



**BENICIA COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION  
COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AGENDA**

**City Hall Commission Room  
July 16, 2018  
6:00 PM**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS**

**3. REFERENCE TO FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF PUBLIC**

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**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**5. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

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A. WRITTEN COMMENT

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

## **6. PRESENTATIONS**

## **7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted, approved, or adopted by one motion unless a request for removal for discussion or explanation is received from the Community Sustainability Commission or a member of the public by submitting a speaker slip for that item.

\*Any Item identified as a Public Hearing has been placed on the Consent Calendar because it has not generated any public interest or dissent. However, if any member of the public wishes to comment on a Public Hearing item, or would like the item placed on the regular agenda, please notify the Community Development Staff either prior to, or at the Community Sustainability Commission meeting, prior to the reading of the Consent Calendar.

### **7.a MAY 21, 2018 DRAFT MINUTES**

[5-21-18 Draft Minutes](#)

### **7.b CAP TEAM PROJECT UPDATES**

[CAP Project Updates MEMO 7-16-18](#)

## **8. AGENDA ITEMS**

### **8.a MCE DEEP GREEN**

[MCE Deep Green](#)

[1. MCE Deep Green Estimate June 2018](#)

[2. MCE Deep Green Estimate January 2018](#)

### **8.b WASTE REDUCTION - BEST PRACTICES**

[Special Event Waste Reduction 2018](#)

[1. Republic Services Sustainable Benician Summer 2018 Edition](#)

[2. City of Benicia 2017 Special Events](#)

[3. City of Benicia 2018 Scheduled Special Events](#)

### **8.c FILM FESTIVAL FUNDING**

[Film Festival Funding Request](#)

[1. Commissioner Snider Film Festival Funding Request](#)

**8.d WORK GROUPS**

[Work Group Updates](#)

**9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

**10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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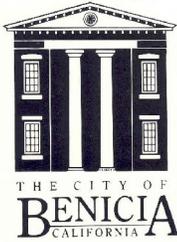
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**DRAFT**

**BENICIA COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION  
COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MINUTES**

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**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS**

Present: Commissioners Bautista, Fisher, Kerridge, Commissioner Federman (Federman arrived 6:37) Commissioner Snider and Chair Lindsay  
Absent:  
Present: Ex-Officio Bardet(late 6:05)pm, Wicklow (late 6:07)  
Absent: Ex-Officio Members Scott,  
Staff Present: Shawna Brekke- Read, Community Development Director  
Adrian Lopez, Assistant Planner

**3. REFERENCE TO FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF PUBLIC**

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

On motion of Bautista, seconded by Commissioner Kerridge, the agenda was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Bautista, Fisher, Kerridge, Snider and Chair Lindsay  
Noes: None  
Absent: Commissioner Federman  
Abstain: None

**5. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

- A. WRITTEN COMMENT
- B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Allied Waste Service representative Marie Knudsen presented an informational flyer which will be routed through Public Works for distribution.

**6. PRESENTATIONS**

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

On motion of Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Kerridge, the consent calendar was approved after a spelling correction on item 8a part 2 and item 7b CAP TEAM PROJECT UPDATES moved to the pulled from the consent calendar to the agenda by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Bautista, Fisher, Snider, Kerridge, and Chair Lindsay.  
Noes: None  
Absent: Commissioner Federman  
Abstain: None

## **8. AGENDA ITEMS**

### **8a. CAP TEAM PROJECT UPDATES**

Commission Kerridge had questions about items listed in the memo versus items listed in the pulled item for discussion.

Commissioner Kerridge asked about the BECAT team meeting again and a tracking tool used for measuring GHG emissions currently in use.

Ex-Officio Bardet asked about requirements for the City participating in ICELI and reporting requirements.

Commissioner Bautista requested a measurement to see where the City's GHS's are tracking.

Commissioner Kerridge requested all Commissioners receive copy of the CAP Tracking tool and the latest GHG Inventory for the next meeting.

Chair Lindsay asked for clarification on the Residential Solar Rebate program dollar amount.

