

**RESOURCE PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
CITY OF PALM DESERT
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: February 24, 2025

PREPARED BY: Amy Lawrence, Deputy Director of Economic Development

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE RESOURCE PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT
COMMITTEE'S 2024/2025 WORKPLAN

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file update on the Resource Preservation and Enhancement Committee's 2024/2025 Workplan.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

Below is an update on the three projects outlined in the Resource Preservation and Enhancement Committee's 2024/2025 Workplan that was adopted by the City Council on May 9, 2024.

Develop a Climate Action Plan

- Staff posted a survey on the City's [Engage Palm Desert website](#) to seek community input for the Coachella Valley Association of Government's (CVAG) Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP). There is no other update on this item.

Adoption of Ordinances and/or Policies related to Water and/or Energy Conservation

- The Inland Regional Energy Network (I-REN)/The Energy Coalition completed an energy analysis of City facilities and are in the process of completing energy audits of City Hall and Desert Willow Golf Resort. Findings could tie into this project.
- A policy banning artificial turf in the public right-of-way was approved by City Council on September 26, 2024.

Education and Outreach for Water and Energy Conservation and Sustainable Landscaping

- The City's Cultural Arts Committee selected an artwork in conjunction with the Mayor's Monarch Pledge to be wrapped on a bench in the Civic Center Park and paced near the pollinator garden. The bench is made from a recycled wind turbine.
- The Wyland Foundation's National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation is scheduled for April 2025. Staff contacted Mayor Harnik to obtain approval to move forward.
- Added CVWD's book, Lush & Efficient landscape book to the City's website.
- Promotion of utility rebates, community partnerships, useful tips, etc. have been posted on the City's website, social media, and in the BrightSide newsletter.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this report.