

Resource Preservation and Enhancement Committee

List of Individual Priorities Submitted for Proposed 2024/2025 Workplan

Member 1

1. Conversion to desert landscape initiatives/incentives
2. Further recycling education
 - Radio (La Quinta currently has), TV, etc.
 - BRIGHTSIDE
3. Water reduction initiatives/incentives
 - In conjunction with CVWD
 - CVWD newsletter
 - BRIGHTSIDE

Member 2

1. Discuss and analyze the adoption of LEED certification policy for new commercial, residential communities and public (city) buildings. Public (city) buildings being remodeled and/or updated significantly should be part of then proposed certification.
2. Perform a review and update of approved desert flora trees and shrubs to determine any invasive species are removed to promote more shade trees
3. Promote Environmental CVWD equipment and Rebates to the public.

Member 3

1. Community solar program
2. Encampment Clean Up Program
STAFF RESPONSE: Falls under the City's Homeless and Support Services Division
3. Zero-Emission Vehicle Fleet for city vehicles

Member 4

1. Energy Conservation
2. Sustainable Landscaping
3. Bike/runner safety
4. Air quality

Member 5

1. Electrify the City's fleet
 - Seek Federal or State funding or programs- <https://beamforall.com/>
 - Ties in with the Green Fleet environmental initiative
2. Active Transportation
 - Enhanced pedestrian crosswalks
 - Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPI) at signalized intersections
 - Residential E-Bike rebate – Pilot Program - <https://pwp.cityofpasadena.net/ebike-rebate-program/>

Member 6

1. Water Consumption
 - Require all front yard lawn be replaced with xeriscape. This should apply to all property types (residential, commercial, retail, etc.).

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- CVWD’s Landscape Rebate program merely provides capped financial incentive – we need action.
- 2. Air Pollution: Sheriffs to cite drivers of vehicles visibly belching exhaust
STAFF RESPONSE: Enforced by law enforcement and the California Vehicle Code
- 3. Noise Pollution: Sheriffs to cite drivers of vehicles exceeding the city decibel limit between 10pm and 7am. (See Ordinance #1246.)

Zone	Time	Applicable Ten-Minute Average Decibel Limit (A-Weighted)
Residential – All Zones	7 a.m. to 10 p.m.	55
	10 p.m. to 7 a.m.	45
Public Institutional	7 a.m. to 10 p.m.	65
	10 p.m. to 7 a.m.	55
Commercial	7 a.m. to 10 p.m.	65
	10 p.m. to 7 a.m.	55
Manufacturing/Industrial	7 a.m. to 10 p.m.	70
Agricultural	10 p.m. to 7 a.m.	55

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Member 7

1. Pacaso: This is a new “home share” model, where homes are sold through “fractional ownership,” where one home may have as many as eight owners. Under this model, a management company handles the property, scheduling “owners” into the home for their assigned period. This sounds like an extremely risky situation for all concerned. I understand several homes in Palm Springs have been sold under this model. I understand the City has studied the problem but I don’t know if any action has been taken. Can we get an update?
STAFF RESPONSE: On May 22, 2022, the City Council amended the City’s zoning ordinance to prohibit timeshares and co-owned homes in residential neighborhoods.
2. Leaf blowers: I know we have an ordinance covering them, but don't know if there has been any real enforcement. I believe PSP has backed off of their action, probably because of resistance from landscapers. I'd appreciate an update, and possibly suggestions for improving this situation. (I've studied it at some Length, and actually submitted a writeup on the matter.)
STAFF RESPONSE: On October 18, 2021, staff brought an informational report on gas-powered leaf blowers before the Resource Preservation and Enhancement Committee which explained the complexities of enforcing gas-powered leaf blowers. The report stated that “given the challenges that Palm Springs continues to face with their ordinance (i.e. problematic enforcement, lack of incentives for participation, etc.) and advisement that a regional ban may work best as it would then be enforceable across all cities, if the Resource Preservation & Enhancement

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Committee were inclined to make a recommendation to the City Council regarding gas-powered leaf blowers, staff recommends that it be to refer the matter to CVAG for a potential regional ban.” At that time, RPEC opted not to make a recommendation to the City Council. Since then, the sale of gas- powered lawn equipment has been banned by the State of California. Additionally, the City recently began proactively promoting trade-in incentives to landscapers through Southern California Air Quality Management District. We will also soon promote these incentives via social media and on the City’s website.

3. Fire hydrant parking prohibition: When I was attending the PD Civic Academy we visited the department that is responsible for painting the NO PARKING red paint on the curb. When I mentioned that it seemed most of the red paint had worn off, the person joked that it was now "Pink Paint." Can we get an update?

STAFF RESPONSE: The City is presently seeking proposals from contractors for a range of paint striping services, encompassing tasks such as re-painting red curbs. This initiative marks the launch of a new, multi-year program aimed at addressing painting needs in a much more responsive manner. Proposals are due in late February, and staff anticipates beginning work in late spring or early summer.