



AGENDA

CITY OF SEASIDE
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

MEETING
CITY HALL
440 Harcourt Avenue
Tuesday, September 11, 2018
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).

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the public wishing to address the City Council on matters within the jurisdiction of the City of Seaside, but not on this agenda, may do so during the Public Comment period for up to three minutes. Public Comments on specific agenda items are heard under that item. For the public record, please state your name.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 14, 2018

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the minutes be reviewed and approved.

7. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. INTRODUCTION/OVERVIEW TO THE INTERSECTION OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABILITY

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION: The purpose of this item is to provide baseline knowledge, committee-wide, to help committee members think about how to integrate social justice issues in their work.

B. SINGLE USE PLASTICS RESOLUTIONS

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION:

In light of recent resolutions and city code updates regarding single use plastics in Carmel and Monterey, and the June update from MRWMD on our reduced ability to recycle plastics, let's consider similar resolutions for the City of Seaside.

C. STEPS TO DIVERT WASTE FROM LANDFILLS

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION: With policy changes in China reducing our ability to recycle plastics, let's consider steps to divert waste from landfills by encouraging adoption of commercial and residential Organics recycling through code updates, resolutions, and outreach.

D. FRUIT TREE PLANTING OPPORTUNITIES AND TRACKING/MAPPING OF FRUIT TREES IN THE CITY

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION: Continued discussion regarding mapping fruit trees, identifying parcels for plantings, and other related topics.

E. REVIEW THE OUTCOMES OF THE PRIORITY LIST CREATED AT THE AUGUST MEETING

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION: The purpose of this item is to review the priority list and receive input on member-specific topics of interest for tasks to be researched, completed, etc.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

9. REPORTS FROM STAFF

A. THE AGE OF CONSEQUENCES ANNOUNCEMENT

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION: Announcement of the screening of *The Age of Consequences* (presented by Citizens' Climate Lobby Monterey).

B. INFORMATION FROM THE CITIZENS' CLIMATE LOBBY MONTEREY

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION: The purpose of this item is to provide the committee with documents from Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) Monterey regarding the Carbon Fee and Dividend proposal in anticipation of CCLs presentation to the Environmental Committee in November.

C. COASTAL CLEANUP DAY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION: Coastal Cleanup Day Saturday, September 15, 2018 register @:
<https://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/ccd.html>

10. ADJOURNMENT

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Seaside City Hall

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CITY OF SEASIDE
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING
Seaside City Hall

Tuesday, August 14, 2018
5:30PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:32pm.

2. **ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

PRESENT: Oelfke, Murphy, Wizard, Revelas, Coble

ABSENT: Abraham-Panni and Kristin Molle

Kera Abraham Panni arrived at 5:38

3. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Raak motioned to move Business Item E to be the last item on the agenda in order to encourage the committee members to sit amongst the public to facilitate the conversation. Motioned, second, all approved.

Kristin Molle Arrived 5:41

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Mimi Velasquez member of Fort Ord Environmental Justice Network and volunteer. Speaking about the former Fort Ord property. She currently resides near CSUMB and landfill. Children in the area are experiencing respiratory issues, skin issues. However, they're told its "year-round allergies," but she's noticed a coincidence with breaking ground of new construction and flu-like symptoms. The history of the EPA has admitted no info on contents of landfill or housing built on it.
- Committee member Oelfke asked for the specific location and was told Schoonover Park, Fredericks Park I and II, surrounded by housing, baseball field, tennis court and shopette.
- Michael Evans, new Parks and Rec committee member, communicated his interest in working with the Environmental Committee.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Coble: minor correction is his name only has one "b" not two b's.
"Potable, not portable."

