



City of Berkeley ZERO WASTE COMMISSION Regular Meeting

Monday, January 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and the state declared emergency, this meeting of the City of Berkeley Zero Waste Commission will be conducted exclusively through teleconference and Zoom videoconference. The COVID-19 state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and presents imminent risks to the health of attendees. Therefore, no physical meeting location will be available.

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MEETING AGENDA

PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

- 7:00 pm 1. Call to Order by Chair and Roll Call by Secretary
- **Christienne de Tournay (Chair)**, appointed by CM Sophie Hahn, District 5
 - **Annette Poliwka (Vice Chair)**, appointed by Mayor Jesse Arreguin
 - **Steven Sherman**, appointed by CM Rashi Kesarwani, District 1
 - **Rachel Doughty**, appointed by CM Terry Taplin, District 2
 - **Antoinette Stein**, appointed by CM Ben Bartlett, District 3
 - **Margo Schueler**, appointed by CM Kate Harrison, District 4
 - **Sandra Curtis**, appointed by CM Susan Wengraf, District 6
 - **Nicole Ulakovic**, appointed by CM Rigel Robinson, District 7
 - **VACANT**, appointed by CM Lori Droste, District 8
- 7:05 pm 2. Approve Meeting Agenda and Order of Agenda Items
- 7:10 pm 3. Approve Draft Action Minutes:
- November 15, 2021 Regular Meeting*

- 7:15 pm 4. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda
Speakers are allotted up to two minutes. Speakers may be allotted less time at the discretion of the Chair.
- 7:25 pm 5. Commissioner Announcements
Commissioners may make general announcements; no action will be taken.
- 7:30 pm 6. Staff Updates:
- SB 1383 Implementation
 - Textile Recycling Program
 - Single-Use Foodware Ordinance Implementation
 - Bag Ordinance Referral

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

Members of the public may provide comments at the end of each discussion item and prior to the vote of the Commission on any action items. Speakers are allotted up to 2 minutes.

- 7:45 pm 1. Staff presentation on the 2021 Mattress Recycling Pilot Program Results
- 8:05 pm 2. Discussion and possible action to advise Council to add an informational sheet on our collections, laws (illegal dumping) and resources to all leases in Berkeley
- 8:20 pm 3. Discussion and possible action to send a Recommendation to Council to Adopt a Zero Waste Resolution
- 8:35 pm 4. Discussion and possible action on recommendations for the new Climate and Environment and Climate Commission enabling legislation (note: the proposed enabling legislation is on City Council's agenda for a vote on January 18. Depending on the action they take, discussion/action after January 18 may not be relevant at the January 24 Zero Waste Commission meeting.)
- 8:50 pm 5. Discuss Future Agenda Items
- 9:00 pm 6. Adjourn in honor of Will Bakx, "the conscience of the composting industry."

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Information items may be moved to discussion but no action will be taken.

- Link forwarded by staff regarding a \$500,000 grant awarded to StopWaste from the U.S. Economic Development Administration's (EDA) [Build Back Better Regional Challenge](#) to develop strategies focused on advancing circular economic solutions in the construction sector within Alameda County and the Bay Area. The effort is designed to contribute to innovations in building materials and construction that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, prevent waste, stimulate local economic investment and jobs, and reduce supply chain vulnerability. As part of this grant, StopWaste will be hiring a new position, called Program Manager II: Regional Economic Competitiveness Officer. Request to please share this [job posting](#) with your networks. Press release posted here with more info: <https://www.stopwaste.org/about-stopwaste/news/stopwaste-coalition-wins-one-of-60-national-build-back-better-challenge-grants>

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications from the public are included as links or attachments in the agenda packet.

- No communications from the public were received prior to packet distribution.

