



AGENDA

CITY OF SEASIDE
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL
440 Harcourt Avenue
Tuesday, January 8, 2019
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**

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6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. **APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2018**

PURPOSE: APPROVE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 11, 2018

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

7. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. UPDATE AND DRAFT MEMORANDUM FROM THE PLASTICS ORDINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

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B. UPDATE AND DRAFT MEMORANDUM FROM THE HR 7173 SUBCOMMITTEE

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8. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

A. ANNOUNCEMENT: SUSTAINABLE HOSPITALITY CONFERENCE

B. INFORMATION: NACD URBAN AGRICULTURE CONSERVATION GRANT

9. REPORTS FROM STAFF

10. ADJOURNMENT

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February 12, 2019
Seaside City Hall
5:30PM

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DRAFT MINUTES

CITY OF SEASIDE
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER

Tuesday, December 11, 2018
5:30PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

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

PRESENT: Raak, Revelas, Murphy, Molle, Abraham-Panni

ABSENT: Coble

3. **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

No information was reported.

4. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

No information reported.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Maddy Maurer, CSUMB service learning intern, provided an update on her project.

Lacey Raak read Jon Wizard's letter of resignation from the Environmental Committee, effective Dec. 6, 2018 (Jon Wizard was elected to serve as a member of Seaside's City Council).

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. APPROVE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 13, 2018

On motion by Committee Member Molle, second by Committee Member Abraham-Panni and passed by a unanimous vote, the minutes for the November 13, 2018 meeting were approved.

7. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. DISCUSSION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS ORDINANCES FROM MONTEREY AND SANTA CRUZ

Committee member Abraham-Panni led the discussion regarding the ordinances passed by the City of Monterey and Santa Cruz County. Monterey voted to pass a ban on plastic straws and non-recyclable/compostable plastic utensils, with an exemption for people with a self-identified disability to be provided with a plastic straw upon request. Santa Cruz County passed an ordinance banning single-use plastic personal care bottles in hotels and non-hosted short-term rentals (smaller than 12oz.), effective 2020.

Committee Discussion:

Molle: Monterey code is good because it focuses on scientific terms. Disposal of small bottles is a burden to some European countries, so large dispensers are widely used.

Murphy: Good to hear of support of the ordinance from the hospitality community. Monterey has done good work and Seaside should see how we can move forward with something similar.

Revelas: Both ordinances seem good, but how the public react to it will be the real gauge of how well it works.

Abraham-Panni: Bulk dispensers are typically half the cost, but many believe the hotel will be perceived as “being cheap.” An ordinance that puts all businesses on the same playing field could switch this type of perception.

Raak: Seaside has struggled with enforcement and I’m wondering how Monterey and Santa Cruz have handled that aspect.

Abraham-Panni: I don’t know, but I do sense that many cities don’t have the capacity to have their code enforcement work on issuing violations for certain codes. This is why community organizing, discussion, stakeholder buy-in, and transparency are important. Monterey has a grassroots network getting ready for the ban.

Molle: Some of the code changes will be self-enforcing because they will be saving money, but implementation of Monterey and Carmel codes could benefit from school collaborations with local businesses, holding them accountable in a friendly manner.

Abraham-Panni: The impact of plastics on marine animals is widespread. The Monterey Bay Area as a whole is at risk, but Monterey and Carmel has passed ordinances prohibiting plastics. It has been shown that prohibitions lead to less of that type of plastic collected during beach clean-up, so there is an economic impact tied to tourism.

Molle: There is a specific campaign for Sustainable Monterey and Seaside could be part of that too. Seaside businesses could be included in sustainable tourism advertising.

Abraham-Panni: Is there interest in establishing a working group on drafting similar ordinances to Monterey and Santa Cruz?

Murphy: Data would be helpful regarding amounts of waste generate by food service businesses and hospitality businesses. I’m guessing restaurants would be higher.

Molle: The potential for restaurants to generate more waste seems greater.

Raak: The potential harm to the community is more likely through restaurants and the plastics they supply.

Abraham-Panni: food service ware is better to approach at this time and has been through a bit of public process already with neighboring jurisdictions.