A. APPROVE MINUTES FROM JULY 10, 2018

Minutes for the July 10th, 2018 meeting were modified with corrections and unanimously approved.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. MARINA & SEASIDE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PLANNING PROJECT

Amelia Conlen of Ecology Action (non-profit) presented the two-year planning process around 15 public schools in Marina and Seaside in collaborations with TAMC, MPUSD, Monterey County Health Department. In 2020, Safe Routes to School Plan (SRSP) will include a comprehensive list to barriers to cycling, including infrastructure issues and improvements, as well as non-infrastructure items. A prioritized list of projects will be provided to Public Works. This SRSP Plan could result in more grant funding, as grant providers prefer to see this type of community level assessment completed prior to application. Amelia announced a series of public meetings/workshops, which will also provide dinner, Spanish translation and childcare. Pop-ups will also be implemented to encourage input from the community. She encouraged spreading the word to the community.

Committee member Oelfke, question: Regarding youth education, will there be collaboration with law enforcement agencies? A: Education will be in-house through Ecology Action, but they are hoping for participation from law enforcement.

Committee member Molle, question: Will recommendations include infrastructure improvements or only temporary pop-up demonstration type installations? A: All suggestions will be permanent infrastructure improvements.

Committee Chair Raak, question: Will this project include public and charter schools? A: A few charter schools are included, but mostly public schools.

Committee member Wizard, question: Will potential projects be located on school district properties or in the city's ROW? A: Primarily in city ROW, maybe some on school property.

Committee member Coble, question: How will word be spread to the public, especially parents and kids? A: Working with MPUSD, KION piece, and through established networks.

B. PRESENTATION BY LEVONNE STONE OF THE FORT ORD ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE NETWORK

LeVonne Stone, Executive Director of FOEJN and Pastor Stone introduced themselves to the Environmental Committee, the history and aim of their organization, which is to: balance the environment of the people with the care of the environment, be a voice to the

voiceless, low-income, and historically disenfranchised communities. Their work has spanned collaborations with local, state, and federal agencies. Pastor Stone read the Mission of the FOEJN, which has existed since 1996 and spoke to additionally community work regarding providing food to low-income residents. LeVonne spoke to President Clinton's SB 12898, which is difficult to enforce in Seaside as related to its Environmental Justice Issues. Grant funding has been limited to the organization and they are interested in any assistance the Environmental Committee can provide. Issues with the health of children and adults in the area continue to this day.

Ada Hines introduced herself to the committee and reviewed a brief slideshow (which has been entered into the record) with the committee about the FOEJN. They stressed the importance of community members standing up against those who allow for continued acts of environmental injustices to all, without bias or discrimination.

Coble, question: Who receives the food: homeless or house? A: Transitional living

Committee member Abraham-Panni, question: Elaborate on pesticide use on Fort Ord? A: Fort Ord has been an experimental site since 1917, including chemical and nerve agents. Prescribed burns include the use of AlumaGel which is a derivative of napalm and other chemicals spread across acres of land to keep the fire contained, but it has jumped the perimeter many times. Agriculture fields are high users of pesticides, with nitrate leaking into drinking water...all with very little participation or intervention by local officials. "We are fighting for healthy communities," as well as rent control and affordable housing.

Committee member Murphy, question: Can you talk about well sources of water, private or public? A: In Seaside's past, the water tower was found to be part of a "Fort Ord" accident. After FOEJN reported this, they encountered silence by those who became aware of it. Also, our groundwater turns into drinking water and that present issues.

Public Comment:

Mimi Velasquez: There's a history of Fort Ord that's not openly discussed regarding medical issues of soldiers stationed there. Soldiers were handling chemicals without protective gear and it is very difficult for veterans to obtain disability from the Army, especially for claiming that incidents occurred on Fort Ord vs in other countries, such as Vietnam. Fort Ord was a dumping ground for serious chemicals and other household chemicals and the entire area is an environmental hazard. A meningitis breakout occurred once and it was attempted to be silenced, but there was a media release about it due to environmental advocates taking action.

LeVonne Stone: FOEJN is working diligently in the community with limited funds, due to their outspoken actions on Fort Ord.

Committee member Coble, question: Regarding funding, is FOR A going to assist FOEJN considering how much they spend on their staff? A: Simple answer is "no."

FORA meeting attendance hasn't made a difference because grant monies are given to other groups with different missions.

C. COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT UPDATE

Staff Liaison Rocha provided an update on the grant discussed during the July meeting. Staff will send the committee members with a follow-up email to receive input to grant application questions. Abraham-Panni's suggestions were inadvertently excluded, but included in the follow-up email.

D. COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND INCLUSION METHODS TO INFLUENCE CULTURE CHANGE

Committee member Murphy talked about her interest in being as systematic as possible in being provided with information regarding the history of certain topics of interest to the Environmental Committee. Also, the importance of acknowledging the history of our landscape and environment: historical human impact and human influence today. That the Committee be of the same mindset of how that can be achieved and how we can appropriately engage with all of our community who don't have the resources to participate, but are interested in inclusion.

Raak commented about how these sentiments will be included in Business Item E.

Public Comment:

LeVonne Stone: It would be great if someone came up with a way to influence culture change, as the only change has been the disenfranchisement of the African American community, especially more recently due to cost of living increases. Conversations need to lead to actions and collaborations with non-profits such as FOEJN, that are typically not given a seat at the table.

Ada Hines: When you say "culture inclusion" what does they look like as far as you are concerned? A, Murphy: "cultural Shift" I mean with the city of Seaside, how they operate and think. Also the culture of the city itself: businesses and residents. Various backgrounds and cultures working collectively to shift the way we think to put the environment at the forefront of our thought, influencing our resources, and how we move forward as a city.

Mimi Velasquez: Within our community there are various communities. It takes time for inclusion to happen due to the needs of working class people whose needs aren't taken into consideration. For example, during periods of re-gentrification, outreach to working class and poor is non-existent. The city's ideas don't seem to consider pressing needs of those without financial security. We need to ask our youth what they need, about housing needs, there needs to be a balance of issues considered pressing those being informed regarding basic human rights.

Michael Evans: Seaside has a lot of diversity, but many in the community don't communicate with each other. Housing types need to be mixed, not segregated, in order

for real community and culture to be formed. How do we include everybody? How do we get all voices heard?

Wizard: Will staff make a request of CM Malin the possibility of child care of all noticed/public meetings? A: Yes.

7. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

8. REPORTS FROM STAFF

A. BIKESHARE UPDATE

Ofo is no longer going to be launching in Seaside and has removed its services from many cities across the US. Continued talks are happening with LimeBike and e-scooters being a priority.

Oelfke, question: Bird Scooters could be beneficial if we collaborate with all adjacent cities. A: Collaborations with CSUMB, Seaside, Monterey, and PG were involved in ofo conversations and Seaside is currently working with CSUMB and possibly Marina with LimeBike and their e-scooter offer, in addition to bikes.

Ada Hines: What does “o.f.o” stand for? A: Staff provided explanation.

B. EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT: SEASIDE CHATS ABOUT PARKS. AUGUST 20TH @ 4PM, SEASIDE CREATES, 656 BROADWAY

Staff encouraged the committee to attend to find out more about parks maintenance, funding, volunteer groups, neighborhood efforts, available funding, and what’s new.

C. BEEKEEPING UPDATE

Draft version will be available within a month for committee review, taking into consideration educational outreach about behavioral aspects of bees and care in addressing care of those with allergies.

Mimi Velasquez: I have family members with bee allergies. Will there be notifications provided by beekeepers of locations.

Committee member Kristin Molle: Goal is to provide community outreach, as bees can travel 5-10 miles, so proximity isn’t a real threat.

Staff Rocha: I will be providing three options for code amendments from less restrictive to more restrictive regarding allergy related concerns.

LeVonne Stone: If we lose our bees we will be in big trouble. I would also say I’m afraid to ride a bike here. Painted bike lanes don’t provide me with any more security. We need to find a way to keep all of our community members safe.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:39 p.m.

Business Item E., “WORK PLAN PRIORITIZATION AND GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP” commenced with the entire committee participating as well as three members of the public.

