



City of Berkeley ZERO WASTE COMMISSION Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
City of Berkeley Corporation Yard (Ratcliff Building, Willow Room)
1326 Allston Way, Berkeley

MEETING AGENDA

PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

- 6:00 pm 1. Call to Order by Chair and Roll Call by Secretary
- **Steven Sherman (Vice Chair)**, appointed by CM Rashi Kesarwani, District 1
 - **Christienne de Tournay (Chair)**, appointed by CM Sophie Hahn, District 5
 - **Natalie Calhoun**, appointed by Mayor Jesse Arreguin
 - **Rachel Doughty**, appointed by CM Terry Taplin, District 2
 - **Antoinette Stein**, appointed by CM Ben Bartlett, District 3
 - **Holly Scheider**, appointed by CM Kate Harrison, District 4
 - **Sandra Curtis**, appointed by CM Susan Wengraf, District 6
 - **VACANT**, appointed by CM Rigel Robinson, District 7
 - **VACANT**, appointed by CM Mark Humbert, District 8
- 6:05 pm 2. Approve Meeting Agenda and Order of Agenda Items
- 6:10 pm 3. Approve Draft Action Minutes:
- March 28, 2023 Regular Meeting*
- 6:15 pm 4. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda
Speakers are allotted up to two minutes. Speakers may be allotted less time at the discretion of the Chair.
- 6:25 pm 5. Commissioner Announcements
Commissioners may make general announcements; no action will be taken.
- 6:30 pm 6. Staff Updates:
- Rates
 - Progress Report on Zero Waste Strategic Plan
 - Progress on SB-1383 Implementation
 - SUDs Ordinance Enforcement
 - Plastic Bag Ordinance
 - Disaster Debris Management Plan

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

Members of the public may provide comments at the end of each discussion item and prior to the vote of the Commission on any action items. Speakers are allotted up to 2 minutes.

Internal

- 6:45 pm 1. CCC Presentation on Textile Collection & Materials Markets
- 6:55 pm 2. Discussion regarding Zero Waste Rate Discussion from April 25, 2023 City Council meeting
- 7:10 pm 2. Complete Commission Work Plan
- 7:20 pm 3. Deconstruction Ordinance Discussion
- 7:30 pm 4. San Francisco Environment [Refuse Separation Law](#)
- 7:50 pm 5. Discuss Future Agenda Items
- 8:00 pm 6. Adjournment

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Information items may be moved to discussion but no action will be taken.

- Foodware Presentation

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications from the public are included as links or attachments in the agenda packet.

***Indicates material included in the agenda packet**

**** Indicates material to be available at the meeting**



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FoodWare

Takeout made sustainable

What is FoodWare?