Staff answer questions as needed.

### **8.b MCE DEEP GREEN**

The Commission discussed the item. Staff clarified as needed. Commissioner Kerridge asked about the annual true-up rebate amount. The Commission requested to have the item back on the agenda for their July meeting and to make a Public Comment at the July 17<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting prior to the MCE Presentation.

Staff will agendize this item for action at the July 16<sup>th</sup> CSC meeting for future City Council recommendation.

### **8.c GRANT REPORTS**

The Commission reviewed the reports. Commissioner Kerridge commented about the few grantees with remaining funds to spend the small amount of funds rather than having to return to future unallocated projects. The Commission asked staff to confirm with Arts Benicia and Sustainable Solano (formerly Benicia Community Gardens) if there are in fact funds remaining. Staff will report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

Nancy Lund spoke on behalf of the Bicycle Benicia grant. Staff answered questions about the scope of the grant and potential costs. The Commission discussed options for the funds remaining and the

grantee. The Commission agreed to continue to keep the Bicycle Benicia grant open and have staff work with Nancy Lund on an amended scope which is more achievable for the monies remaining.

Ms. Brekke-Read recommended the Commission accept the final reports of the grants and an amended scope of the Bicycle Benicia grant and bring that recommendation to the City Council at a future date.

Commissioner Snider inquired about future funding for the film festival and if that would fall under the same requirements as grant applications.

#### **8d. WORK GROUPS**

The Commission decided upon forming the following work-groups:

1. Education and Outreach-Commissioners Lindsay, Snider, Bautista
2. Clean Transportation- Commissioners Kerridge, Snider, Fisher
3. Waste Reduction- Commissioner Lindsay, Kerridge
4. Water- Commissioner Bautista, Federman
5. MCE- Commissioner Kerridge, Lindsay
6. City Applied Technology- Commissioner Federman (research)

#### **9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

Ms. Brekke-Read shared with the Commissioners it is helpful to staff to provide any agenda materials at least three weeks in advance of the next meeting which will be at the end of June, and each sub-committee is to provide goals to staff for the next meeting.

#### **10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Chair Lindsay attended a sustainable meeting in Sacramento and the Solano Land Trust Lynch Canyon run on Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Chair Snider spoke about the annual film festival which is held over the Labor Day weekend in September and has a Sustainability category.

Chair Federman mentioned attending a Dept. of Energy conference, raising funds for St. Jude event.

Ex-Officio Bardet mentioned having applicants go to Sustainable Solano to apply for grants.

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Lindsay adjourned the meeting at 8:21 P.M.

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Community Development Department  
**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** June 15, 2018  
**To:** Community Sustainability Commission (CSC)  
**From:** Teresa Olson, Management Analyst  
**Re:** Climate Action Team Update

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Below are brief updates on on-going projects.

**Semi-Annual Grant Reports**

Since the grant program began in 2012, semi-annual grant reports were presented to the Commission twice annually. Historically, grant reports were due to City staff by January 30 and July 30. Staff would subsequently review and agendize the reports for the March and September CSC regular meetings. In 2017, both the September and November meetings were canceled. The grant reports were not included in the agenda of the January and March 2018 regular CSC meetings. The Commission received the 2017 mid-year grant reports in May 2018 as a result. As many of the grants have concluded, staff is preparing to present a final grant report to the Commission and to the City Council at a future meeting. The final report will provide a summary of the grant projects and will close out grants funded from 2014-2016.

**EV Charging Stations:**

As local municipal governments within the state of California look to promote zero emissions vehicles (ZEV) and install the necessary charging infrastructure as part of [Governor Brown's Action Plan](#), City staff is presently working with Growing Energy Labs Inc. (GELI) about the potential to replace the DCFC station located at City Hall and is currently reviewing proposals. This station has been inoperable for the past two years. The current station was installed with grant funding under the previous CAP Coordinator. Earlier estimates reviewed in 2016 and 2017 to replace the station came in at approximately \$35,000. Staff recently received updated estimates and the costs are now ranging from the high \$1,000-\$10,000 for a new dual port fast charging station. Staff is currently reviewing the various models and options and will return to the Commission with options at a future meeting. Because of the prior installation, all of the infrastructure, battery and O&M is in place. Staff is contacted at least weekly about the use and operation of the station.

