

MINUTES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY
April 21, 2021 6:30PM
City Hall – Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting began at 6:30pm. Analyst Carlson called roll. All Commissioners were present except Chair Dasher who was excused.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda:

DeBusk

Second:

Ryan

Vote:

Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the March 17, 2021 Natural Resources Commission minutes:

Commissioner DeBusk noted that she was erroneously marked absent. Analyst Carlson indicated that the correction would be made.

DeBusk

Second:

Ryan

Vote:

Unanimous

STAFF COMMISSION REPORTS

Analyst Carlson informed the Commission about a grant that was received to have the California Conservation Corps clear brush for fire safety in wildland areas at the trailheads of Mt. Wilson Trail and Bailey Canyon. The progress is outstanding and the Corps are expected to continue for another couple of weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(Items not on the agenda)

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. PRESENTATION: ORGANICS RECYCLING PROGRAM FOR SIERRA MADRE:** The Commission will receive a presentation on a proposed Organics Recycling Program for the City of Sierra Madre. The Commission may make a recommendation for the City Council on the proposed Program.

Ed Chen, Christian Warner and staff from Athens Services presented a proposed program to meet the requirements of SB 1383 beginning in 2022. The program is proposed to utilize a single organics recycling can that will be bear-resistant along with outreach, inspections and additional requirements that will be addressed.

The Commission inquired about how grass clippings would be managed going forward, how the outreach would be handled, how

the Contractor would switch the cans out, cost options and a period of transition to be no-fee while adjustments are occurring. Staff and Athens representatives address the questions and discussions.

Motion to endorse the concept of the program:

	Robinson
Second:	Ryan
Vote:	Unanimous

2. DISCUSSION – “SIERRA MADRE WILDLIFE WATCH” PROGRAM: Staff will continue a discussion on the development of a “Sierra Madre Wildlife Watch” program in conjunction with the California State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Analyst Carlson indicated that the content provided by the Commissioners is sufficient for the development of a “final draft” to be done by staff and included in the May agenda for review. Any additional material will be welcomed for another two weeks.

3. PUBLIC OUTREACH – The Commission will discuss a 2021 Arbor Day Observation on or around April 30th.

Analyst Carlson reminded the Commission of the two upcoming screenings of “kiss the Ground”. The Commissioners will receive internal panelist links if they choose to participate.

4. ADJOURNMENT: The Commission will adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting; May 19, 2021 at 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn:	Ryan
Second	DeBusk
Vote:	Unanimous