Rakk: Let’s not replace one bad thing with another. Compostable materials aren’t always 100% compostable, as they don’t break down completely and can contaminate soil. We want to reduce waste to begin with, not just switch to the newest product that we don’t know the impacts of.

Rocha: Lack of enforcement has been an issue even with the current code. If we do move forward with a code amendment, we have to collaborate with MRWMD to understand their new recycling limitations. The specificity of Monterey’s code, even regarding the “upon request” for plastic straws. Santa Cruz’s code won’t become effective until 2020. That longer implementation date gives an indication of the amount of outreach work to be done. Straws would be priority one, but I’m also curious if Starbuck new lid is recyclable.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mariana de la Valle, Peninsula Plastics Coalition through the Aquarium.

Monterey’s ordinance is a great example and addresses those with disabilities. I agree with the issues with compostable acting like plastics when broken down. The PPC has

a lot of resources and efforts to get the community involved. Sustainable Seaside and some schools (Dual Language Academy and Seaside High, CSUMB service learning and capstone could support outreach), we should get local businesses involved in workshops. We are ready and willing to help.

Maddy Maurer: I support the committee going forward with the creation of a working group to not lose momentum. Community inclusion shouldn't hold Seaside back because a lot of work has been done by Monterey and Santa Cruz. Earth Day is the effective date and it would be great if we could join in on that. There are good examples of other cities encouraging reusable goods.

Revelas: There are a lot of working groups in the region. How to we connect with them and collaborate?

PUBLIC COMMENT: Closed

Raak: The recommendation is that the committee vote on creating a working group to write the code amendments. Who will be part of this group?

Rocha: the formation of the group will include members of the Environmental Committee. Part of the work we do will include outreach to the local groups for support. We won't have individuals in those groups writing code, but informing it. There are likely limitations in not having people outside of the city doing this work.

Abraham: The working group would work directly with staff to have a draft ordinance created then shared with the community groups?

Rocha: Correct

Discussion continued around modifying the recommendation in order to be specific or loose with recommendation.

Raak: It's recommended the committee form a working group to collaborate with staff in drafting proposed amendments and whether or draft a memorandum to Seaside's Planning Commission and City Council recommending the city move forward with drafting a Plastics Ordinance.

Further discussion around modifying the recommendation to be specific to include only what the working group should be focused on. Include hospitality plastics limits or not.

Abraham Panni motioned that the committee form a working group to collaborate with staff in drafting proposed city code amendments to prohibit use of plastic beverage straws and amend the definition of disposable food service ware and discuss whether to draft a memo to PC and CC recommending the city move forward with drafting a plastic ordinance.

Molle second. Unanimous approval.

B. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF SUPORT FOR HR 7173: ENERGY INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDENT ACT OF 2018

Staff Liaison Rocha provided an overview of how the resolution of support of HR 7173 is closely aligned with the Carbon Fee and Dividend Act, which Citizen's Climate Lobby presented to the committee at a recent meeting.

Committee Discussion

Raak: It's recommended that the Environmental Committee of Seaside consider authorizing a memorandum, addressed to the city council, regarding their support of a Resolution of Support of HR 7173: Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2018.

Molle: I think it will be valuable to draft a memo to the city council.

Revelas: Agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Unanimously passed.

C. PRIORITIZATION UPDATE AND CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION

Rocha: This item was continued from last meeting. I'd like to review the slides so we can check in on how we are aligning with our own goals. Check out the documents in the agenda packet, remind yourself of the committee priorities, and incorporate this into your discussions with me concerning the code amendments we will be working on soon.

Molle: Seems like we're on track, especially considering what we voted on tonight in forming a working group.

Abraham-Panni: Organics collection and other conversations are coming full circle. My understanding is that certain plastics can't go anywhere but the landfill, while compostables that do break down in a similar manner end up elsewhere.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Maddy Maurer: I toured Monterey Regional WMD facilities. Described what she saw being done with the waste. Also that she saw stacks of soil with plastic debris that hadn't been broken down at that point. Soil is limited to where it can be used: vineyard, where soil doesn't touch the good/fruit.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Raak: Friday the 21st is the capstone festival at CSUMB, some of which are part of the Sustainable City Year program.

9. REPORTS FROM STAFF

Staff Liaison Rocha announced: Dec 17th, 2018 will be a Special Meeting of the Planning Commission for consideration of the beekeeping amendments, so be there if you can.

Revelas: Asked question about approval processes required of PC and CC.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.



**CITY OF SEASIDE
STAFF REPORT**

Item No.: 7.A.

TO: Environmental Committee

BY: Kera Abraham Panni
Laura Murphy
Christine Revelas

DATE: January 8, 2019

**SUBJECT: UPDATE AND DRAFT MEMORANDUM FROM THE PLASTICS
ORDINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE**

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION

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BACKGROUND

See December 11, 2018 Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Memo
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MEMORANDUM

City of Seaside
Environmental Committee

Date: January 8, 2019

To: Seaside City Council

From: City of Seaside Environmental Committee

Subject: Notice of Intent to Propose Amendments to Seaside Municipal Code, Chapter 8.60: Environmentally Preferable Food Packaging

During a regular meeting of the Seaside Environmental Committee on December 11, 2018, the committee voted to convene a working group to review and develop text amendments to the Seaside Municipal Code regarding environmentally preferable food packaging. Currently, the code requires all food providers within the city utilizing disposable food service ware to use “biodegradable, compostable or recyclable products, unless there is no affordable alternative available.” However, the definition of Disposable Food Service Ware excludes “single-use disposable items such as plastic straws, cup lids, or utensils.” Among other changes, the proposed amendments will include these items and update the code’s language to reflect current realities of the global plastic recycling market.

The working group first met on 12/27/2018 to begin reviewing the current code and drafting proposed amendments. The group will consult the Monterey Bay Aquarium Policy Team as well as other resources within the community to develop the amendments. The Environmental Committee plans to present the City Council with a proposal by March of 2019, and will encourage implementation prior to Earth Day celebrations in April.

The proposed updates will put Seaside on the front end of a wave of coastal jurisdictions—including the cities of Monterey, Carmel and Santa Cruz—cutting back on common sources of plastic waste. Plastic waste from land pollutes the ocean at a rate of nearly 9 million tons per year, with impacts on marine wildlife and the cleanliness of our treasured coastlines. Cities restricting single-use plastic products such as straws, utensils and beverage lids are well positioned as the Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau advances its [Sustainable Moments](#) initiative, which promotes eco-friendly destinations to visitors from around the world.

Supported at a regular meeting of the Environmental Committee of the City of Seaside, State of California, on the 8th day of January, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Lacey Raak, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Beth Rocha, Environmental Committee Staff Liaison / Associate Planner



**CITY OF SEASIDE
STAFF REPORT**

Item No.: 7.B.

TO: Environmental Committee

BY: Laura Murphy
Kristin Molle

DATE: January 8, 2019

SUBJECT: **UPDATE AND DRAFT MEMORANDUM FROM THE HR 7173
SUBCOMMITTEE**

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION

The purpose of this item is for the HR 7173 subcommittee/work group to provide an update to the Environmental Committee regarding what has and will be accomplished.

It's recommended the Environmental Committee receive the information, discuss, and vote on providing the memorandum (Attachment 1) and draft resolution (Exhibit A) to Seaside's City Council for their consideration at an upcoming council meeting.

BACKGROUND

This item was considered by the Environmental Committee when presented with the HR 7173 information during a presentation by Citizens' Climate Lobby.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1: Draft Memorandum
 2. Exhibit A: Draft Resolution
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MEMORANDUM

City of Seaside
Environmental Committee

Date: January 8, 2019
To: Seaside City Council
From: City of Seaside Environmental Committee
Subject: Proposed Adoption of Resolution Supporting HR 7173

Seaside's Environmental Committee would like to express support for a resolution regarding the Environmental Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, H.R. 7173, as proposed to the Seaside City Council (Exhibit A). The bill is structured to inspire innovation in our society by placing a fee on all fossil-fuel extraction (foreign and domestic) while also protecting the most vulnerable of society through the provision of a dividend to every citizen, generated by the fees.

