A G E N D A
CITY OF SEASIDE
ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMITTEE

VIRTUAL MEETING
Tuesday, August 11, 2020
5:30 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL - ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

3. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA

If there are any items that arose after the 72-hour posting deadline, this is the point in the meeting where a vote may be taken to add the item to the agenda. (A 2/3-majority vote is required).

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6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2020 REGULAR MEETING

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. UPDATE ON THE PIPPP (PRIORITY IMPACT PLASTIC POLLUTION PREVENTION ORDINANCE), SEASIDE MUNICIPAL CODE 8.60

RECOMMENDATION: The purpose of this item is to discuss how to move forward in communicating with the business community about PIPPP, MRWMD, recycling and composting.

B. UPDATE ON POLLINATOR GARDENS AND GRANT

RECOMMENDATION: The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the pollinator plant grant received by the Xerces Society and the work being done by the park stewards.

C. ANNUAL WORK PLAN

RECOMMENDATION: The purpose of this item is to update and finalize the annual work plan.

D. WORKING GROUPS

RECOMMENDATION: The purpose of this item is to discuss establishing working groups to focus on topics/items between scheduled meetings.

E. VOTE TO ELECT CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

RECOMMENDATION: The purpose of this item is to elect and chair and vice chair.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

9. REPORTS FROM STAFF

10. ADJOURNMENT

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September 8, 2020
Seaside City Hall
5:30 PM

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MINUTES

CITY OF SEASIDE
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Council Chamber
Tuesday, March 10, 2020
5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

5:45 PM

2. ROLL CALL - ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

PRESENT: Molle, Hawran, Abraham-Panni, Raak, Murphy, Tu

3. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Raak asked commission to add item 7E. Funding Allocation Considerations, as requested by staff.
Motioned by Abraham-Panni, second by Murphy. Unanimous approval.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Vossen, Chamber of Commerce. Communicated that we definitely need to take actions to help solve environmental issues. However, we also need to work on informing people about how and what they can recycle. Education on recycling is just as important as what the commission is proposing in 8.60 code amendments. Made a recommendation for a flyer for fast food restaurants to stop incorrect recycling attempts. Shared that some restaurants would be more than willing to put in their restaurants.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 14 AND FEBRUARY 11, 2020

Raak clarified that minutes for January sent in packet were incorrect, but each commissioner and the public packets provided at the meeting had the correct version.
Motioned by Hawran, second by Abraham-Panni. Unanimous approval.

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. ANNUAL WORKPLAN UPDATE

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sharing that subgroups of commissioners would have 60 days to work together, and with Rocha, to stay on track with their "projects." Also, she emphasized the power of accountability within a smaller group vs meeting 1x a month as 1 of 8 people.

----------Molle arrived @ 5:50PM----------

Raak guided the commission in going through the workplan and determining if each item needed to be updated, removed, or kept as is:

1. **EIR report input: update with new projects and request presentation from staff on such projects.**
2. **Outreach on health and safety, as related to 8.28 and 8.54:keep, but also find out what tree-related tasks Parks and Rec will focus on, as it is a major part of their responsibilities.**
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4. **Water and Energy: the EC received presentations on stormwater and the EC provided comments on Campus Town. Maybe it's most appropriate that we bring up concerns and provide input when presentations are provided.**
5. **8.60 draft amendments: update with current status. Stand ready to support with outreach focused on affordability and organics collection.**
   Ongoing projects: add stewardship of pollinator gardens.

Public Comment: Jason Campbell, Councilmember.

B. PRIORITY-IMPACT PLASTIC POLLUTION PREVENTION (PIPPP) POLICY UPDATED

Raak read letter send to Mayor re. the PIPPP policy. She will reach out again soon regarding guidance on next steps for moving forward. Abraham-Panni: Who is EC liaison? Council member Jason Campbell. Will ask for insight and guidance. Lacey: Will be tabling on 18th at Sustainable Seaside event. Molle: in support of learning more about the council agenda process and reaching out to the committee liaison. Abraham-Panni: agreed to more leg-work and conversation, possibly another sub-committee meeting.