### **Residential Solar Rebates:**

The CAP Coordinator Team and City Staff launched Phase II of this program in November of 2015. Fifty-one residential solar rebates have been reserved. To date, \$45,548 of the \$50,000 in funding has been paid out to Benicia residents. The average system size is 5.32kw, with the largest system being 9.82 kw and the smallest being 1.7 kw. A total reduction of 97.727 GHG Emissions Reduction (MTCO<sub>2</sub>e) was achieved through the installation of 51 residential solar systems through this program. Following an audit of program application files, staff determined there are currently four incomplete applications pending. Staff will contact those applicants to determine if they are still interested in the rebate program. Pending the outcome, a maximum of \$4,000 in reserved funds could potentially be released back and re-opened to new applications. Currently there is \$452 remaining in the residential solar rebate program.

All program materials are on the City's website. City staff continues to refer citizens to alternative programs such as PACE for additional funding opportunities for Solar rebates and financing.

### **Free WaterSmart Program:**

The City of Benicia has partnered with WaterSmart Software to offer our customers with internet access a website where they can access detailed information about their water use. It's part of our commitment to provide customers with the best tools to manage their water use and their water bill.

1. Log onto [www.benicia.waterinsight.com](http://www.benicia.waterinsight.com)
2. Register to create an account using the account number on your water bill as your registration code.
3. Personalize your account by answering the simple profile survey to receive comparison to similar households.

What you'll get:

- **View your water use on daily or hourly intervals.** Do you know how much water your sprinkler system is using?
- **Sign up to check if you have a leak.** Many water leaks are silent and go unnoticed causing large water bills. Get automatic emails or text alerts for leaks once you are signed up with the program because fixing leaks promptly saves a lot of water and money.
- **Set use notifications.** Set your own threshold and you'll be notified when you use over that certain amount of water.
- **Get customized recommendations on how to save water.**

We hope that you take advantage of this service to help manage your water use. If you have questions or have trouble signing up, email [winsight@ci.benicia.ca.us](mailto:winsight@ci.benicia.ca.us) or call 707.746.4792

## Hero Program Report:

Below is the snapshot of the improvements and impact from projects completed by using HERO financing in Benicia since the program was adopted in November of 2014.

