



Zero Waste Commission

INFORMATION CALENDAR
July 10, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Zero Waste Commission
 Submitted by: Christienne de Tournay, Chair, Zero Waste Commission
 Subject: Zero Waste Commission 2018 Work Plan

INTRODUCTION

The Zero Waste Commission (ZWC) is responsible for making recommendations on City solid waste policy and goals, including commercial and residential garbage and recycling services, budgets, and other decisions relating to solid waste in the City of Berkeley.

The ZWC adopted the 2018 Work Plan (M/S/C McKinstry/de Tournay) April 23, 2018:
 Ayes: McKinstry, Twu, Poliwa, Sharenko, Tourney, Whitney
 Abstain: None
 Absent: Stein, Watson, Clark

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Over the last few years, the City of Berkeley has made a number of important changes to its Zero Waste services and long-term plans, including:

- Rebuilding the municipal Transfer Station
- Initiating the process to develop a Zero Waste Strategic Plan
- Shifting collection of refuse recycling from franchisees to in-house City staff
- City Council referral of a proposed Single-Use Disposable (SUD) Reduction Ordinance to the ZW Commission to study, solicit stakeholder and public input, and provide recommendations back to City Council (April 2018)

ZWC is currently looking at ways to follow through with developing the Strategic Plan, and Transfer Station rebuild, as well as evaluate new proposed legislation to target some of the larger remaining components of avoidable waste. The following goals have been identified for the upcoming year:

Goal	Resources	Program activities	Outputs	Outcomes
Transfer Station Rebuild	RFP issued for consultant for Feasibility Study	Consultant presentation at ZWC Gather public input	Commission recommendations to City Council	Commission feedback by 4 th quarter 2018
Zero Waste Strategic Plan	RFP to be issued for consultant in Q3 2018	Consultant presentation at ZWC Gather public input	Commission recommendations to City Council	Commission feedback by 1 st quarter 2019
Food Recovery and Organics Diversion	Assistance from Community Health Commission and Berkeley Food Network. Potential space allocation by City	Continue updates with Berkeley Food Network. Consider compost quality and SB 1383 compliance.	Provide recommendations as needed to Council and other stakeholders	Food Hub to open by end of 2018
Reduce Use of Single-Use Foodware	Zero Waste Berkeley (which includes the Ecology Center), Foodware Sub-committee	Review referrals from City Council, including proposed Single-Use Disposable Reduction Ordinance Gather stakeholder and public input through outreach and education events and meetings	Recommendations for Council Content for educational materials	Council action by end of year 2018
Reduce Landfilling of Construction Debris	Deconstruction Subcommittee	Work with builders, material resellers, CEAC, Community Health, Landmarks, Disaster/Fire Safety and Planning to draft a Deconstruction Ordinance	Recommendations for Council	Recommendations for Council by end of year 2018
Annual Updates	Culture of Repair - (Fix it Clinics), Urban Ore, Community Conservation Centers, Ecology Center, CAW, NCRA, CPSC Budget Review, Status of Export Of Recycling Materials	Presentations at ZWC Review and recommend relevant legislation Review ZW division budget and tonnage/metrics with City staff	Commission feedback to organizations and to Council	Commission feedback to organizations and to Council

BACKGROUND

Transfer Station Rebuild: Request For Proposal (RFP) issued for initial study on January 25, 2018. Proposals deadline April 26, 2018.

Zero Waste Strategic Plan: Council approved funds for a consultant to create a Strategic Plan. RFP to be issued in the third quarter of 2018.

Food Recovery: ZWC has sent a letter to City Council recommending that Berkeley Food Network be allocated a warehouse space for their Food Hub.

Reduction of Single-Use Foodware: In 2017, Zero Waste Berkeley, a group that includes the Ecology Center, and members of the ZWC Foodware Subcommittee met with businesses to evaluate options for a Disposable Foodware Reduction Ordinance. Zero Waste Berkeley presented a draft to Council in April 2018, around Earth Day. The proposed Ordinance has now been referred to the ZWC by City Council.

Reducing Landfilling of Construction Debris: Portland, Oregon and Palo Alto have recently passed Deconstruction Ordinances. These require that certain buildings be deconstructed or evaluated for deconstruction, a process that allows materials to be reused. Data is now available for Berkeley to use to evaluate feasibility of a similar ordinance.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Potential to reduce quantity of material sent to landfill and reduce consumption of new materials.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

Future Action Items that ZWC may send to City Council include:

- Deconstruction Ordinance
- Recommendation to pass Single-use Disposable Foodware Reduction Ordinance (following referral for Commission review from Council)

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

SUD Foodware Reduction Ordinance will have impacts on operations of businesses that serve food.

Deconstruction Ordinance will have impacts on contractors and property owners planning to renovate or demolish a building.

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