Public Comment: None.

C. MONARCH AND POLLINATOR HABITAT KIT UPDATES, INCLUDING OUTREACH

Murphy provided update regarding plantings at Durant, Farallones, and Beta + Beta alley. Sustainable Seaside will be working on Lincoln park on 1.25. Need to follow up with library for collaboration. Murphy attended summit on monarchs, which covered urban monarch conservations. Will share info with committee. Molle: has Seaside High School contacts and might be able to get them to steward a planting site at or near the school. Discussed outreach options and agreed we should flyer neighborhood near the planting sites/parks to inform and solicit. Committee thanked Murphy for her work on the project. Abraham-Panni: inquired about way to recognize community partners for their involvement. Suggested something in the MPUSD newsletter. Murphy: talked about bio-based solutions to greenhouse gas reductions. Some discussion around giving plants to individual homeowners, but the focus will be on parks and community partners. Raak: team up with Surfrider

Public Comment: None

D. VOTE TO ELECT CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Abraham-Panni: thanked Chair Raak for her work so far. Acknowledged how her leadership helped the EC create and define their goals. Suggested Vice Chair Molle being the next chair. Molle: suggest Murphy for Chair, Murphy declined the nomination. Molle moved to continue the topic to continue to when the work plan is approved and all EC members are present. Unanimously supported.

Public Comment: None.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

9. REPORTS FROM STAFF

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

7:18 PM

Priority Impact Plastic Pollution Prevention Ordinance

Proposed amendments
to Seaside Municipal Code
8.60

Environmental Commission Mission Statement

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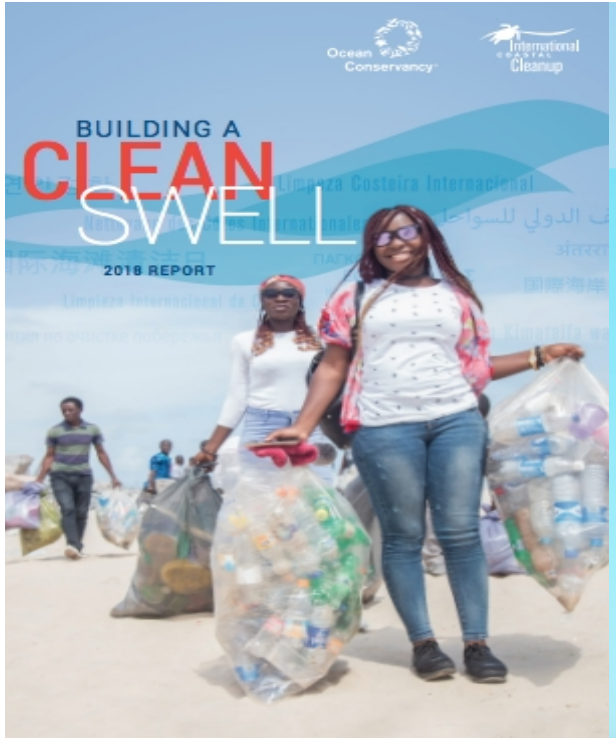
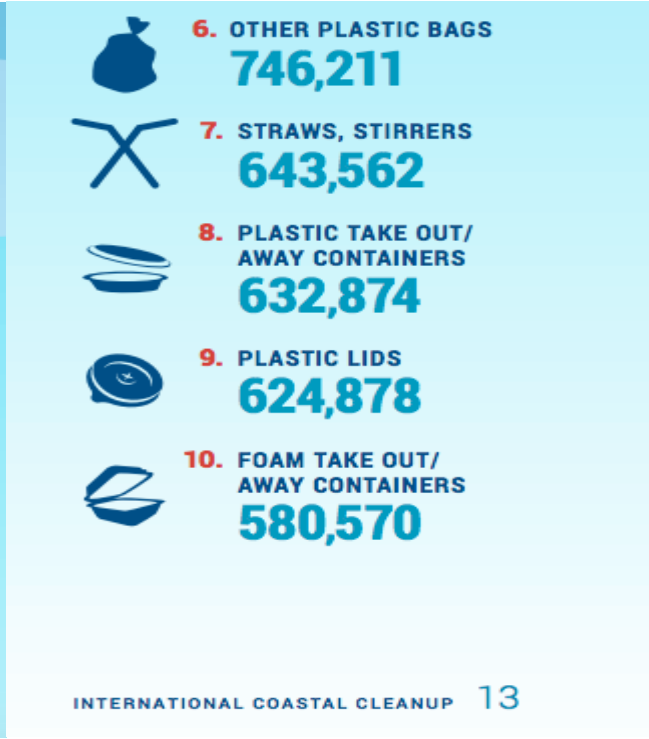




