

# COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, September 27, 2023  
5:30 p.m.

Operations Service Center  
Remillard Conference Room  
3333 Busch Road, Pleasanton

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**Public participation:** It is requested that members of the public wishing to address the Committee submit a speaker card at the meeting. When public comment is opened on an agenda item, individuals may speak once per agenda item.

## CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

## AGENDA AMENDMENTS

**CONSENT CALENDAR** – *Items listed on the consent calendar are considered routine in nature and may be enacted by one motion. If discussion is required, that particular item will be removed from the consent calendar and will be considered separately.*

1. Approve the regular meeting minutes of July 26, 2023.

## MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2. Public Comment regarding items not listed on the agenda – *Speakers are limited to 3 minutes.*

## PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OTHER MATTERS

3. Overview of Stopwaste Model Food Service Ware Ordinance

## ADJOURNMENT

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**MINUTES  
CITY OF PLEASANTON  
MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT  
July 26, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lee called the regular meeting of the Committee on Energy and the Environment to order at the hour of 5:32 p.m from the Remillard Conference Room located at 3333 Busch Road.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

**MINUTES**

1. Approve the meeting minutes of the March 22, 2023 meeting with a correction to Committee Member Kelly attendance to mark present.

Motion passed by the following vote:

Motion by: Klein Seconded by: Bloom

Ayes: Bloom, Brown, Kelly, Liu, Klein, and Lee

Noes: None

Approve the meeting minutes of the May 24, 2023 meeting.

Motion passed by the following vote:

Motion by: Klein Seconded by: Bloom

Ayes: Bloom, Klein, Kelly, and Lee

Noes: Brown, Liu

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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

Shiyi Xie, Non Toxic Norcal Club commented on PFAS water issues.

Phil Bowman, Resident.

**OTHER MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

3. Overview of the Citywide Strategic Plan

ZeeLaura Page, Management Analyst presented an update on the City of Pleasanton Strategic Plan update

4. Informational Update on SB1383 Recovered Organic Waste Product Procurement

ZeeLaura Page, Management Analyst presented an informational update on SB1383 Recovered Organic Waste Product Procurement.

**MATTERS INITIATED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS.**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Next regular meeting of the Committee is scheduled for September 27, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
ZeeLaura Page

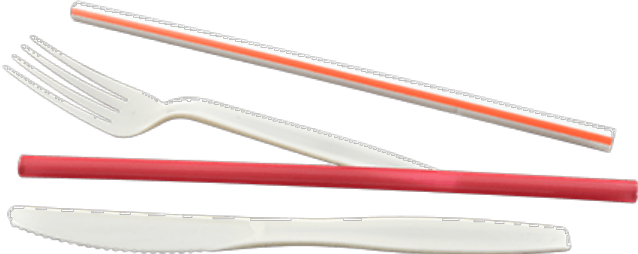
# Model Ordinance for Disposable Food Service Ware Reduction and Reuse

