

**MINUTES  
CITY OF PLEASANTON  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT  
July 27, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Liu called a teleconference meeting of the Committee on Energy and the Environment to order at the hour of 5:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Committee Members Present: Brown, Bloom, Jain, Kelly, Klein, and Chair Liu  
Committee Members Absent: Lee

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

**MINUTES**

1. Approve the meeting minutes of the March 23, 2022, meeting.  
Motion by: Brown      Seconded by: Klein  
Ayes: Brown, Bloom Jain, Kelly, Klein, and Liu  
Noes: none

Motion passed unanimously.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

2. Public Comment from members of the audience regarding items not listed on the agenda:

None.

**OTHER MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

3. Stop waste Informational Presentation

Councilmember Jack Balch introduced StopWaste staff Executive Director Timothy Burroughs and Rachel Balsley Senior Program Manager. Mr. Balch stated, let me just first start off by saying thank you very much for inviting us to be here and learn more. He stated that Timothy and the team will go through quite a lot of detail, and we also want to make sure that we're showing you the present tense partnership with StopWaste and the city.

Timothy Burroughs presented an overview of StopWaste as an organization and the partnership with Pleasanton and other cities in Alameda County to advance their waste reduction efforts. He stated that they do that at times by taking on work that local governments would otherwise have to do themselves.

Council member Balch asked Mr. Burroughs to share information on new California law SB54 from a prior meeting. Mr. Burroughs stated that SB 54, is being talked about as one of the most far-reaching waste prevention waste reduction laws in the country. It requires all packaging in the state to be recyclable or compostable by 2032, cutting plastic packaging by 25 percent in 10 years and requiring 65 percent of all single-use plastic packaging to be recycled in the same timeframe. The legislation shifts the plastic pollution burden from consumers to the plastics industry by raising \$5 billion from industry members over 10 years to assist efforts to cut plastic pollution and support disadvantaged communities hurt most by the damaging effects of plastic waste.

During the presentation, Mr. Burroughs explained the StopWaste materials flow map for Alameda County. This interactive map shows the flow of waste materials processing within Alameda County. Over

30 facilities within the county serve over 15 municipalities. Many facilities provide initial processing and sorting for final disposition elsewhere. Landfilling and composting takes place within the county and other locations near the Bay Area. Final processing of recyclable materials happens to some extent domestically with most materials handled in international locations. <https://www.stopwaste.org/about-stopwaste/member-agencies/materials-flow-map-for-alameda-county>

Mr. Burroughs shared that StopWaste has Carbon farming projects where we're applying compost across a stretch of the property which has the benefits of sequestering carbon from the atmosphere, so it is a greenhouse gas emissions reduction strategy.

StopWaste began working with the Alameda County Resource Conservation District and later additional partners to add to the body of knowledge on how carbon farming can fight climate change through the application of compost on range lands. Carbon farming refers to practices—including the one-time application of compost—that increase the ability of the soil and plants to pull carbon from the atmosphere and sequester it deep in the soil. <https://www.stopwaste.org/resource/carbon-farming-testing-shows-positive-results-january-2022?page=search>

Rachel Beasley shared that StopWaste has a Free Indoor Food Scraps Bins Program. Free indoor bins are available to qualifying Alameda County businesses, institutions, and multi-family residential properties (5+ units) for the collection of food scraps, compostable paper and plant debris. A variety of containers and lids are available—up to a value of \$500 per approved site including tax and delivery. [www.StopWaste.org/free-green-bins](http://www.StopWaste.org/free-green-bins)

Public Comment: None.

#### **MATTERS INITIATED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS.**

Next meeting CAP 2.0 update

Future meeting water rate adoption update

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33p.m.

Next regular meeting of the Committee is scheduled for September 28, 2022 at 5pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
ZeeLaura Page