Priority Impact Plastic Pollution means any plastic product referenced in this code section posing a threat to a healthy functioning ecosystem, including wildlife throughout the food web. It includes plastic that negatively impacts the well-being of our community, through litter and human health impacts.

EXISTING CODE - PROPOSED CODE

SMC 8.60: ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE FOOD PACKAGING	SMC 8.60: PRIORITY IMPACT PLASTIC REDUCTION POLLUTION POLICY
NO: POLYSTYRENE PRODUCTS	NO: POLYSTYRENE, BIODEGRADABLE, RECYCLABLE PRODUCTS
YES: BIODEGRADABLE, COMPOSTABLE, AND RECYCLABLE PRODUCTS	YES: COMPOSTABLE PRODUCTS
YES: TAKE-OUT FEE MAXIMUM	ADJUSTMENTS AS EACH BUSINESSES DETERMINES NECESSARY

Timeline of Support and Action

Seaside Policy Development Process

- **November 2018**: subcommittee forms to work on new code.
- April 2019: CSUMB Capstone Project - restaurants surveyed.
- June 2019: Stakeholder meeting 40 in-person deliveries and 54 mailed letters.
- July 2019 - September 2019: Technical and internal reviews of proposed code.
- November 2019: 198 letters mailed and draft code placed online.
- **February 2020:** Council Study Session.

State and Neighboring Jurisdiction Action

- 2018: Carmel passes policy (October) Monterey passes policy (November)
- 2019: Watsonville passes policy (June) Pacific Grove passes policy (November)
- 2018-2020 Series of State legislative actions to reduce plastic waste

CSUMB Capstone Surveys - April 2019

The Oven Pizzeria - El Milagros Restaurante

Ichi Riki - Angelina's Bakery - Acme Roasting - Googie Grill

Counter Point Coffee - Sweet Dreams Delight - El Pollo Rey

The Meatery - Mariscos Puerto Nuevo - Monterey Halal Market

California Tacos - Jim's Restaurant - Lupita's Bakery

RESULTS

- **9 of 15** businesses are using at least one compostable product.
- **1** business is using all eco-friendly products.
- **11 of 15** businesses said they would support a city ordinance requiring compostable products.
- Suppliers: Smart & Final, Costco, American Supply, Restaurant Depot, Monterey Packaging.
- Main concern is cost and product quality.

Business Outreach

Restaurant Stakeholder Meetings

- Held June 5 & 6 at Seaside CREATES!
- Materials available in English + Spanish
- Businesses surveyed
- Participants voiced strong support
- Several had questions about implementation

The City of Seaside wants to hear from you!

State Legislation - 2018

AB 1884 - Straws on Request

- Straws may be offered on request only in dine-in restaurants. (Does not apply to coffee shops, bars or fast food.)

SB 1263 - Statewide Microplastics Strategy

- Directs the state's Ocean Protection Council to examine plastic pieces smaller than 5mm in the marine environment

SB 1335 - Take-Out Food Packaging at State Facilities

- Requires that all food containers provided at facilities in state-owned properties be recyclable or compostable.