***Indicates material included in the agenda packet**

**** Indicates material to be available at the meeting**



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DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting was convened at 7:01 p.m. with Chrise de Tournay, Chair, presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chrise de Tournay, Annette Poliwka, Steven Sherman, Rachel Doughty, Antoinette Stein, Sandra Curtis, Nicole Ulakovic
LOA: None
Absent: Margo Schueler, David Grubb

STAFF PRESENT: Heidi Obermeit, Billi Romain

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: 6

PUBLIC COMMENTS (on non-agenda items): 3

ACTION MINUTES:

1. Approval of the November 15, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda

Action Taken: M/S/C (de Tournay/Curtis) to approve the meeting agenda for Nov. 15, 2021.
Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Schueler, Grubb

2. Approval of the October 25, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Action Taken: M/S/C (de Tournay/Doughty) to approve the October 25, 2021 meeting minutes.
Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Schueler, Grubb

3. Action to approve the 2022 Zero Waste Commission meeting schedule. The Zero Waste Commission will continue to meet as regularly scheduled until Council adopts the ordinance enabling legislation for the new Climate and Environment Commission.

Action Taken: M/S/C (de Tournay/Doughty) to approve the 2022 meeting schedule to be the same as 2021: the fourth Monday of every month with recess in August and December.
Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Schueler, Grubb

Public Comment: 0

4. Discussion and possible action on recommendations for the new Climate and Environment Commission enabling legislation.

No Action Taken; Discussion Only with informal recommendations provided to staff to:

1. Include Commissioner experience criteria for new Environment and Climate Commissioner appointments;
2. Better clarify purview of new Environment and Climate Commission vs Public Works Commission in regards to Zero Waste rates/operations;
3. Ensure the climate-related language is better clarified/defined (e.g. change “climate mitigation” to “climate change mitigation”);
4. Include more relevant zero waste language in the Functions section of the enabling legislation for the new Environment and Climate Commission;
5. Fix typos: “ordinance” spelling at top, remove extra “the” from Function section.

Public Comment: 3

- 5. Discussion and possible action to approve updated Zero Waste Commission goals/definitions (as attached) with the intent to provide greater clarity and working agreement, on an interim basis, within the Commission about the common, but vaguely-defined term “zero waste.” It does not supplant or contradict the Council’s 2005 resolution regarding zero waste.**

Action Taken: M/S/C (Sherman/de Tournay) to approve the Zero Waste definitions (as attached) with the addition of the “inverted pyramid” graphic diagraming the Zero Waste hierarchy and the addition to include “Repair” with “Reuse” to the hierarchy language.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Schueler, Grubb

Public Comment: 0

- 6. Action to extend the meeting by 10 minutes**

Action Taken: M/S/C (de Tournay/Doughty) to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Schueler, Grubb

- 7. Report back from Secretary on any action taken by the Energy Commission regarding the referred draft ordinance regulating the use of carryout and pre-checkout bags. Discussion and possible action based on the information provided.**

No Action Taken; Discussion Only (Secretary did not have anything to report. The Energy Commission will discuss at their upcoming meeting on 12/1/21. Secretary will report back after the 12/1 meeting).

Public Comment: 0

- 8. Discuss Future Agenda Items:**

- Discuss Sending a Recommendation to Council to Adopt a Zero Waste Resolution
- Enabling Legislation for New Climate and Environment Commission
- Plastic Bag Ordinance Referral from Council (report back from Secretary regarding any relevant action taken by the Energy Commission meeting on 12/1/21)
- Request from Steven Sherman to adjourn the meeting in honor of the late Will Box, “the conscience of the composting industry.”

Public comments: 0

- 9. Adjournment at 9:06 p.m.**

M/S/C (de Tournay/Stein) to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Schueler, Grubb

The next regular meeting of the Zero Waste Commission will be held on Monday, January 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. by virtual videoconference/teleconference. The link to access the virtual meeting will be posted to the Community Calendar: www.cityofberkeley.info/communitycalendar/

Respectfully Submitted:

Heidi Obermeit, Secretary