart habitat restoration at scale in California starting no later than 2022

c. INVEST IN COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

- i. Fund and support every California community by 2025 to:
 - 1. Develop and implement resilience measures as currently required by state law, such as community resilience centers and resilience staffing to reduce deleterious climate impacts on human health, from increased heat, fire and smoke exposure to flooding, drought, and spread of disease
 - 2. Establish clean energy community microgrids and battery storage linked to electric transportation, empowering communities to keep the lights on for critical facilities such as fire stations and hospitals during planned or unplanned outages

d. GENERATE THE FUNDS NEEDED FOR SPEED AND SCALE CLIMATE ACTION

- i. Generate by no later than 2025 an estimated \$12-20 billion per year in new state funds to pay for this urgently needed suite of policies from progressive and equitable financing mechanisms, such as frequent flyer fees, green bonds, and a carbon fee and dividend type program