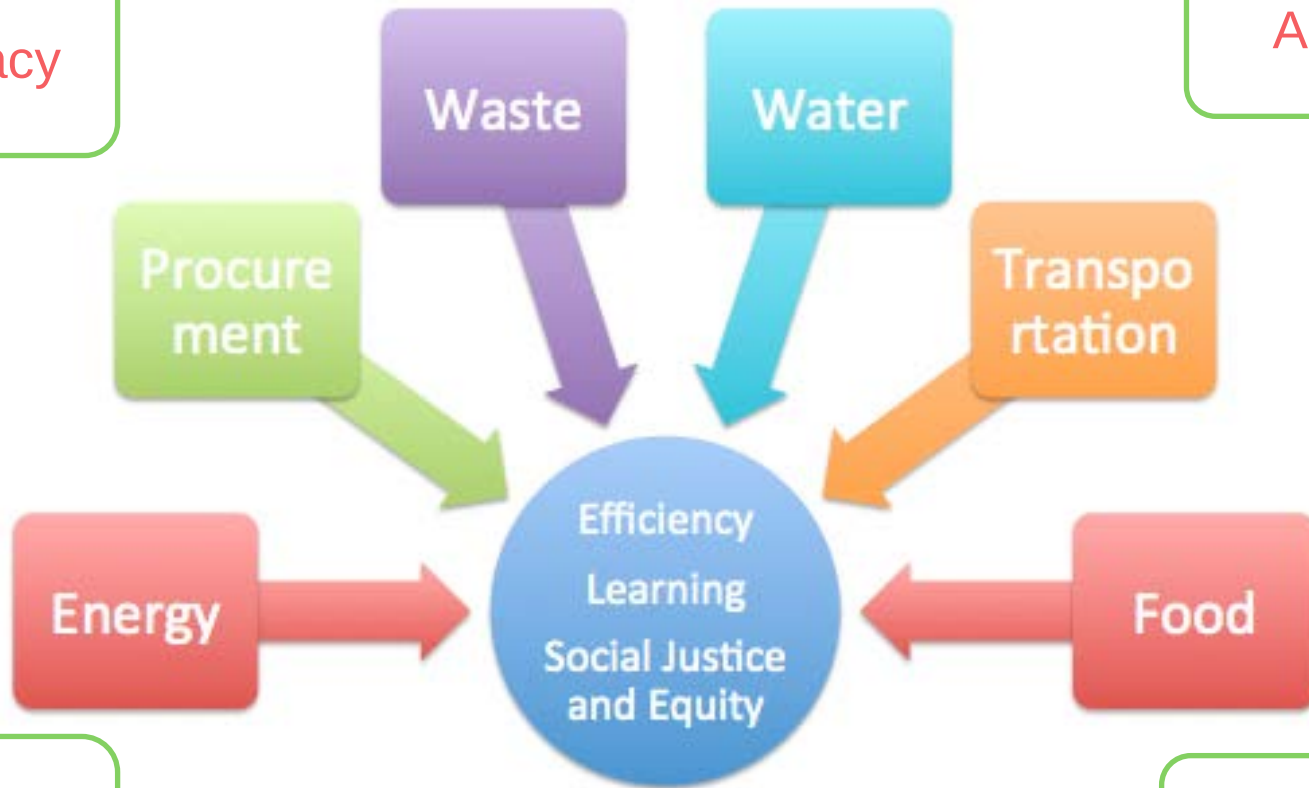
Student intern contacted committee and is particularly interest in community outreach and engagement. Also Seaside is partnering with CSUMB, so those are two potential resources. Raak communicated the purpose of this workshop, prioritizing action items for the committee with the goal of individuals eventually signing up for specific projects and tasks. Committee members discussed specificity of language for listed items and adding items to the list, including pesticides. A list was provided of the items the committee has been provided with to date and all present ranked the topics according to what the committee members, staff, and public said were of greatest concern. From this point forward, Chair Raak will work with staff to share the results with the rest of the committee.