State Legislation - 2019

AB 1162 - Small plastic bottles in lodging establishments

- State ban on single-use plastic toiletry bottles limited to only shampoo, conditioner, and body wash.

AB 619 - Reusable containers and utensils in food service

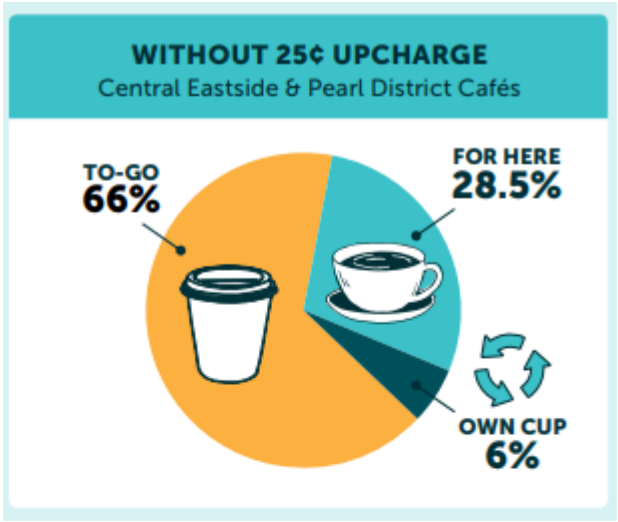
- Clarifies how restaurants may serve food and beverages in consumer-provided reusable containers.
- Allows food-cart vendors at community events to serve food and beverages in reusable service ware.

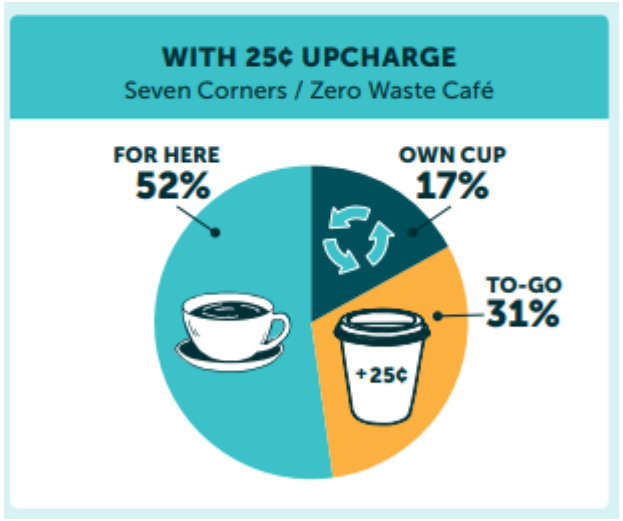
State Legislation - 2020

AB 1080 and SB 54 - The California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act

- These two companion bills develop a comprehensive framework for reducing plastic pollution and reforming wasteful product packaging.
- Specifically, the bills would require all single-use packaging (regardless of material) and certain food service ware to be recyclable or compostable by 2030.
- Requires a 75% reduction statewide by producers of waste generated from single-use packaging.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
to
Reconsider, Reuse, and Repurpose





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ANNUAL PROJECTED SAVINGS
with 25¢ Upcharge at our 3 Portland Cafés

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Draft Policy Components

City Ordinances:

8.60.010 - 8.60.020

8.28.030 and 8.28.070

8.60.014 Ban on single-use plastic products and priority-impact plastic pollution.

- No retail, service or care provider establishment shall provide single-use plastic products, including:
  - Examples of what is covered: bags, plates, napkins, straws, cups, lids, utensils, bowls, stirrers, beverage plugs, trays and hinged or lidded containers, as well as single-use packaging for condiments, sauces and creamers.
  - Exceptions: Anything prepared and packaged off-site, medical devices, medical products, prescription drugs, and the packaging used for these products, that require approval from the United States Food and Drug Administration or require child-proof packaging.
- All restaurants must provide reusable service-ware to dine-in customers (exceptions if water credits for additional water use for dishwashers are needed but not available.)
- The sale of single-use or limited-use polystyrene foam products is prohibited within the City
- Balloon limits
- Plastic water bottles at City events