### Benicia

**75** Homes Improved

11/14/2014

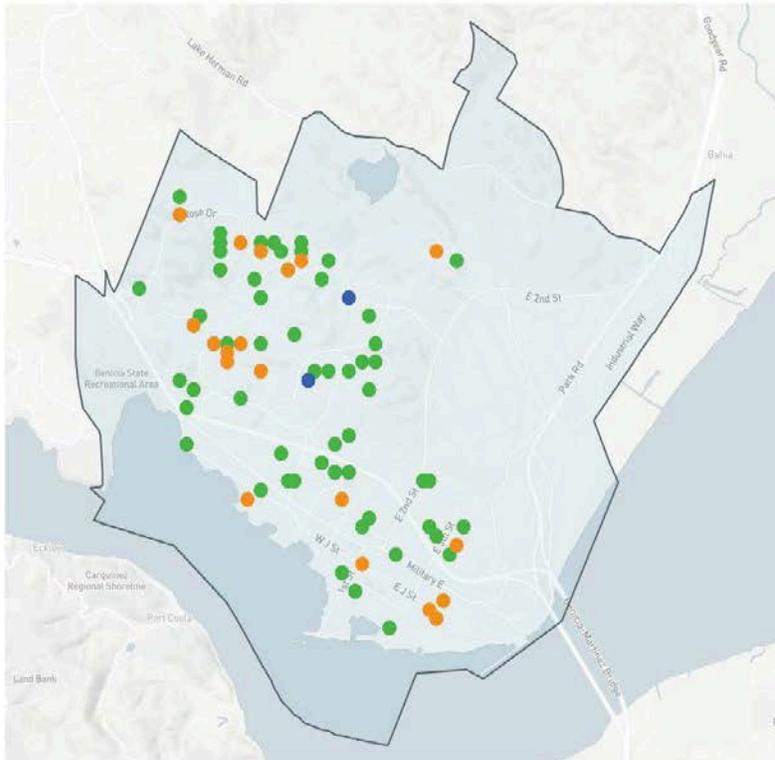
HERO Launch Date

9,457

Housing Count

11/14/2014 - 06/20/2018

Report Range



### Improvements

Type	Total Installed	Bill Savings
Energy	135	\$1.22M
Solar	36	\$948K
Water	2	\$10.9K

### Lifetime Impact

Applications Submitted	161
Applications Approved	138
Funded Amount	\$1.75M
Economic Stimulus	\$2.69M
Jobs Created	16
Energy Saved	12.6M kWh
Emissions Reduced	3,130 tons
Water Saved	1.29M gal

Learn how these numbers are calculated at <https://www.herogov.com/faq>



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gov@heroprogram.com



Community Development Department  
**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** June 15, 2018  
**To:** Community Sustainability Commission (CSC)  
**From:** Teresa Olson, Management Analyst II  
**Re:** MCE Deep Green

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Background

At its May 21, 2018 meeting, the Community Sustainability Commission (CSC) requested staff to agendaize consideration of a recommendation to the City Council to choose Deep Green through Marin Clean Energy (MCE). MCE previously presented information to the CSC at the July 17, 2017 meeting, which included information about Deep Green.

MCE is a local, not-for-profit electricity provider which has 33 member communities in Marin County, Napa County and Contra Costa County; Benicia is the only member community in Solano County. Through this program, MCE estimates the City of Benicia has reduced 6,400 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) between 2015 and 2016, which equates to taking 1,350 cars off the road for a year.

Deep Green Cost

According to MCE's July 2017 presentation, seventeen cities and two counties have chosen Deep Green, which is a 100% renewable energy source for electricity through wind and solar. The City of Benicia could further reduce its emissions and meet its 2020 municipal target by converting to Deep Green for its municipal operations. Based on the City's electricity use and MCE's estimates, transitioning to Deep Green would cost the City about \$45,000 - \$57,000 per year in addition to the existing city electricity cost. While MCE provided the lower estimate at the CSC's July meeting, MCE provided two estimates to staff, including a \$57,000/year estimate. MCE indicated that Deep Green normally adds 4 to 6% to the existing electricity bill for the City.

A more recent cost estimate provided on June 5, 2018 by MCE was derived by analyzing the top ten used City accounts in 2017 was \$53,000 annually to convert to Deep Green.

Budget Impact

As stated to the CSC previously, the City Council adopted the current FY17-19 budget in June 2017. The adopted budget allocates funds through June 30, 2018 and did not allocate the necessary additional funds for the City to transition to Deep Green. In addition, at the time of

budget adoption, the City needed to use reserves and a portion of Measure C revenues to balance the current budget. Therefore, staff finds the City does not have the current resources to transition to Deep Green at this time. In addition, the budget process would be the best time and opportunity to discuss added expenditures for Deep Green.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the CSC not take action at this time.

Attachments

1. MCE Deep Green Estimate June 2018
2. MCE Deep Green Estimate January 2018

Date: 6/5/18  
 To: City of Benicia, CA  
 From: JR Killigrew, MCE



MCE Deep Green\*

**Deep Green Cost for Municipal Operations**

Est. Municipal Electricity Consumption (kWh - CY2017)	5,397,180
Est. Annual Cost of Deep Green for Municipal Accounts	\$53,971.80

**Emissions Impact for Benicia**

Emissions Saved with Deep Green (MTCO2)	700
Remaining emissions to meet 2020 Municipal Target*	673
Contribution towards 2020 Municipal target	104%
Cost per metric ton to reduce	\$ 77.08

**Top 10 Electrical Usage Accounts**

Address	Account Type	2017 Annual Usage (kWhs)	Est. Deep Green Cost
614 E 5TH ST	Sewage Treatment Facilities	2591709	\$ 25,917.09
W L ST & W 10TH ST	Road-Hwy Lights-Sign Lights(4)	436332	\$ 4,363.32
.5 MI W/E 2ND ST	Water Supply-Irrigation System	329503	\$ 3,295.03
E 2ND ST N/O ROSE DI	Water Supply-Irrigation System	318265	\$ 3,182.65
150 E L ST	Libraries and Archives	219021	\$ 2,190.21
LAKE HERMAN RD	Sewage Treatment Facilities	179397	\$ 1,793.97
181 E J ST	Fitness-Rec Sports Centers	131189	\$ 1,311.89
150 MILITARY W	Fire Protection	121445	\$ 1,214.45
250 E L ST	Road-Hwy Lights-Sign Lights(4)	107963	\$ 1,079.63
250 E L ST	Exec-Legislvtv Ofcs, Combined	90079	\$ 900.79

\*Based on remaining emissions from 2010 inventory reduction of 21% below 2000 baseline

Date: 1/18/18  
 To: City of Benicia, CA  
 From: JR Killigrew, MCE



MCE Deep Green\*

**Deep Green Cost for Municipal Operations**

Est. Municipal Electricity Consumption (kWh - CY2016)	4,542,340
Est. Annual Cost of Deep Green for Municipal Accounts	\$45,423.40

**Emissions Impact for Benicia**

Emissions Saved with Deep Green (MTCO2)	587
Remaining emissions to meet 2020 Municipal Target*	673
Contribution towards 2020 Municipal target	87%
Cost per metric ton to reduce	\$ 77.35

**Top 10 Electrical Usage Accounts**

Address	Account Type	2016 Annual Usage (kWhs)
614 E 5th St	Sewage Treatment Facilities	2530145
W L St & W 10th St	Street Light	438359
150 E L St	Libraries & Archives	187325
.5 Mi W/E 2nd St	Water Supply	151275
181 E J St	Rec Sports Centers	130208
150 Military W	Fire Protection	117390
250 E L St	City Hall	108555
250 E L St	City Hall	81392
401 E K St	Recreational Industries	73012
250 E L St	City Hall	62179

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Community Development Department  
**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** June 20, 2018  
**To:** Community Sustainability Commission (CSC)  
**From:** Teresa Olson, Management Analyst II  
**Re:** Special Event Waste Reduction Best Practices

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Background

In 2017 Chair Lindsay requested the CSC evaluate strategies for waste reduction at special events and provided information from the City of Sonoma as an example. The Climate Action Plan (CAP) identifies several strategies related to the overall objectives of waste diversion but does not specifically address waste reductions associated with special events. In March 2018, the Commission reviewed special event waste reduction information. In May 2018, Marie Knutson of Republic Services attended the Community Sustainability meeting and discussed services offered by their organization and their current public outreach efforts. The Commission requested staff to bring this item back.

Special Events Permitting

In 2017 the City issued 37 special event permits. In 2018, 19 special events permits have been issued to date. These are not inclusive of private events in city facilities such as the Clocktower.

The majority of special events in Benicia are operated by not-for-profit groups. The City of Benicia Parks and Community Services Department is responsible for coordination, review and issuance of special events permits. The permitting process for special events involves submittal of an application, review and comment by individual city departments, and issuance of a permit. Conditions of approval may be attached to special event permits; for example, the Torchlight Parade & Picnic in the Park & Fireworks is subject to approximately 45 conditions of approval. Enforcement on-site during special events is typically limited to the Police and Fire Departments for life safety.

Recommendation

The Commission to work with staff to present a best practices model which includes providing the inserts published by Republic Services. Publish this information on the City Sustainability webpage; continue to make the handouts available at the Community Development Department offices and coordinate with Parks and Community Services Department to provide this handout at their offices and to include this as an insert with all special event permit applications.

