

TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Sustainability Committee Meeting
August 18, 2022
7:00 PM

Scott Elrod, Chair
Stefan Unnasch, Vice Chair
Rebecca Flynn, Secretary
Walter Hays, Member
Jason Saleh, Member
Loverine Taylor, Member

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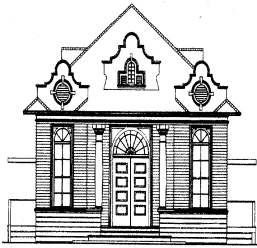
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- 1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
- 2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
Speakers' time is limited to two minutes.
- 3. INTRODUCTIONS (including new committee members)**
- 4. PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - a. Experiences with loaner induction cooktops (Judy Murphy and Lovey Taylor)
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. Minutes of 7/21/2022
- 6. OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. Updates from Brandi
 - b. Updates from MaryAnn
 - c. Public service announcement planning
- 7. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. GHG/Climate simulation opportunity, intro from Steve Levin
 - b. Town picnic preparations
- 8. NEXT MEETING AND PROPOSED AGENDA TOPICS**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT**

The next regularly scheduled meeting date is September 15, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Sustainability Committee Meeting
Thursday, July 21
7:00 PM

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Rebecca Flynn, Secretary
Walter Hays, Member
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VIRTUAL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

7:00 PM

Attendance: Members: Scott Elrod (Chair), Rebecca Flynn (Secy), Stefan Unnasch (Vice Chair), Loverine Taylor, Walt Hays, Maryann Moise Derwin (Town Council Member)

Absent: Jason Salah

Community: Dawn Smithson (Cal Water), M Gonzales (Cal Water), Rob Seeley (Cal Water), Anita Wotiz, Melvin Gaines, Judith Murphy, Caroline Vertongen - 650-978-7562

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Speakers' time is limited to two minutes.

LT: Introducing Anita Wotiz.

Anita Wotiz: Earthcare Committee formed at Valley Pres for sustainability. Planning an event on August 29, 30, 31, collecting Styrofoam, take to Milpitas to press Styrofoam into heavy bricks to transport to be extruded into something else. Worked with Ladera Church who does a drive in January. Advertising planned on the PVForum. Staffed to prevent non-Styrofoam items from being dropped off. Interested in collaborating with the PV Sustainability Committee for future events. Committee held events over zoom such as electrification of the home. Presentations available on their website. Event about sustainable purchasing and about food issues. Held an Earthday fair at the church this year with plant-based food about plastic issues. Collect clean plastic pill bottles for reuse. Induction cooktop loaner project. Catchy event posters available.

<https://www.valleypreschurch.org/earthcare>

WH: Asking about Climate Action Plan. To be covered under Brandi updates.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Dawn Smithson (District Manager, Bear Gulch and Los Altos Suburban Districts, Cal Water) and Martin Gonzales (Distribution Superintendent, BG District) and Rob Seeley (Regional Community Affairs Specialist)

4. PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Update on smart water meter implementation, Dawn Smithson of Cal Water
 - i. AMI Meter. New End point transmits data from meter via cellular network directly to billing and to the customer portal to provide customer with info about water consumption
 - ii. Process started in 2012. PV became an intervener for general Rate Case in 2018. PUC approved AMI pilot in 2021. 2021 hiring and material supply challenges. 2022 supply issues persist.
 - iii. 2566 meters approved for pilot.
 - iv. Eyeonwater.com portal available for customers. Can export the data. Help button available.
 - v. May 2022 – 12 meters, June 2022 - 40, July - 31 meters as of July 20. 1 foreman and 3 helpers.
 - vi. 108 replaced to date. Using current crews to change 1.5- and 2-inch meter. Starting on Alpine and Westridge and side streets. Replacing lids when necessary.
- b. RF: concerns raised about how frequently the meters update and if they will notify customers of leaks frequently.
- c. Judy Murphy: questions about the new meters and replacing the old pilot meter.

- d. Caroline Vertongen: wants an update for the residents. Concerns about health issues, financing, opting.
- e. Cal Water: doing an update today and will be doing more community outreach. Likely not possible to opt out as someone would need to come to read the meter. Financing is on the order of cents per month, spread out over the entire district.
- f. SE: Coordinating with Town and Committee for community outreach. Plan for community outreach to the community for a future meeting.
- g. MMD: checking on communication when the meter is being installed. Also asked about an update on rationing.
- h. Cal Water: No visibility on water rationing from SFPUC. We are on 15% statewide mandatory rationing from the Governor. Conservation efforts are what will determine future water.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. June 16, 2022, moved, seconded, and approved.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Updates from Maryann – Spoke with Ken Springer from RMCP: preliminary results on the electrification pilot. Bawsca update – Hetch Hetchy full but water bank is only 40% full. Best prediction of the future is how much we conserve now. Presentation on stormwater capture project. 5-8 projects identified.
- b. Updates from Melvin for Brandi: Brandi gathering data for Climate Action Plan. Safety Element – administrative draft will be available soon to Town Staff then a public draft will be published to the community and the Sustainability Committee will meet to discuss the Safety Element. Brandi notes: study session with council to move away from Build it Green. Disposable food – Oct 1 enforcement date. County update on their website.
- c. WELO (Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance) – Committee can choose to plan to update the WELO. Council priority list. Staff support should be available. WELO state law since 2016; LT spoke with Al Sill who knows the shortcomings of the current WELO including issues of excessive lawns being installed in new builds.
- d. Outreach to Potential New Members – Scott to talk to Anita Wotiz.
- e. Planning for Public Service Announcements – PVForum, Topics, Posters? Two main topics: Water (RF (lead) and LT) and Green House Gas (SE, JS, WH, SU (lead tbd)). Send new message to Melissa for social media. Next meeting each person will come with suggestions. SE and RF to make a schedule of dates, topics and writers.
 - i. Judy Murphy provided input from Conservation on their topics. They have leads who bring ideas to the committee for topics which are discussed.
 - ii. Caroline Vertongen wants to provide information and be able to contact the committee members with ideas.

7. NEXT MEETING AND PROPOSED AGENDA TOPICS

- a. August 18, 2022 – Report from Judy Murphy and Loverine Taylor on induction cooktops – loaner program.
- b. Town picnic – Sept 17, 2022
- c. Brandi – Climate action plan data
- d. WELO update - LT. (TBD)
- e. Public Service Announcement discussion

8. ADJOURNMENT – at 8:36 PM The next regularly scheduled meeting date is August 18, 2022 at 7:00 PM.