8.60.016 Compostable Ware

- Establishments providing food to go (or counter service) and utilizing disposable food service ware shall use certified compostable products
- Prioritize reusable containers
- Need a collection system
- A fee is allowed if the business chooses (maximum amount of .25c and shall not be collected by the City.)
- Plastics straws allowed upon request

8.60.018 Ban on single-use personal care products in commercial and residential lodging.

Plastic bottles of personal care products of 10oz or less shall not be provided in hotel or motel rooms, vacation rentals, commercial or residential lodging, such as Airbnb, or other accommodations within the City.

8.60.020 Compliance support and enforcement.

- 6 month compliance period
- If no viable compliant option is market-ready or available, the businesses shall notify staff within the transition period
- Positive encouragement
- Code enforced as public nuisance

Litter Ordinance - Key Components

Adds clarification defining “compostable” to align with ordinance 8.60

Re-words from “placing” litter to “responsible collection”

Adds language requiring business/property managers to collect litter from parking lots, sidewalks and street fronts at least one time each business day.

Support existing State requirements: The State Water Board issued a 13383 Technical Order on June 1, 2017 that outlines the initial deliverables with deadlines to be submitted for planning and implementing the requirements of the Trash Amendment.

Support, Impact and Compliance

- Green Business Certification/Grants
- Greenwaste Education and Outreach Coordinators and Trainings
- More awareness to BYO
- Resources and support: website, community research on alternatives etc.

SUSTAINABLE
MOMENTS™

CITY OF SEASIDE
STAFF REPORT

Item No.: 7.C.

TO: Environmental Committee

BY: Beth Rocha, Associate Planner

DATE: August 11, 2020

SUBJECT: **ANNUAL WORK PLAN**

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION

The purpose of this item is to update and finalize the annual work plan.

BACKGROUND

Minutes:

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ATTACHMENTS

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Annual Work Plan
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Environmental Commission

Annual Work Plan

Looking Ahead: FY 2020-2021

Reviewing Accomplishments: FY 2019-2020

1. Lacey Raak: Chair
2. Kristin Molle: Vice Chair
3. Kera Abraham-Panni
4. Laura Murphy
5. Mariana Del Valle
6. Lori Bala
7. Chelsea Tu
8. Vacant

Mission Statement:

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General Duties:

The Environmental Commission shall conduct public hearings and prepare recommendations to the City Council on matters regarding the environment to include without limitation unless otherwise noted:

- Draft, review and comment on City ordinances, policies and programs and state mandates related to: air and energy; flora, fauna and biome protection; environmental justice; and community planning topics expressly beyond the realm of the Planning Commission (*The Planning Commission typically approves/denies resolutions to the City Council re. proposed ordinances. Also, they are a discretionary body that can issue Use Permits, variances, and a few other "exceptions" to Title 17: Zoning.*)

- Serve in advisory capacity to the City Council, commissions, committees, and boards on related issues.

- Identify strategic environmental goals for the City and estimate resources needed to accomplish these goals, including to investigate funding for programs that will benefit the community.

- Develop policies and plans for increasing environmental awareness and stewardship, in cooperation with other public and private agencies including school districts.

Responsibilities:

- The Environmental Commission shall meet not less than four time a year, with subcommittee work occurring during off-meeting months.

- The Environmental Commission shall monitor the City's progress and comply with principles established in Resolution 17-47

- The Environmental Commission shall prepare an annual recommended work plan to the City Council not later than three months in advance of each fiscal year.

