


Agenda Report Reviewed by:
City Manager: 

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM

Meeting Date: February 1, 2022
To: Honorable Mayor and Honorable City Councilmembers
From: Climate Action Committee/Planning Department
Responsible Department: Public Works Department
Subject: Informational Report of Support for Earth Day 2022 Compost Give-Away Event in the City of Sebastopol
Recommendation: That the City Council be advised of a planned Compost Give-Away Event lead by Climate Action Committee
Funding: Currently Budgeted: Yes No N/A
Net General Fund Cost: \$0 2021/22 Funding Source: N/A

Account Code/Costs authorized in City Approved Budget (if applicable) AK (verified by Administrative Services Department)

INTRODUCTION:

This informational item is to notify City Council that the Sebastopol Climate Action Committee will be hosting a Compost Give-Away Event in recognition of Earth Day 2022 scheduled to be held on Sunday April 24, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

Earth Day is a day when millions of people across the world come together to promote a cleaner and safer environment. The first Earth Day in 1970 helped develop public support that led to the enactment of the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, and the Marine Mammal Protection Act as well as the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Sebastopol’s Earth Day recognition event will held on Sunday April 24, 2022, in the gravel parking lot located behind the Sebastopol Youth Annex at 425 Morris Street

DISCUSSION:

In recognition of City of Sebastopol’s existing policies and programs that are aimed at addressing climate protection, the city proposes to engage our communities in a compost give-away event that will contribute to the reduction of climate change. The Climate Action Committee chose to host a compost in giveaway this past September as a part of an effort to improve soil health which in turn helps to mitigate the climate trends we are experiencing. The benefits of organic compost are many, including replenishing the soil microorganisms and organic matter, boosting plant nutrients, pulling carbon out of the atmosphere and into the soil, and improving water absorption and retention, an important feature in times of heavy infrequent rains and droughts. Compost is also an important way to recycle organic resources and conserve landfill space. The City of Sebastopol and the Sebastopol Climate Action Committee is planning an outdoor COVID-Safe event on Sunday April 24, 2022, in recognition of Earth Day.

Promotional information for this event with be located on the city website, newsletter and through social media.

GOALS:

4.2.2, Foster a Sense of Community by Providing and Encouraging Participation in Community Events, Volunteering, and working with Non Profits to Support Local Events

PUBLIC COMMENT:

As of the writing of this staff report, the City has not received any public comment. However, if staff receives any public comment from interested parties following the publication and distribution of this staff report. Such comments will be provided to the City Council as supplemental materials before or at the meeting. In addition, public comments may be offered during the public comment portion of the agenda item.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

This item was noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to schedule meeting date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Cost associated with this request can be accommodated within the current operational budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council be advised of a planned Compost Give-Away Event lead by Climate Action Committee

ATTACHMENT(S):

None