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Title of Document: 7.9.1 LOPR_Recycling and-or Zero Waste Plan

Background:

The City of Lake Oswego complies with Oregon Business Recycling Requirements, and provides receptacles for collecting all materials on the region’s recyclable materials list in all City facilities. Lake Oswego Parks & Recreation (LOPR) also provides recycling containers at all community events.

Procedure:

The City’s Sustainability and Climate Action Plan (SCAP) also includes waste reduction goals (pages 32 – 34). Waste reduction goals in the SCAP that apply to LOPR include moving to all paperless agenda packets for City Council and Boards and Commissions meetings, eliminating all City use of single use plastic or “compostable” bioplastic service ware at City run or sponsored events and meetings, and continuing City support for the Farmer’s Market and Community Supported Agriculture program while exploring additional opportunities for community gardens, edible landscaping, and local food banks.

The Parks and Natural Resources Advisory Board (Parks Board) has moved to paperless agenda packets, as have all other City Boards and Commissions and City Council. LOPR has a policy that prohibits single-use plastic at the Lake Oswego Farmers’ Market. In 2022, LOPR began a new gleaning program at the Lake Oswego Farmers’ Market in partnership with Hunger Fighters, a Lake Oswego-based food pantry.

Education:

The City of Lake Oswego Sustainability Program provides educational resources on waste prevention and recycling for City staff and the Lake Oswego community. All kitchen spaces and break rooms in City facilities are equipped with reusable dishware. All City facilities are equipped with garbage and recycling containers, and facilities with kitchen areas also include food scrap collection bins for commercial composting. All bins are clearly labeled with signs showing acceptable items. The City’s IT department collects batteries and toner cartridges for recycling from City administrative offices.

Audits:

The City’s Sustainability Program conducts regular waste audits of City facilities in partnership with Republic Services, the City’s franchised waste hauler. The most recent waste audit in 2019 included the Adult Community Center and found, “The ACC is generally doing well and can



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reduce its overall waste production by using fewer single use cups and returning plastic film to area supermarkets for recycling.”

Links to Sources:

[Sustainability and Climate Action Plan](#) Pages 32-34

Related Files:

7.8 LOPR_Environmental Sustainability and Program

2014 Waste Audit for City Facilities from Republic (Sustainability Private Pages)

2019 Waste Audit for City Facilities from Republic

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