Collaboration and Synergies

Equity, Inclusion &
Environment

Advocacy

Access



Affordability

Quality

Sustainable Development Goals



TRANSFORMING OUR
WORLD:
THE 2030 AGENDA FOR
SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT

1 NO POVERTY



2 ZERO HUNGER



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



5 GENDER EQUALITY



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



13 CLIMATE ACTION



14 LIFE BELOW WATER



15 LIFE ON LAND



16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



Diversity

- Awareness and appreciation of difference
- Not about systems
- Frequently used

Cultural Competence

- Learned understand of working across cultures
- Not about access to resources, or power

Equity / Social Justice

- Examines systems (big picture) and individuals (daily lives)
- Looks directly at access to resources, power and privilege
- It looks both

Observations, Opportunities and Challenges

- Both areas valued and integral to our community's success.
- Require the need for adaptive change within an institutional setting
- Citizen passion, interest and advocacy in both topics
- Both interests often receive “empty support”. (lip service from leaders but little financial or high-impact support.)

Observations, Opportunities and Challenges Cont.

- Both can be perceived as “additional work” for campus staff and faculty members
- Requires
- Require individual actions: training, behavior change and self-awareness

How to be...

...**an ally** (combine or unite a resource or commodity with (another) for mutual benefit)

- Verbal support for the other topic – when the other isn't present.
- Educate and Inform yourself on the others topic, (Safe Zone training, Story of Stuff)

...**a collaborator** (work jointly on an activity, especially to produce or create something)

- Trainings and Education Opportunities
- Events
- Being on Advisory committees
- 1:1 meetings (challenge yourself, be open and self-aware)

Realistic Synergies

What are some of the things that pull us to our corners?

- Lack of diversity within the field of sustainability
- Maintaining the core issues (Fear of loss or minimization, weakening of diversity as a core issue being co-opted by sustainability and vice-versa).
- Creating a space for people to feel engaged working on both issues welcomed and accepted by the other.

Addressing Inclusion and Diversity Issues in a Governance Setting.

Resources:

- Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE)
- <https://www.racialequityalliance.org/>
- <https://courageousconversation.com/>





Citizens' Climate Lobby Monterey MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Join us to learn Why the U.S. Military is Preparing For a *Climate Changed Future*.

CCL Monterey presents two screenings of the documentary film
The Age of Consequences.

This film investigates the impacts of climate change through the lens of U.S. national security and global stability.

Watch as distinguished admirals, generals and pentagon insiders show us how water and food shortages, extreme weather, drought, and sea-level rise will continue to grow in scale and frequency, with grave implications for peace and security in the 21st century."

- **October 18 in Monterey**, Irvine Auditorium, on the campus of Middlebury Institute of International Studies (MIIS), 499 Pierce Street, Monterey
 - o Introduction 6:30-6:45 p.m.
 - o Film 6:45-8:00 p.m.
 - o Q & A 8:00-8:30 p.m.
- **October 25 in Salinas**, Steinbeck Hall, on the campus of Hartnell College, 411 Central Avenue, Salinas
 - o Introduction 6:30-6:45 p.m.
 - o Film 6:45-8:00 p.m.
 - o Q & A 8:00-8:30 p.m.
- **Doors open at 6:15 p.m.**

This film is a call to action to rethink how we use and produce energy.

The bad news: extreme weather, drought, and sea level rise, are among the threats we face here at home. The good news: we have solutions but we must act now.

Invitation and details to follow.

Join us in Monterey or Salinas to learn more. Bring Students!

About Citizens' Climate Lobby Monterey

We are the Monterey chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL), an international organization with 484 chapters in the United States and around the world. Inspired by Dr. Steve Webster (co-founder of the Aquarium) the Monterey chapter was formed in early 2015 by a group of folks committed to improving the health of the planet.

We are convinced, based on overwhelming scientific evidence, that global warming is happening and is primarily caused by carbon dioxide (CO₂) emitted into the atmosphere when we burn fossil fuels. We believe the best solution for global warming is to put a price on carbon (CO₂) upon extraction according to CCL's Carbon Fee and Dividend (CFD) plan.

Our chapter goal is to build political will among local elected officials to support CFD. To achieve our goal, we are reaching out to county leaders and organizations to raise awareness in our community of the serious nature of climate change especially as it will impact us locally. We believe that a well-informed and educated constituency will encourage local politicians to support carbon pricing solutions. Local support should generate political will among our elected members of Congress (MOC) to enact federal solutions that will strengthen support for the previous US commitment to reduce carbon emissions and preserve a livable future.

