

CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall
2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

5:30 PM – Special Meeting
American River Community Room North

AGENDA

1. SPECIAL MEETING - CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Council Members Budge, Gatewood, Sander, Terry and Mayor McGarvey.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

At a special meeting, citizens wishing to address the Council for any matter on the agenda may do so at the time the matter is discussed. Under the provisions of the California Government Code, the City Council is prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item not on the agenda.

3. SPECIAL MEETING ITEM

- 3.1 **Subject:** Discussion of Policies and Procedures for Naming Community Assets and Public Facilities.

Recommendation: Receive presentation and provide input and direction to staff regarding the naming of public facilities within the City of Rancho Cordova.

Result of Recommended Action: Based on input and direction from the City Council, staff will proceed with developing a formal policy for Council consideration and approval.

Staff Report: Micah Runner, Deputy City Manager.

Advances Goals: 1.

- 3.2 **Subject:** Presentation on Recent Market Developments and Legislation Impacting the City's Solid Waste and Recycling Programs.
Recommendation: Receive staff presentation and provide direction, as appropriate.
Result of Recommended Action: Based on the Council direction, staff may proceed with adopting a formal city position on the pending bills addressing restrictions on single-use plastics.
Staff Report: Steve Harriman, Operations and Maintenance Division Manager.
Advances Goals: 1 and 3.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Signed Friday, September 20, 2019 at Rancho Cordova, California.



Stacy Leitner, City Clerk

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 24, 2019

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Micah Runner, Deputy City Manager

SUBJECT: **DISCUSSION OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR NAMING COMMUNITY ASSETS AND PUBLIC FACILITIES**



RECOMMENDATION

Receive presentation and provide input and direction to staff regarding the naming of public facilities within the City of Rancho Cordova.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Based on input and direction from the City Council, staff will proceed with developing a formal policy for Council consideration and approval.

BACKGROUND

Over the past several years, there have been various discussions regarding the naming of public facilities within the City of Rancho Cordova. Most recently Leadership Rancho Cordova Class XIII brought forward a street naming program and presentation to the City Council for consideration, which they called "Hometown Heroes". Since the naming of public facilities goes beyond street naming, staff wanted to bring forward a presentation for discussion regarding the naming of all community assets and facilities within the City.

There are public facilities within the City of Rancho Cordova both inside and outside the City's direct control. The naming of schools and parks within the City of Rancho Cordova are outside the City's responsibilities. Staff will provide an overview of the current processes regarding the naming of public facilities within the City for facilities both inside and outside City's direct control. The background information provided will give context for the City Council and public to have a policy conversation regarding this topic. This discussion will help staff determine the desired participation and next steps for the naming of public facilities within the City.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 24, 2019

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Steve Harriman, Operations and Maintenance Division Manager

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION ON RECENT MARKET DEVELOPMENTS AND LEGISLATION IMPACTING THE CITY'S SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING PROGRAMS



RECOMMENDATION

Receive staff presentation and provide direction, as appropriate.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Based on the Council direction, staff may proceed with adopting a formal city position on the pending bills addressing restrictions on single-use plastics.

BACKGROUND

The solid waste and recycling industries are in a state of dramatic change due to three factors, including: 1) new State laws that require residents and businesses to recycle organic wastes like food scraps and yard clippings by January 1, 2022; 2) a dramatic reduction in the market value of recyclable materials due to new policies by the Chinese government that restrict the importation of recyclables from California; and 3) pending legislation requiring a 75% reduction in plastic wastes by the year 2030.

First, AB 1826 and SB 1383 are relatively new State laws that will change the way organic materials are collected and processed in California. The primary objective of the new laws is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions generated from the decomposition of organic wastes in landfills. This will impact the City's residential and commercial solid waste programs and customers. For the residential program, the City and Republic Services are in discussions regarding the implementation of a residential food waste collection program by January 1, 2022. The current method under consideration is to direct residents to place food wastes, together with yard clippings, in the green waste bin. In addition, nearly all commercial businesses and multi-family properties will be required to implement organic waste collection programs by January 1, 2022.

Second, California's recycling markets are facing significant challenges. The majority of recyclable plastics and paper generated in California have historically been sold to markets in China. In 2018, the Chinese government placed increased quality standards and import restrictions on certain recyclable materials. This policy change by the Chinese government has resulted in a decline in the market value of recyclable plastics and paper and will likely increase the operating cost of recycling programs.

Finally, the California Legislature is currently considering two identical bills, SB 54 (Allen) and AB 1080 (Gonzalez), which would place certain requirements on producers, retailers and wholesalers of single-use plastic items like water bottles, straws, utensils, bags and packaging. Specifically, the bills would require these entities to reduce plastic waste generation by 75% by 2030 through a combination of source reduction, recycling and/or composting efforts. According to language in the bills, local and State agencies in California spend \$420M annually to remove plastic debris and other litter from public roads, storm drainage infrastructure, parks, beaches, waterways, etc. The City of Rancho Cordova spends over \$200,000 annually to collect litter, much of which is comprised of single-use plastic items.

The 2019 legislative session adjourned on September 14 with no action on these bills, so the legislature will consider the bills in the session beginning January 2020. The current supporters of the bills include the League of California Cities, Sierra Club, Audubon California, Natural Resources Defense Council, California Coastal Commission, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Californians Against Waste, Ocean Conservancy, etc. The current opponents include the California Chamber of Commerce, Grocery Manufacturers Association, Plastic Shipping Container Institute, Waste Management, Inc., Western Plastics Association, Western States Petroleum Association, Plastics Industry Association, International Bottled Water Association, etc.

Supporters of the bills argue that a reduction in plastic waste will save local governments, residents and businesses money by eliminating unrecyclable plastic waste and reducing costs for the removal of plastic litter and debris in the environment. Opponents of the bills argue that the requirements will force many industries to seek more expensive alternatives to single-use plastics, which will disproportionately impact low income citizens and harm the plastics manufacturing and distribution industries.