Tech-driven Collect & Return System



Mobile app for customers



Live impact, container tracking and reminders



Decentralized sanitization: restaurants use sink/dishwasher

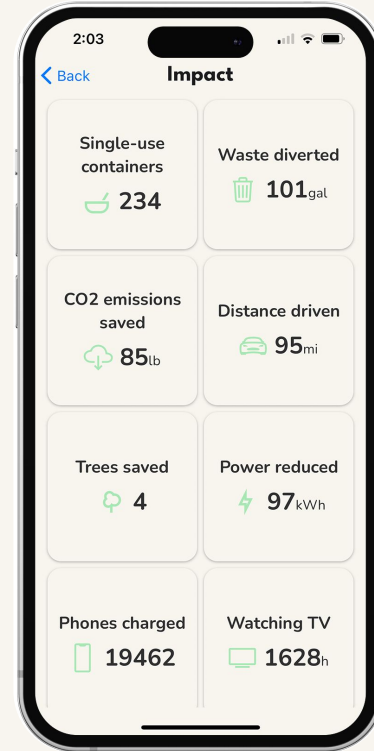
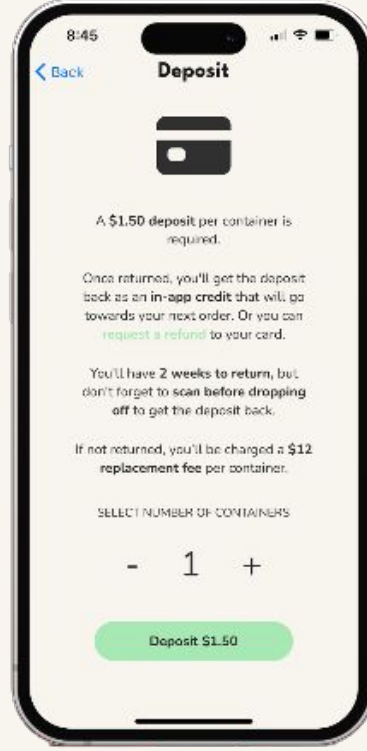
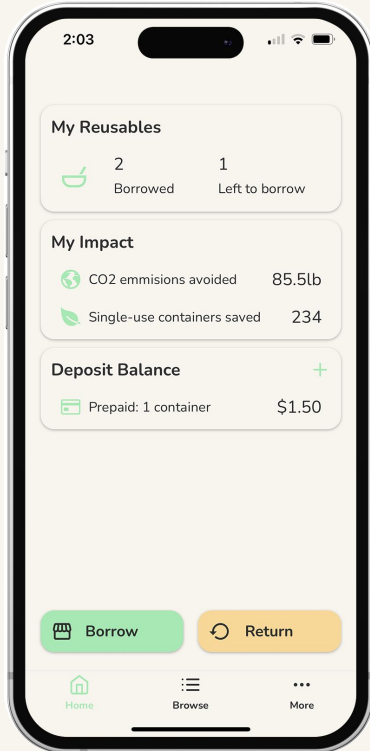


\$1.50/reusable deposit system + \$12 replacement fee in-app

Our Mission

Eliminate all waste from food packaging and **tackle climate change** + environmental pollution

FoodWare Mobile App



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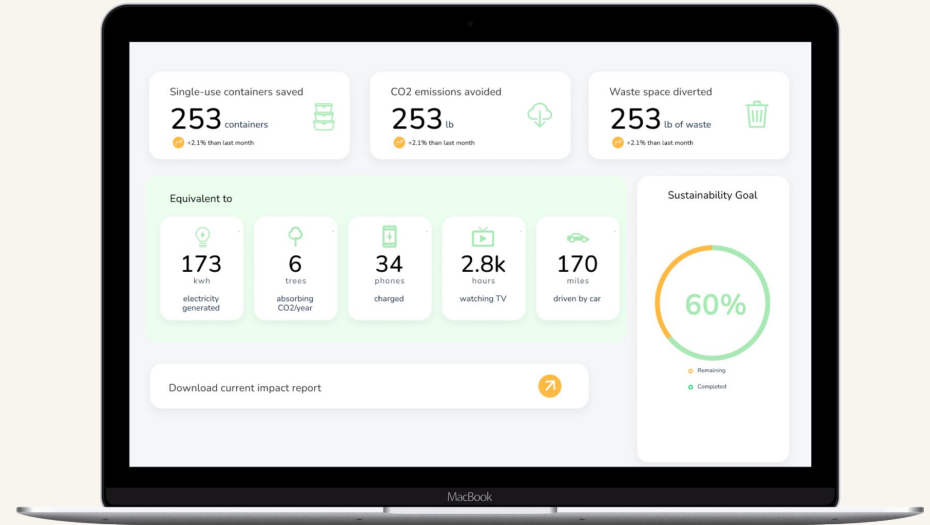


Designing for equity

Making reusable systems accessible and affordable to everyone

Business Sustainability Platform

- Impact reporting
- Customer analytics
- Integrate ESG data
- Inventory tracking
- Integrating other reuse system providers



Our Containers

Dishwasher Safe, BPA-free, NSF certified, Stackable (except jars)



**High Density
Polypropylene**
(40, 50 oz)

Clamshell style
Freezer & Microwave
Friendly, Lightweight



**Stainless Steel
+ Silicone lid**
(30, 50 oz)

Body + lid
Freezer Friendly



Glass Jars
(16, 32 oz)
Body + lid

Our impact so far

8,000

Single-use containers
saved

4,800 lbs

CO₂ emissions
saved

2,000+

Participants

* mobile app users and event participants

...and counting

Berkeley Reach

- 6 restaurants already participating
- More coming soon
- UC Berkeley
 - Haas School of Business
 - Cafes and Events
- Partnerships with



