

**TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY**  
***Sustainability and Environmental Resources Committee Meeting***  
**Monday August 20, 2018 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM**  
**Town Hall - Conference Room**  
**765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028**

**SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:40 AM.

**Roll Call:**

Committee Members:

Present: Loverine Taylor, Jim Lussier, Mia Di Giovanni, Delle Maxwell, Stefan Unnasch, Brandi de Garmeaux, Maryann Derwin, Rebecca Flynn, Ann-Marie Laure

Absent: Al Sill

Other Attendees: Rebecca Sale GreenWaste, Judy Murphy from the Conservation Committee

**Oral Communications:**

- Jim – While we are looking for ways to have CalWater pay for smart water meters, there are options for people who want to be proactive and pay for devices to detect leaks. One is called “FLO” is a device w/ smartphone app, ~\$500

**Approval of Minutes – June 18 16, 2018**

Postponed until next meeting

**Old Business:**

**Updates from Maryann:**

Brandi & Maryann went to CalWater office of ratepayer advocates meeting re: SmartMeter pilot program. U-shaped table, no one ID'ed themselves. Very strange and somewhat uncomfortable environment. Brandi will have followup meeting w/ Dawn Smithson. Lots of support for SmartMeters in PV, pilot program. Rate increase would have to be spread among the entire district. Office Ratepayer advocate. Maryann thinks they won't go for it – luxury item, too expensive

Discussion about water leaks, burst hose caused huge bill. Rebecca seems to notice a new leak every week. Most too small to detect. Loverine had gophers digging in same area, finally investigated and found irrigation leak that had been going for months (maybe years?)

Need more testimonials from friends/neighbors re: leaks. Then reach out to neighboring areas in district to garner support for pilot program

Optimal outcome is Smart Meters would be installed by Cal Water. We'll know in ~8 months. Other option is to do something on our own.

Rebecca asked what about the current trial program. Aren't there results for the 25-50 people who have had a smart meter for over a year.

Brandi is maintaining close tabs with Cal Water on the upcoming Rate Case. The Rate Case decision will be made in ~18 months

Maryann is a member of the Resource Management and Climate Protection Committee of C/CAG. They are focused on an update to their 2025 plan with a focus on energy and water. 9/13 Genentech Summit Event JV/CTAG/ Climate Actions That Work.

Maryann has a seat on the San Mateo Countywide Water Coordination Committee. They are working on how to create an overall water management agency for San Mateo County. 18 members Sea Level Rise, flood control storm water mgmt.. Meet monthly, Jeremy is also member. Congresswoman Jackie Spear pushed Dave Pine to be eligible for \$100 Million grant. The Bay Delta Project is focused on ways to keep water in Tuolumne River

For the ADU she is constructing at her home, she is installing full gray water recycling. It is fairly complex and expensive. It uses lots of area and feeds into her rainwater capture system.

The Rachio Smart Irrigation Controller has an updated version with available leak detection.

#### **Updates from Brandi:**

Ali Taghavi no longer w/ PV. Brandi will be doing web & communications until they hire a replacement.

Brandi had good meeting w/ Steve from HEA. Waiting for Jeremy to review the letter Steve drafted.

Working w/ Jeff on Microgrid project. Gridscape will present a proposal to TC 9/12. Costs are much higher than TC anticipated, need to understand where these costs are coming from.

Leaf Blower – flyers have been sent, comments were all over the map. There is a lot of misunderstanding. Some people think “electric” means “corded”

Brandi passed some articles around and will send links. Topics include: changing from oil to electric heat, Californians recycling improperly, making water conservation a way of life.

#### **Sub-Committee Updates:**

Offline please let Brandi know if you are interested in chairing subcommittee

#### **Charter Amendment – Bimonthly Meetings and Mission:**

Ideas put on whiteboard, Brandi will work into a paragraph and present at next meeting

#### **Budget for 2018-9 Fiscal Year:**

The Committee budget is in the approval process with the Town Council.

#### **New Business:**

##### **PV Town Picnic:**

Do we want a booth? Green Waste wants a booth

**Greenwaste Tour:**

Brandi going to look into some dates to do this on a Monday morning

**Next Meeting – Date/Time and Topics:**

October 15, 2018 10:30pm to 12:30pm

**Announcements:**

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM