



## AGENDA SUMMARY EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

**TITLE:** Zero Waste Action Plan Update- City Internal Functions Section

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Services

**PREPARED BY:** Robin Praszker

**PRESENTED FOR:**  Action      Information only       Discussion

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Receive report on Zero Waste Action Plan City Internal Functions section and provide feedback.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

No Fiscal Impact       Included in Budget       Additional Appropriation

### **COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIC VISION**

### **DISCUSSION**

Zero Waste is a shift in waste management from a linear to circular economy where we can recover all resources and send nothing to the landfill. The Zero Waste Action Plan (ZWAP) was delayed due to COVID-19 and the planning process has resumed as of November 2021. Since resuming the planning process, Construction and Demolition, and Schools have had draft sections reported to City Council to feedback. Those documents are provided as an informational attachment to this report.

This section of the ZWAP will benefit Eureka City government by providing a source of prioritized, consistent and timely information and guidance on actions that will help the City to reduce the waste it generates.

The City of Eureka has the direct ability to reduce waste and efficiently manage materials within its own facilities and operations to achieve Zero Waste. As the City aspires to become Zero Waste, city departments must embrace a unified and consistent vision and mission.

Although waste reduction is already practiced internally by many City employees, this document provides the goals, strategies and objectives needed to expand and streamline Zero Waste efforts for City Internal Functions.

By leveraging the City's purchasing power, enhancing its operating policies and procedures, utilizing its properties and assets, and leading by example through its labor force, the City can reduce its contribution to the overall amount of waste generated in Eureka. Additionally, the City can demonstrate transferable knowledge and create opportunities for the public, organizations, the business community, and other municipalities and levels of government.

This section has 3 goals:

- Waste Reduction in City Offices and Facilities
- Waste Reduction for Public Functions and Special Events
- Leading by Example

Within each goal are strategies and objectives to achieve the goals all of which use the Zero Waste Hierarchy. The Zero Waste Hierarchy describes a progression of policies and strategies to support the Zero Waste system, from highest and best to lowest use of materials: Rethink/Redesign, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle/Compost.

This is an informational report to share the most recent finding and conclusions on City Internal Functions and suggested strategies to reduce waste. This is a work in progress and the final City Internal Functions section will be within the draft Zero Waste Action Plan which is tentatively scheduled for completion later this year.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:**

- City Attorney
- City Clerk/Information Services
- Community Services
- Development Services
- Finance
- Fire
- Personnel
- Police
- Public Works