Cities using FoodWare

- Berkeley
- Burlingame
- Oakland
- Pinole

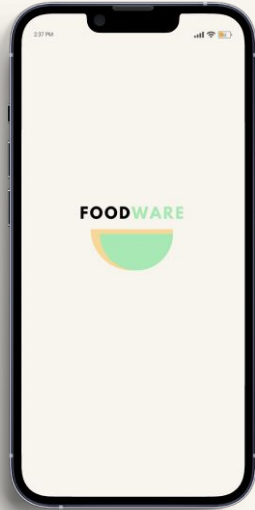


How it works: Restaurants

- **Set Up:** Return station & signage
- **Training & Support**
- **Monthly Subscription:** based on number of containers
- **Marketing and visibility** for food vendors via mobile app, social media, press and other digital/in-person channels



For participants



1

Download the App & Add Deposit

2

Request Takeout in Reusable
FoodWare Container

3

Scan Vendor & Container QR
Codes

4

Return Container at Participating
Restaurant within 2 weeks

5

Repeat!

How you can help

- **Intros:** Restaurants, cafes, schools institutions and corporates
- **Collaboration opportunities:** identifying sustainability-minded companies
- **Spread the word:** about the program and businesses participating
- **Interacting:** participating in the program, social media support
- **Feedback**



Thank you!

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MINUTES

The meeting was convened at 7:05 p.m. with Steven Sherman, Chair, presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chrise de Tournay, Steven Sherman, Natalie Calhoun, Rachel Doughty, Holly Scheider, Antionette Stein
LOA: None
Absent: Sandra Curtis

STAFF PRESENT: Julia A. Heath, Leticia Jauregui, Liam Garland

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: 5

PUBLIC COMMENTS (on non-agenda items): 0

ACTION MINUTES:

1. **Approval of the March 28, 2023 Regular Meeting Agenda**

Action Taken: M/S/C (Stein/Calhoun) to approve the meeting agenda for March 28, 2023 with modification to move Commissioner Officer Elections to front of agenda.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Curtis

2. **Approval of the February 28, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Action Taken: M/S/C (de Tournay/Doughty) to approve the February 28, 2023 meeting minutes

Ayes: 5; Abstain: Scheider; Absent: Curtis

3. **Public Comment**

No public comment. No Action Taken.

4. **Commissioner Announcements**

Discussion only. No Action Taken.

- Introductions for new Commissioner Scheider

5. **Staff Updates**

- Progress on Zero Waste Strategic Plan
- SB 1383 Implementation
- SUDs Enforcement
- Plastic Bag Ordinance

Discussion only. No Action Taken.

6. **Commission Officer Elections**

Action Taken: M/S/C (De Tournay/Scheider) to approve Steven Sherman as Commission Chair

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Curtis

Action Taken: M/S/C (Sherman/Calhoun) to approve Christienne de Tournay as Commission Vice Chair

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Curtis

Public Comment: 0

7. Discussion and Action on Proposed 5 Year Zero Waste Rate Schedule set for April 25, 2023 City Council meeting

Action Taken: M/S/C (Sherman/Doughty) to approve to submit Commission recommendation to Rates Staff Report

Ayes: 5; Abstain: Calhoun; Absent: Curtis

Public Comment: 4

8. FoodWare To Go Presentation

Discussion only. No Action Taken.

Public Comment: 1

Question regarding inclusion of reusable pizza boxes.

Commissioners requested CCC to present on Textile Collection & Materials Markets

9. Commission Work Plan Discussion

Discussion only. No Action Taken.

Public Comment: 0

10. Discuss future agenda items

- Complete 2023 Work Plan
- Deconstruction Ordinance Discussion
- Staff report out on Disaster Debris Management Plan
- Staff report out on Plastic Bag Ordinance
- CCC Presentation on Textile Collection & Materials Markets

Public Comment: 0

11. Adjournment at 9:10 p.m.

M/S/C (Sherman/Doughty) to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Curtis

The next regular meeting of the Zero Waste Commission will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in person at City of Berkeley Corporation Yard (Ratcliff Building, Willow Room) 1326 Allston Way, Berkeley.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julia A. Heath, Secretary