



## CLIMATE ACTION PLAN WORKING GROUP

### MINUTES

February 21, 2024 | 6:00 PM

San Marcos Room, 1 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069

#### AGENDA

##### Call to Order – 6:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

##### Roll Call

Members Present: Rosaler, McLane, Kerschbaum, Norris, Larisey

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Farace, Planning Division Director, Saima Qureshy, Sustainability Program Manager, Amanda Boudreault, Sr. Management Analyst, Song LeBaron, Sr. Management Analyst

Guest Presenter: Mallika Sen, Director of Environmental Solutions, Solana Center

##### New Business

1. Election of Chairperson for calendar year 2024

Member Norris nominated Member Kerschbaum. Motion seconded by Member Larisey. All members voted in favor; motion passed 5-0.

2. Election of Vice-Chairperson for calendar year 2024

Member McLane nominated Member Rosaler. Motion seconded by Member Norris. All members voted in favor; motion passed 5-0.

3. Approval of Minutes from October 18, 2023 meeting

Member Norris motioned to approve the minutes. Member McLane seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the minutes; motion passed 5-0.

4. Presentation from The Solana Center on the Edible Food Recovery Program (Mallika Sen, Director of Environmental Solutions)

Mallika Sen introduced SB1383 and the Edible Food Recovery Program. The SB1383 bill focuses on reducing organic waste methane emissions which is a super pollutant. Organic waste is the largest waste stream in California. Enforcement efforts related to compliance with SB1383 began on Jan 1, 2024. The law is applicable statewide and has comprehensive record keeping requirements. Businesses must prevent waste by establishing recovery agreements, donating the maximum amount of surplus edible food, recycling all organics, and having no intentional food spoilage.

Mallika provided observations that generally grocery stores had good programs already in place. Hospitals have very strict requirements, so the potential for recovery is lower. Food Recovery is low for restaurants because most of the food is

leftovers. San Marcos has many smaller wholesalers and if they are inspected and don't have food to donate, they are put on a watch list and will be checked on periodically.

Members asked if there are grants to provide incentives to businesses and funding to help with the implementation of the law. Mallika was not aware of any grants at this time but mentioned there are Federal tax incentives which makes it more lucrative for businesses to donate surplus food. The State also provides some grants to Cities for implementation.

##### 5. Staff Updates – Climate Action Plan Implementation Efforts

Saima Qureshy shared that the Traffic Demand Management Ordinance was approved by the City Council in December 2023 and is now in effect.

#### **Oral Communications**

No oral communications.

#### **Working Group Member Comments**

No comments.

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.



JENNIFER KERSCHBAUM, CHAIRPERSON  
CAP WORKING GROUP

#### **ATTEST:**



SONJA LEBARON, SR. MANAGEMENT ANALYST  
CITY OF SAN MARCOS