We are determined to obtain passage of national Carbon Fee and Dividend legislation. Municipal resolutions in support of carbon pricing will strongly encourage our Congressional representatives to acknowledge the will of their constituents by passing this critical legislation. We are pleased that in 2017 we obtained three municipal resolutions from the cities of Monterey, Marina, and Pacific Grove. Our sister chapter, Santa Cruz, obtained a resolution from the city of Santa Cruz. These are all District 20 cities. (Representative Jimmy Panetta)

As we leave the challenging year of 2017 behind, those who care about the planet take hope from the many Climate groups and activists throughout the country that are working to defend and protect the progress that was made over the last decade. With the very real threat of sliding backwards because of the administration's proposed policies, citizen groups will need to fill the void. Cities and states, and their Mayors and Governors are already taking the lead, speaking out to encourage our national leaders who share our concern for the planet to stand strong in the coming years.

Each chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby in the US is focused on one congressional district and a major effort of those chapters is to encourage their Member of Congress (MOC) to join the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus. These efforts have resulted in the Caucus growing quickly to 86 members, 43 Democrats and 43 Republicans. To demonstrate their commitment to climate advocacy, Monterey's MOC, Mr. Panetta and his Republican colleague from Virginia, Rep. Scott Taylor, joined the Climate Solutions Caucus in June of 2017. With 86 active members, the Caucus now has the critical mass to affect policy decisions concerning national climate legislation. We need to support them in these difficult times and make Carbon Fee and Dividend happen!

How will America benefit by addressing climate change through Carbon Fee and Dividend?

- We will stabilize our climate and oceans and slow down the mass extinction of species.
- It will put America in a position of leadership on climate legislation and in green technology. Governments will be forced to adopt the same carbon price levels as we do or pay at our ports for the privilege of polluting.
- It will decrease our dependence on foreign oil, substituting low-carbon energy made in the U.S. The U.S. spends billions annually on imported oil. When we substitute that for green energy made in America, it creates jobs.
- Decreasing our dependence on foreign oil increases our national security. Much of our military budget is spent protecting the free flow of oil and propping up the bad governments that control it.
- The transition to clean energy will clean our air of smog, ozone, fine particulate matter and other pollutants caused by burning fossil fuel. It will clean our lakes, rivers, and oceans from the mercury poisoning caused by burning coal, the leachates from coal mine tailings, and salt brines from drilling.
- We will gain a sense of national pride by tackling and achieving a tough goal together, leading the world not in the industrial revolution or the information age but in the Green Technology Revolution. Most of the green technologies we know of today were developed and tested in American laboratories only to be brought to market in other countries because those governments had national energy policies encouraging the adoption of green energy. We have already lost millions of jobs by holding on to the centuries-old technology of fossil fuels while other countries are transitioning to clean-energy economies. It is time we regained the lead.

<https://citizensclimatelobby.org/carbon-fee-and-dividend/>



Citizens' Climate Lobby is a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots organization focused on federal passage of Carbon Fee and Dividend.

In order to generate the political will necessary for passage of our Carbon Fee and Dividend proposal we train and support volunteers to engage elected officials, the media and the public.

What we do

- We lobby in support of our Carbon Fee and Dividend proposal by building helpful, friendly relationships with our federally elected representatives, with respect, appreciation and gratitude for their service.
- We write letters to the editor and op-eds, and meet with editorial boards to gain their editorial endorsement. Additionally, we work with digital media, radio, TV and all forms of social media.
- We give presentations and do outreach at events to promote CCL and introduce others to our Carbon Fee and Dividend proposal.
- We support our volunteer chapters with monthly conference calls, and we support the leaders of those chapters with weekly conference calls.

What we believe

- Politicians don't create political will, they respond to it.
- We believe citizens, organized by Congressional district, who are well-trained and have a good system of support, can more than influence the political process.
- In respect for all viewpoints, even for those who would oppose us.
- Based on what both climate scientists and economists tell us, we believe that Carbon Fee and Dividend is the best first step to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to mitigate the impacts of a changing climate.

More at **citizensclimatelobby.org**

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Citizens' Climate Lobby

What is Carbon Fee and Dividend?

Carbon Fee and Dividend is the policy proposal created by Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) to put a federal price on carbon-based fuels so that their consumer cost reflects their true costs to society.

It's the policy that both climate scientists and economists say is the best first-step to reduce the likelihood of catastrophic climate change from global warming.

Why Carbon Fee and Dividend?

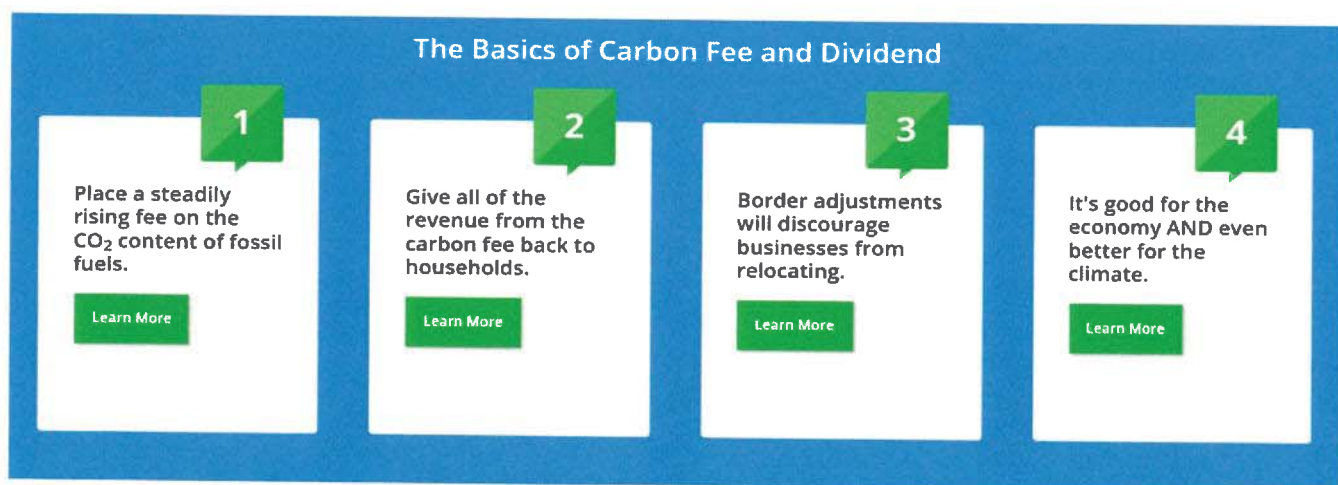
Currently, the price of fossil fuels does not reflect their true costs—including their impact on global climate. Correcting this market failure will require that their price account for the true social costs.

As long as fossil fuels remain artificially inexpensive, their use will rise. Correcting this market failure requires a federal price on carbon that accounts for their true costs.

What Will Carbon Fee and Dividend Do?

Carbon Fee and Dividend will do four things:

1. Add the social cost of carbon-based fossil fuels to the price consumers pay.
2. Cut emissions enough to stay below the 2°C threshold for “dangerous” warming.
3. Grow jobs and GDP without growing government one bit.
4. Recruit global participation.



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The Text of the Carbon Fee and Dividend Proposal:

Therefore the following legislation is hereby enacted:

1. **Collection of Carbon Fees/Carbon Fee Trust Fund:** Upon enactment, impose a carbon fee on all fossil fuels and other greenhouse gases at the point where they first enter the economy. The fee shall be collected by the Treasury Department. The fee on that date shall be \$15 per ton of CO₂ equivalent emissions and result in equal charges for each ton of CO₂ equivalent emissions potential in each type of fuel or greenhouse gas. The Department of Energy shall propose and promulgate regulations setting forth CO₂ equivalent fees for other greenhouse gases including at a minimum methane, nitrous oxide, sulfur hexafluoride, hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons, and nitrogen trifluoride. The Treasury shall also collect the fees imposed upon the other greenhouse gases. All fees are to be placed in the Carbon Fees Trust Fund and be rebated 100% to American households as outlined below.
2. **Methane leakage:** Methane is a much more potent greenhouse gas than CO₂ with both direct and indirect effects contributing to warming. It is therefore important to place a fee on methane that leaks to the atmosphere. Some of this leakage will occur after the fee has been assessed on methane under the assumption that it will be burned to yield the less potent CO₂. To ensure the integrity of the program and that markets receive accurate information with regard to the climate forcings caused by various fossil fuels, the carbon fee shall be assessed on such leaked methane at a rate commensurate with the global warming potential ("GWP") of methane including both its direct and indirect effects. Given the importance of tipping points in the climate system, the 20-year GWP of methane shall be used to assess the fee, and not the 100- year GWP. As proper accounting for such leakage is necessary for honest assessment of progress towards program goals, reasonable steps to assess the rate of methane leakage shall be implemented, and leaked methane shall be priced accordingly. The entity responsible for the leaked methane shall be responsible for paying the fee.
3. **Emissions Reduction Targets:** To align US emissions with the physical constraints identified by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) to avoid irreversible climate change, the yearly increase in carbon fees including other greenhouse gases, shall be at least \$10 per ton of CO₂ equivalent each year. Annually, the Department of Energy shall determine whether an increase larger than \$10 per ton per year is needed to achieve program goals. Yearly price increases of at least \$10 per year shall continue until total U.S. CO₂-equivalent emissions have been reduced to 10% of U.S. CO₂-equivalent emissions in 1990..
4. **Equal Per-Person Monthly Dividend Payments:** Equal monthly per-person dividend payments shall be made to all American households (1½ payment per child under 18 years old, with a limit of 2 children per family) each month. The total value of all monthly dividend payments shall represent 100% of the total carbon fees collected per month.
5. **Border Adjustments:** In order to ensure that U.S.-made goods can remain competitive at home and abroad and to provide an additional incentive for international adoptions of carbon fees, Carbon-Fee-Equivalent Tariffs shall be charged for goods entering the U.S. from countries without comparable Carbon Fees/Carbon Pricing. Carbon-Fee-Equivalent Rebates shall be used to reduce the price of exports to such countries and to ensure that U.S. goods can remain competitive in those countries. The Department of Commerce will determine rebate amounts and exemptions if any.

More at citizensclimatelobby.org and citizensclimatelobby.org/remi-report

Priority Ranking	Item/Issue	Description of Tasks	Relevant Codes	Type of Action Needed			Committee Member Who's interested in focusing on this?
				Outreach and Education	Plan Review	Policy Refinement or Development	
11	Increasing compost collection, EPP, Single-Use Carry Out, Litter	Narrow focus within area and identify any opportunities for education/outreach/awareness opportunities; review relevant codes and advise committee/staff on recommendations for additional action/clarification. Establish timeline and key tactics.	8.6				
7	EIR Review (General Plan, Main Gate, Campus Town)	Review and provide comments to council on relevant aspects of planning documents during the EIR process (need information on any upcoming reviews anticipated).				X	
6	Water Quality	Advise staff on technical components to be included in code language Assist in drafting Resolutions for Planning Commission and for Council to sign					
7	Trees		8.54			X	
6	Energy Conservation						
5	Environmental Justice	ID tactics to ensure committee members are aware on integrate SJ issues into the environmental issue they are working on (trainings, etc.); identify win-win programs, etc.					
5	Safe Routes to School	Participate in relevant planning exercises and make recommendations for improving non-SOV access to schools.					
4	Pesticide application	Additional research/information needed					
		Advise staff on technical components to be included in code language Assist in drafting Resolution for Council to sign					
3	Beekeeping					X	
3	Water Conservation (rainwater catchment)						
1	Climate Action and Adaptation Planning						
1	based on letters from the July meeting						
0	Waste Reduction (Bins)		8.28			X	
0	City Codes on restrictions for garbage can		8			X	
0	Zoning Ordinance		Title 17			X	