Attachments

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2. City of Benicia 2017 Special Events
3. City of Benicia 2018 Scheduled Special Events

# Sustainable Benician

Community Recycling & Waste Services



We'll handle it from here.™

## FILM SCREENING

# Symphony of the Soil

**Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> • 6:00PM–8:30PM**  
**Benicia Public Library, 150 East L St.**

Symphony of the Soil is an award winning 104-minute documentary feature film that explores the complexity and mystery of soil. Filmed on four continents and sharing the voices of some of the world's most esteemed soil scientists, farmers and activists, the film portrays soil as a protagonist of our planetary story. Using a captivating mix of art and science, the film shows that soil is a complex living organism, the foundation of life on earth. Healthy, living soil enhances the earth's natural ability to hold carbon in the soil, thus reducing the emission of "greenhouse gasses" into the atmosphere and thereby alleviating global warming.



**Free Upcoming Classes by Sustainable Solano. Sponsored by Republic Services.**

Registration for these classes and more information at [www.sustainablesolano.org](http://www.sustainablesolano.org)

## DRIP IRRIGATION DONE RIGHT

Johnnie Mitchell, Former Water Conservation Specialist for Contra Costa Water District, and owner of East Bay Sprinkler & Drip

**Tuesday, July 31<sup>th</sup> • 7PM–8PM**  
**Benicia Public Library, 150 East L St.**

If you don't have a rainwater catchment system, conserve water with a properly adjusted smart timer and inline drip irrigation. They are an efficient method of delivering water to any landscape. Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper (QWEL), Johnnie Mitchell, will cover the benefits of in-line drip systems, best practice methods, and four must-have tools when owning an in-line drip system.

## FALL FREE COMPOST GIVEAWAY

Supplement your soil in time for your winter vegetables

**Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> • 9AM–1PM**  
**E St. Public Parking Lot off First St.**



Bring your own container and we will fill it. Five gallon buckets work best. Up to 30 gallons per household. Please bring driver's license for each household. Benicia residents only. To receive a reminder message, email [MKnutson@RepublicServices.com](mailto:MKnutson@RepublicServices.com) with Benicia Compost in subject line.

At the compost giveaway, we will also be accepting gently-used clothing, costume jewelry, house goods, bicycles, toys, and games. Sorry, no large items, mattresses, or furniture. HELP others less fortunate. Donations will go to the nonprofit, "Faith Food Fridays," where customers do not pay for items they need.

# Make the Right Planning Choices for Your Next Party

Having a party? Make the right choices for the environment when planning your summer BBQ, wedding, or graduation party. Hosts and hostesses often forget the long term price paid for the short term convenience of the wrong single-use items for parties.

**The first choice** is always to use real dishes, glasses, silverware, and cloth napkins. Colorful bandanas are an easy and inexpensive way to purchase as napkins. For dishes, if you don't have, or can't borrow enough for your event, consider purchasing at a second hand store. A little mix and match can add interest to your table setting. Don't want to store it? Donate it back to the store. (See picture-first choice)

**The second choice** is compostable paper plates, especially if they are made from recycled content. Thick, rough-textured, white ones break down in the landfill best, or ones that are shiny on the surface to avoid leakage are ok. Bamboo single-use utensils can be found at [WebstaurantStore.com](http://WebstaurantStore.com) and are so much better for the environment. (See picture-second choice)

**Did you know a plastic fork can take up to 100 years to break down in the landfill?** If it is the really strong plastic, like the "fake silver" kind, it can take up to 1000 years!

If you have to purchase a vinyl table cover instead of cloth, reuse it. Don't forget about the center piece. A second hand glass vase can be used over and over. Fill with greenery from your yard, or add store-bought flowers. Or borrow/share decorations. Don't buy plastic throw-away junk.

**Worst choice** is Styrofoam (cups or plates), plastic plates, single-use plastic knives, forks, and spoons, and disposable hard plastic serving bowls or trays. (See picture-worst choice)

Are cups made with sugarcane or potato starch a good choice? Sorry, since they are now a hybrid bioplastic, they cannot be recycled and rarely composted. They only break down in the landfill a little faster.

