



**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (ESAC)
WASTE DIVERSION, COLLECTIONS, AND
EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Approved on October 5, 2022

Minutes

Wednesday, September 7, 2022, 3:00 P.M.
Virtual Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Subcommittee Chairperson Garcia at 3:03 P.M.

Those present and absent were:

Present:

Kris Yarter

Representative, Ward 6

Margot Garcia, Chair

Representative, City Manager's Office

Absent:

Yolanda Herrera

Representative, Ward 5

Staff Members Present:

Frank Bonillas

Landfill Administrator, Environmental & General
Services (EGSD)

Cristina Polsgrove

Public Information Officer, EGSD

Lucy Lucero

Recording Secretary, EGSD

- 2. Approval of Minutes for August 3, 2022** - The minutes for August 3, 2022, were approved as written.

- 3. Chairperson's Report** – Chairperson Garcia reported her experience as a customer regarding a notice of violation for a dead Eucalyptus tree (80 feet tall), She shared the various estimates to cut down the tree and the outcome. She talked about her time on hold with ES Customer service and the rates for renting a roll-off container; ultimately, she arranged for a special Brush & Bulky pick-up.

4. Waste Diversion

Cristina Polsgrove, EGSD Public Information Officer, reported on the following items:

- **Materials Recovery Facility Report** – The Materials Recovery Report (MRF) was reviewed and discussed, A decrease in Tonnages, maybe because of summer, companies using less fiber in boxes, or a combination of factors. An increase in the MRF invoice was discussed. More discussion was held.
- **Materials Recycling Contract Update** – The Materials Recycling Contract was extended till the end of September.

5. Collections

Frank Bonillas, ES Landfill Administrator, reported on the following items:

- **Ward 6 Plastics** – This item will be discussed at the full ESAC meeting, a presentation will be provided on October 13, 2022
- **Recycling Electric Batteries** – On-going information is being compiled.

6. Public Outreach Update

Cristina Polsgrove, EGSD Public Information Officer provided an update. The Zero Waste Event will be held on Nov. 5, 2022, at the Catalina United Methodist Church. The Tucson Police Department (TPD) will provide traffic control for this event. The expectation of a great turnout is anticipated being that the event is centrally located this year. Public meetings are being scheduled to discuss clean-up efforts and resources around the city such as Homeless Protocol and Illegal Dumping. The hiring of more Environmental Services workers (ESW) for Brush & Bulky and at the landfill, prepared compost from the compost site at the Los Reales Landfill, and bill inserts/flyers for Brush & Bulky, HHW, TreeCycle and Holidays, and the Recycling Schedules are being updated and were discussed

7. Code Enforcement Update

the following items were tabled:

- **Food Trucks** –
- **Internal Audit Report** –
- **Home Occupation** –

8. Household Hazardous Waste

Frank Bonillas, ES Landfill Administrator, reported on the following items:

- **Household Hazardous Waste Report** – The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) site at the Los Reales Sustainability Campus (LRSC) Is undergoing construction to be latterly expanded to include chemical storage containers and exhaust fans. Construction is due to be completed by January 2023. The HHW collection event will be held at Pima Community College East this Saturday.
- **Landfill Update** – The Cell 4B design is in its final stages. No additional cost have been incurred thus far. Four new ESW's were hired and are assisting with litter control and landscaping at the Los Reales Sustainability Campus.

9. Future Agenda Items for Next Meeting (October 5, 2022)

- Customer Service/Missed Service/Roll-off
- Food Trucks
- Independent Audit and Performance Commission Report
- Home Occupation

10. Call to the Audience – None.

11. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 P.M.