ZeeLaura Page, City of Pleasanton  
Justin Lehrer, StopWaste

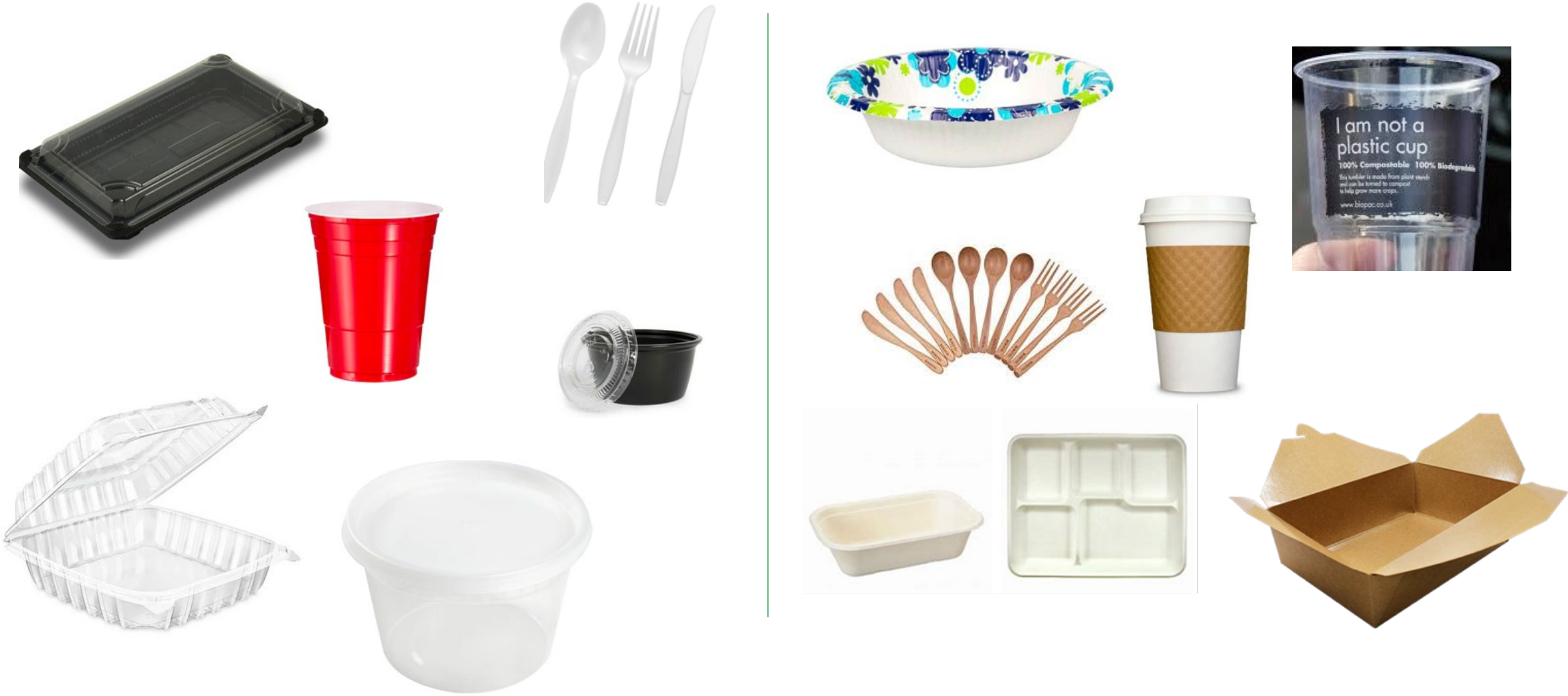
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# Single-Use Foodware



# But Take-out Packaging is Recyclable/Compostable, Right?



# Challenges with “Recyclable” Foodware

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Most are not actually recyclable

Tend to end up in the wrong bin

Typically tossed with too much food residue

Possible contamination for  
fines



# Compostables: Not a Panacea

Most “bioplastics” don’t actually decompose

Plastic film contaminates compost

Unhealthy ingredients: PFAS

Polluting production

High cost





# Will it Compost?

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# Are compostables the solution?

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Fiber-based compostable foodware:

- Thin layer of film plastic  
“poly-coated paper”

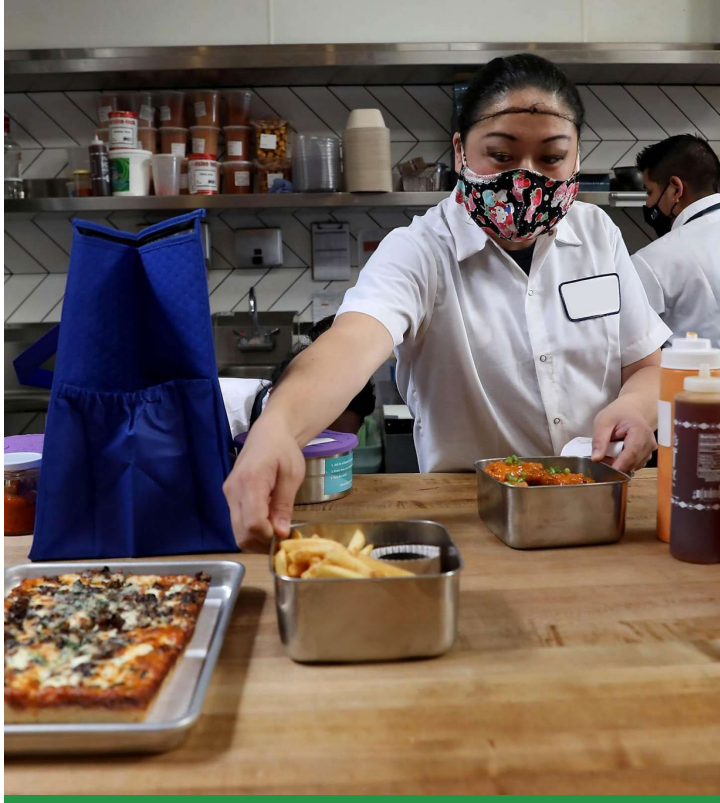
*>leads to micro-plastics in soil and water*

- Grease barriers with perfluorinated compounds

*>persist in environment and bioaccumulate in living organisms*



# Reusable Foodware Systems



Take-out and delivery



Mobile dishwashing



Institutional kitchens,  
campuses, bulk meals

# Recent Activity and Plans

- Pilot Projects
- Technical Assistance
- Outreach and Education
- Model Ordinance



## Reusables in Action

- Honolulu BBQ worked with ReThink Disposable to switch to reusable foodware for on-site dining.
- Okapi is currently working with 10 cafes in the city of Alameda to offer returnable to-go cups.
- Now at the Warfield in SF and coming soon to Alameda County, r.Cup specializes in reusable cups for venues and special events.





# Model Ordinance

# Foodware Policy – The Big Picture

**Goal: Reduce consumption of single-use items!**

- Reuse First
- Comprehensive and Innovative
- Modular / Customizable



# Reusables – Required for dine-in, BYO Always Allowed

- Effective 12 months after adoption
- Reusable foodware required for all dine-in establishments
- Waivers available (dishwashing capacity) but expire in the event of a remodel.
- Must accept customer-provided reusables (BYO)
- Vendors operating on City property must comply as well as leases, contracts, etc.







# Disposable Cup and Container Charge

- Effective 12 months after adoption
- Options!
  - Charge for cups only, or add containers
  - \$0.25/disposable item, up to \$1.00
  - \$0.25 flat charge
  - \$0.25 discount for customer BYO
- Business keeps the money
- Includes takeout order/delivery platforms



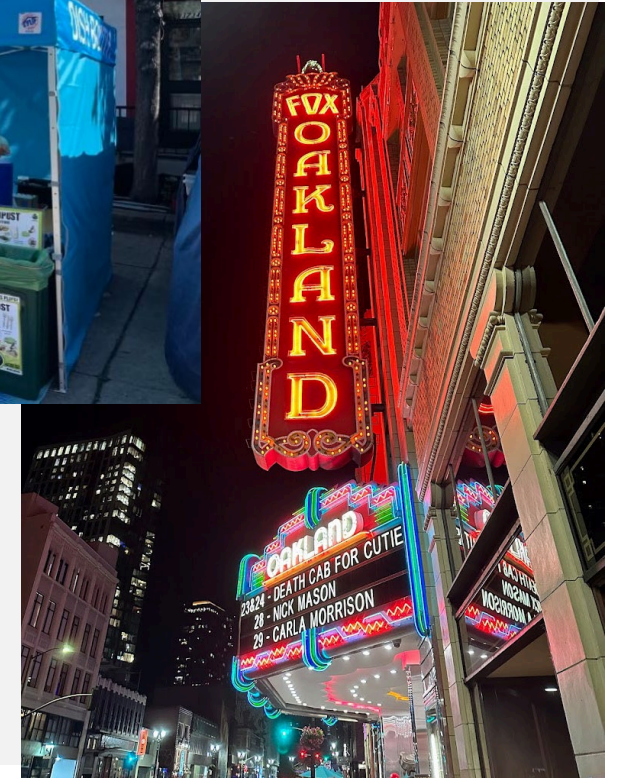
# Accessories Only Upon Request

- Effective Immediately
- Accessories: utensils, napkins, condiment packets, cup sleeves/tops
- Disposables only provided upon request, for take out
- Condiments from bulk dispensers or reusable containers
- Medical exemption upon request
- No bundling!



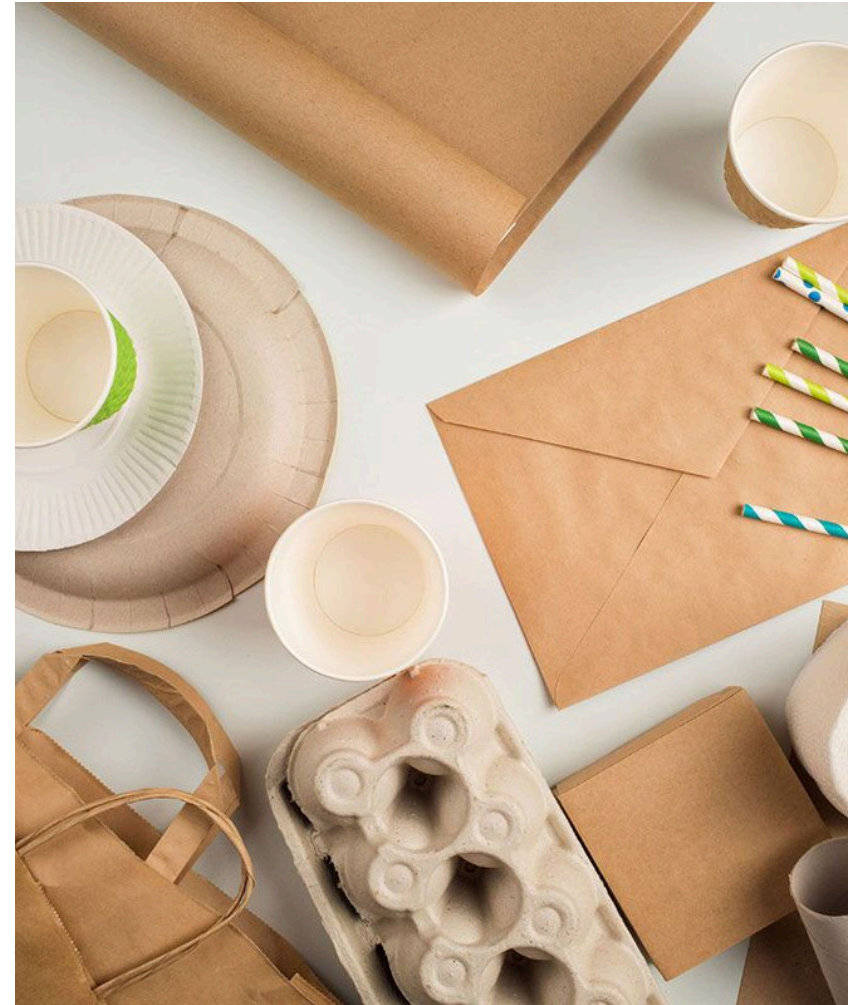
# Reusable Cups at Venues and Events

- Effective 18 months after adoption
- Reusable cups for all non-packaged beverages sold
- Attendees can BYO
- Events: at least 25% reusables, ramps up to 50%
- Tracking/Reporting requirement



# Compliant Disposable Food Ware

- Effective 12 months after adoption
- Certified free of toxins
- Compostable, third party certified
- Extra: No retail sales of noncompliant foodware



# Polystyrene

- **Effective 12 months after adoption**
- **No sale of polystyrene items:**
  - Packing peanuts
  - Styrofoam coolers
  - Pool or Beach toys unless encapsulated
  - Docks/water equipment unless encapsulated
  - Meat, produce trays, egg cartons



# Waivers and Enforcement

- **Waiver Process outlined**
  - Discretion of City
  - Not permanent
- **Infractions**
  - Up to \$100 for first violation
  - \$200 for 2<sup>nd</sup> violation
  - \$500 subsequent violations (per year)



# StopWaste's Role

- Assist with customization based on local priorities
- Support data analysis and incorporating lessons learned
- Support City Council presentations
- Technical assistance and incentive funding for businesses
- Develop general outreach materials (for countywide use)
- Market development and grant funding to support infrastructure growth



# SB 54 statutory goals



**25% of Plastic Packaging cut by 2032**



**65% of Single-Use Packaging Recycled by 2032**



**100% Packaging in California Recyclable by 2032**

# SB 54 timeline



# Discussion and Feedback