**Next issue:** There is a big difference between compostable and biodegradable.

## FIRST CHOICE



## SECOND CHOICE



## WORST CHOICE



**Solano County Mini  
Maker Faire®**

Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday,  
July 1<sup>st</sup> from 10AM – 6PM, both days  
at Solano County Fairgrounds.

New lower-priced tickets are only \$6. Watch for coupons.

Benicia Mini Maker Faire is now known as Solano County Mini Maker Faire. They are excited to have a broader platform to be able to bring in makers and exhibitors from across the region to inspire and entertain attendees with a unique brand of hands-on learning and DIY spirit.

Visit [solanocounty.makerfaire.com/2018](http://solanocounty.makerfaire.com/2018) for more information.



We'll handle it from here.™





Parks and Community Services  
**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** November 14, 2017  
**To:** Suzanne Thorsen  
**From:** Ann Dunleavy  
**Re:** List of Special Events from 2017

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**The following are the outdoor special events for 2017:**

1. Wine & Chocolate Walk – Benicia Main Street
2. St. Patrick’s Day Beer Crawl - Benicia Main Street
3. ING Bash – Family Fundraiser at BCP
4. Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt – Kiwanis
5. Annual Hit-A-Thon – Benicia Little League
6. Opening Day – Benicia Yacht Club
7. Run for Education – Benicia Education Foundation
8. Benicia Classic Car Show – Benicia Panther Band Boosters
9. Open Studios – Arts Benicia
10. Promise Walk for Preeclampsia – Preeclampsia Foundation
11. Downtown Clean Up Day – Benicia Main Street
12. June Wine Walk – Benicia Main Street
13. Ourdoor Movie Night (total of 3) – Parks & Community Services
14. Torchlight Parade & Picnic in the Park & Fireworks – Benicia Main Street
15. Holy Ghost Parade – BDES Hall
16. Waterfront Festival – Benicia Main Street
17. Peddlers Fair – St. Paul’s
18. Taste of First Street – Benicia Main Street
19. Plein Air Paint Out – Plein Air Gallery
20. Youth Soccer Opening Day – Benicia Youth Soccer League
21. Benicia Film Festival – Arts & Culture Commission
22. Fine Art & Craft Fair – Chamber of Commerce
23. Arts Benicia Art Auction – Arts Benicia
24. September Wine Walk – Benicia Main Street
25. CHP Fitness Challenge – CHP
26. Walk for Water – Northgate Church
27. Zombie Beer Crawl – Benicia Main Street
28. Halloween Costume Contest & Dog Contest – Benicia Main Street
29. Scouting for Food – Boy Scouts of America
30. Turkey Trot – Tim & Jeannie Hamann Foundation
31. Holiday Open House & Tree Lighting – Benicia Main Street & City of Benicia
32. Christmas Parade & Holiday Market – Benicia Main Street



Parks and Community Services  
**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** June 21, 2018  
**To:** Teresa Olson  
**From:** Ann Dunleavy  
**Re:** List of Special Events from 2018

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**The following are the outdoor special events for 2018:**

1. Wine & Chocolate Walk – Benicia Main Street
2. St. Patrick’s Day Beer Crawl - Benicia Main Street
3. Benicia March for Our Lives – California Democratic Party
4. ING Bash – Family Fundraiser at BCP
5. Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt – Kiwanis
6. Annual Hit-A-Thon – Benicia Little League
7. Opening Day – Benicia Yacht Club
8. Run for Education – Benicia Education Foundation
9. Benicia Classic Car Show – Benicia Panther Band Boosters
10. Mobec Unit at Senior Center Parking Lot - Touro
11. Open Studios – Arts Benicia
12. Orienteering Event at Lake Herman – Bay Area Orienteering Club
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Community Development Department  
**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** July 6, 2018  
**To:** Community Sustainability Commission  
**From:** Teresa Olson, Management Analyst II  
**Re:** Film Festival Request Education/Outreach Work Group

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Background

The Education/Outreach work group of the CSC is requesting \$1,200 in funding for the use of the Veterans Hall for two days of screening of Ecosystem Sustainability films during the 2018 Benicia Film Festival. The film festival runs from August 31 through September 2, 2018. The Benicia Film Festival serves as a platform to engage and educate the general public about environmental issues through the “Eco-Sustainability” film category.

