



*CITY of CALABASAS*

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT**

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**DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

**TO: ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEMBERS**

**FROM: TRA'A BEZDECNY, ASSISTANT ENGINEER**

**SUBJECT: SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

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**BACKGROUND:**

The mission of the Environmental Commission of the City of Calabasas is to advise the City Council regarding the stewardship of our environment as it affects the character of the Community and quality of life of our residents. They strive to balance those elements that influence the degree to which our community sustains its social, economic and physical environment while maintaining and enhancing our natural and cultural resources. One of the many ways Commissioners engage in the community is through subcommittees on environmental issues and community events.

**DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS:**

This report highlights the work of Subcommittees since the last Environmental Commission meeting and provides information regarding upcoming work.

Native Plants (Commissioner Jagtiani and Vice Chair Schwartz)

The subcommittee would like to set two dates for a field trip to Thomas Payne and another native plant nursery in Oxnard. They want to plan tours by the staff that work there and make progress on the community recognition program.

Battery Recycling (Vice Chair Schwartz and Commissioner Byrne)

Attached to this report (Attachment A) is a sample of a render for the Calabasas Battery Box. This idea and it goes with the mindfulness of passing out compost bins. Vice Chair Schwartz looks forward to showing the commissioners this first rendering and discussing next steps.

The back side tells a story of the two boys who started a battery box collection but of course, all the content is just a starting point.

Public Forum (Commissioners Shillan and Jagtiani)

The flyer for the event is ready, will be moderated by Chair and the Subcommittee is encouraging Commissioners and students to attend and help spread the word. Additional information is provided in Attachment B.

Arbor Day (Chair Cohan and Commissioner Jagtiani)

Event Date – March 16, 2024 10am-12PM at De Anza Park

A lot of volunteers are needed; a sign-up will be created.

Earth Day (Commissioner Shillan and Vice Chair Schwartz)

Event Date – Saturday April 13, 2024 2-5PM at Las Virgenes Creek

Student Recycling Drawing Contest (Chair Cohan and Vice Chair Schwartz)

Next Due Date – October 18, 2024

Pumpkin Festival (Commissioners Shillan and Byrne)

Event Date Announced by City – Sunday October 20, 2024

Student Member Task Force (Chair Cohan and Commissioner Jagtiani)

The task force has a meeting setup with Maria Bergstrom at the LVUSD District Office to work on restarting the Environmental Stewardship Group.

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

This is an informational item only and requires no action.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Calabasas Battery Box Rendering

Attachment B: Public Forum Report