Previously, our fellow cities of Marina, Monterey, Pacific Grove and Carmel by the Sea all adopted resolutions in support of a Carbon Fee and Dividend Program developed and advocated by the Citizens' Climate Lobby, and a predecessor to H.R. 7173. The Environmental Committee believes it is in the interest of the city and people of Seaside to express our support for this initiative now. The economy and environment of our coastal city is and will be impacted by climate change, along with our neighbors. We acknowledge the need for collective and urgent action to address the issue. We are encouraged by the bipartisan support for this bill at the Federal level.

Supported at a regular meeting of the Environmental Committee of the City of Seaside, State of California, on the 8th day of January, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: Abraham-Panni, Murphy, Molle, Raak, Revelas
NOES: None
ABSENT: Coble
ABSTAIN: None

Lacey Raak, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Beth Rocha, Environmental Committee Staff Liaison / Associate Planner



Monterey California Chapter

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SEASIDE, CALIFORNIA REGARDING
THE ENVIRONMENTAL INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT, H.R. 7173**

WHEREAS, the ocean absorbs roughly 30% of the heat generated by carbon pollution, mitigates climate change impacts on land, is our best buffer against extreme heat, and the planet's last stand against climate disaster; and

WHEREAS, **Urgent scientific warnings tell us we have only about a decade to take decisive action to avoid climate catastrophe.** The 2018 report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (<https://www.ipcc.ch/sr15/chapter/summary-for-policy-makers/>) finds that limiting global warming to 1.5°C would require **deep emissions reductions in all sectors** (energy, land, infrastructure, and industrial systems). Further, the report advises that if we heed climate models that keep warming below 1.5 degrees, global emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂) will fall by 45% from 2010 levels by 2030, reaching 'net zero' around 2050; and

WHEREAS, ocean warming stresses economically important ecosystems, it is safe to assume that these impacts are already affecting Monterey Bay.

WHEREAS, having determined that the early adoption of the **Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act** proposed by both political Parties in both Houses of Congress would grow our economy, would help make us a world leader in creating clean energy technologies, and help to establish the United States as a leader in making the conversion to renewables a reality to help protect the planet; and

WHEREAS, having determined that this approach would be fair to everyone and would protect middle- and low-income households (2/3 of all U.S. households) by providing them with a monthly

dividend (rebate) that, on average, would be higher than the increased costs for energy during the transition of the country to cleaner energy; and

WHEREAS, per the non-partisan study by Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI), this approach would ensure a substantial increase in private investment in cleaner energy options because they will become significantly less expensive relative to fossil fuels within a known time frame. This would encourage consumers and businesses to keep their carbon footprint smaller while still keeping energy affordable; and

WHEREAS, The many direct climate change impacts anticipated for Monterey County include increases in air temperatures and shifts in precipitation with increased risk of wildfire, higher sea levels with flooding and salt water intrusion, and ocean acidification with stresses on the ocean food chain. According to a recent report of the United States Global Change Research Program, “Leaders and residents of coastal regions are increasingly aware of the high vulnerability of coasts to climate change and are developing plans to prepare for potential impacts on citizens, businesses, and environmental assets;” and

WHEREAS, Having determined that the early adoption of a national revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend legislation in the United States—action that would will levy an annually increasing fee on carbon emissions on fossil fuels at the point of extraction or importation and return the collected fees to all American households as a monthly dividend—would grow the economy by adding nearly two million new jobs, would help make us a world leader in creating clean energy technologies, and also help to establish the United States as a leader in making the conversion to renewables a reality to help protect the planet.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Members of the City Council of Seaside, California, that the United States Congress immediately pass the Environmental Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, known in the current Congress as H.R. 7173 (House) and as S. 3791 in the Senate, and that the United States President sign the bill into law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the response in combating climate change to mitigate its worst effects should be implemented with the speed appropriate to the gravity and urgency of the situation, and for that reason, the Mayor shall send a letter no later than 30 days after passage of this Resolution to the Governor and all Mayors and City Councils, County Board of Supervisors, School

Boards, and State and Federal Legislators in Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties urging their support for H.R. 7173, the Environmental Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.