The Benicia Film Festival is held in the historic downtown area in the midst of restaurants, boutiques, art galleries and the historic State Capital Building (est. 1853). The Festival kicks off with a Friday night gala featuring wine and hors d’oeuvres, filmmaker talks, and selected short films. The Festival continues throughout the weekend with selected films screened at the old Majestic Theater (500 seat capacity) on First Street.

Staff recommends funding to the Community Sustainability Commission from the Valero/Good Neighbor Steering Committee Settlement Agreement Fund from Future Projects as outlined in Paragraph (H) of the Valero/Good Neighbor Steering Committee Settlement Agreement:

*H. Future Projects*

*The City's Sustainability Commission shall review and recommend to the City Council for approval additional projects for funding which provide verifiable water reduction by the City, community residents, BUSD, Valero and businesses in Benicia Any proposed Valero water conservation projects must be discretionary and not regulatorily mandated. Priority shall be given to water reduction projects but additional projects that are greenhouse gas reducing, sustainable or energy efficient and support the City's Climate Action Plan may be considered and recommended for approval if the Sustainability Commission finds that the project will provide a greater value than proposed water reduction projects."*

Budget Impact

The current amount of available funding from the Valero/Good Neighbor Steering Committee Settlement Agreement fund is approximately \$37,367. If this request is approved, it would leave a balance of approximately \$36,167.

Recommendation

Commission recommend to City Council to fund this request.

Attachment

1. Request for funding from Commissioner Snider

**From:** Craig Snider  
**To:** [Teresa Olson](mailto:Teresa.Olson@ci.benicia.ca.us)  
**Subject:** Re: Film Festival Funding  
**Date:** Thursday, July 05, 2018 10:10:01 PM

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That's correct. We were not able to negotiate a reasonable price to rent the Majestic again. So we will screen the festival at the Veteran's hall instead.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 5, 2018, at 7:36 AM, Teresa Olson <[TOlson@ci.benicia.ca.us](mailto:TOlson@ci.benicia.ca.us)> wrote:

Craig-

To clarify you need to rent the hall in order to screen films? I need to make sure I have a clear understanding for the request for the report and when we take this to City Council for approval pending Commission motion.

Thank you

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**From:** Craig Snider [<mailto:milkcrate25@sbcglobal.net>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 03, 2018 5:36 PM  
**To:** Teresa Olson <[TOlson@ci.benicia.ca.us](mailto:TOlson@ci.benicia.ca.us)>  
**Subject:** Re: Film Festival Funding

Thanks, Teresa! The film festival can use \$1200.00 to cover the cost of renting the vet's hall for two days. So \$1200 would be the request. We have 3-4 hours of ecosystem sustainability films showing, with the Saturday 1-3 pm slot entirely devoted to E-S films.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 3, 2018, at 3:03 PM, Teresa Olson <[TOlson@ci.benicia.ca.us](mailto:TOlson@ci.benicia.ca.us)> wrote:

Craig-

In listening to the last CSC meeting it sounded as if you were asking for funding for the film festival. If this is the case, we need to agendize this request. If you can please clarify and provide a dollar amount you will need. I need this information no later than mid-day Friday to complete the agenda packet.

Thank you

Teresa Olson, Management Analyst II

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Community Development Department  
**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** June 21, 2018  
**To:** Community Sustainability Commission (CSC)  
**From:** Teresa Olson, Management Analyst  
**Re:** Work Group Updates

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The Community Sustainability Commission discussed and decided to form the following work groups during the May 14, 2018 meeting:

1. Education and Outreach-Commissioners Lindsay, Snider and Bautista
2. Clean Transportation- Commissioners Kerridge, Snider and Fisher
3. Waste Reduction- Commissioners Lindsay and Kerridge
4. Water- Commissioners Bautista and Federman
5. MCE- Commissioners Kerridge and Lindsay
6. City Applied Technology- Commissioner Federman (research)

The Commissioners will review and discuss updates from each work group.