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Work Plan:

1. Review for PIPPP for relevance and value during COVID-19.
2. Planning
    a. Climate Action Planning – The Environmental Commission will support and advocate for the development of a Climate Action Plan.
    b. The Environmental Commission will provide comments during the review periods for the following Environmental Impact Reports and as needed following staff presentations.
3. Water and Energy
4. Habitat (Flora, fauna and biome protection)
    a. Provide support and increase education and awareness of pollinator habitats in various Seaside parks cared for by members of the Environmental Commission, Friends of Seaside Parks Association, and Sustainable Seaside.
    b. Continue to meet the obligations of Seaside's designation as a BEE CITY USA Affiliate and prepare for filing a renewal application.
5. Supporting a "green" economic recovery
6. Explore areas for progress during COVID-19
7. Work collaboratively with Community partners to promote continued progress towards achieving Seaside's environmental goals and responsibilities.
8. Increase staffing or volunteer capacity to support the work of the Environmental Commission.

Current Subcommittees:

1. Priority Impact Plastic Pollution Prevention Policy - See update above for progress and future work.

Proposed Subcommittees:

1. Education and Outreach
2.

Background and Progress:

In 2018 the City Council approved the creation of the Environmental Committee. Once the committee was fully formed, their duties and responsibilities approved, the city proposed an ordinance to codify the committee, including the creation, composition, term and duties into the Municipal Code in perpetuity. The draft

ordinance was introduced at the May 2, 2019 Regular City Council meeting and there was concern that more input was needed from the Commissions directly regarding the expansion as well as the naming of the commissions. The proposed draft was passed to print at the October 17, 2019 City Council meeting and the Environmental Committee became the Environmental Commission.

During 2019-2020, the Environmental Commission made progress and achievements related to the following:

- Goal: The Environmental Commission will conduct community and business outreach as well as provide input to the city regarding the content of Seaside Municipal Code (SMC) 8.28: Solid Waste.

  Progress: The Environmental Commission created a subcommittee to draft code amendments. The proposed amendments to SMC 8.28: Solid Waste will be considered by the city council in the near future along with amendments to SMC 8.60: Environmentally Preferable Food Packaging and 8.62: Use of Single-Use Carryout Bags, Recycled Paper Bags, and Reusable Bags by Retail Establishments.

- Goal: Provide input regarding code amendments to SMC 8.60: Environmentally Preferable Food Packaging.

  Progress: The subcommittee that was formed to work on amendments to 8.28 and 8.62 also drafted a complete revision to 8.60. The following was accomplished regarding business outreach and associated work related to the draft amendments: the Environmental Commission discussed the proposed ordinance, conducted outreach, and discussed the proposed changes at 13 monthly commission public hearings over a period of 17 months. Additionally, 198 businesses were mailed letters about the proposed changes and targeted communications were sent to all 54 restaurants in the city. Two restaurant-specific stakeholder meetings were held at Seaside Creates and two different surveys were completed by approximately 22 businesses.

  A Study Session with the City Council occurred on 2.6.2020. In March of 2020 the Committee determined to withdraw this agenda item from the City Council's April meeting in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

- Goal: The Environmental Commission will support water and energy conservation efforts within the community and encourage best

practices in City operations. Address Title 17: Zoning Ordinance, including various sections limiting sustainable installations, such as rainwater capture devices, on private property.

Progress: The Environmental Commission began to clarify a code interpretation that categorized rainwater capture devices as accessory structures. Conversations with planning staff may lead to a reinterpretation that would not view rainwater collection devices as accessory structures and potentially lessening the discretionary review process for approval of installing such a device. Conversations with the Building Official have clarified the building code strapping requirements for devices over a certain height.

Staff Liaison Rocha has been in frequent contact with Public Works staff on behalf of the Environmental Commission as related to the pollinator habitat plantings. EC members and community partners continue to care for plantings at various parks throughout the community

No significant action was taken on Title 17.

CITY OF SEASIDE
STAFF REPORT

Item No.: 7.D.

TO: Environmental Committee

BY: Beth Rocha, Associate Planner

DATE: August 11, 2020

SUBJECT: WORKING GROUPS

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION

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