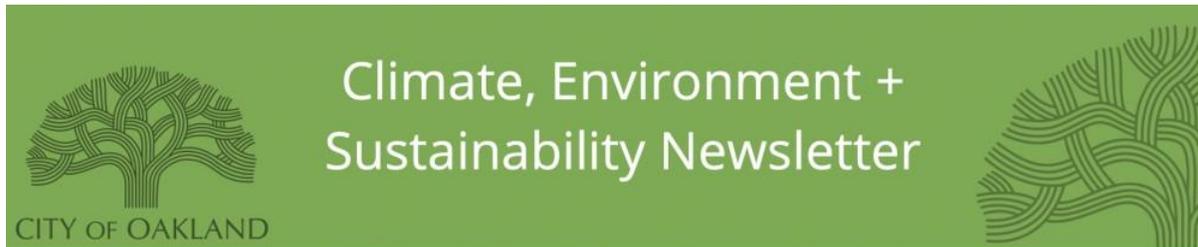


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## ECAP IN ACTION



### City's Recycling Team Prepares New Requirements to Comply with State Law Aimed at Reducing Methane Emissions from Organic Waste

As part of the State's plan to fight climate change, new solid waste and recycling regulations are set to take effect in January 2022. The regulations are tied to SB 1383 – a State law signed in 2016 by then-Governor (and former Oakland Mayor) Jerry Brown.

The goals of SB 1383 organics diversion are largely two-fold: the first goal is to directly reduce the emissions of "short-lived climate pollutants," chemicals like methane, which

exacerbate climate change at rates much higher than carbon dioxide. Methane – about 80 times stronger than carbon dioxide - is emitted as organic waste decomposes. Eliminating organic waste in landfills, including wasted food, is therefore a powerful tactic to fight climate change. The second goal of SB 1383 is to recover edible food from disposal to combat food insecurity in California.

The City's Recycling Team is now in the process of amending Oakland's Municipal Code (OMC) and Oakland Planning Code (OPC) to achieve compliance with SB 1383. Here's a summary of amendments to OMC and OPC sections that will be recommended to City Council for adoption by January 1, 2022:

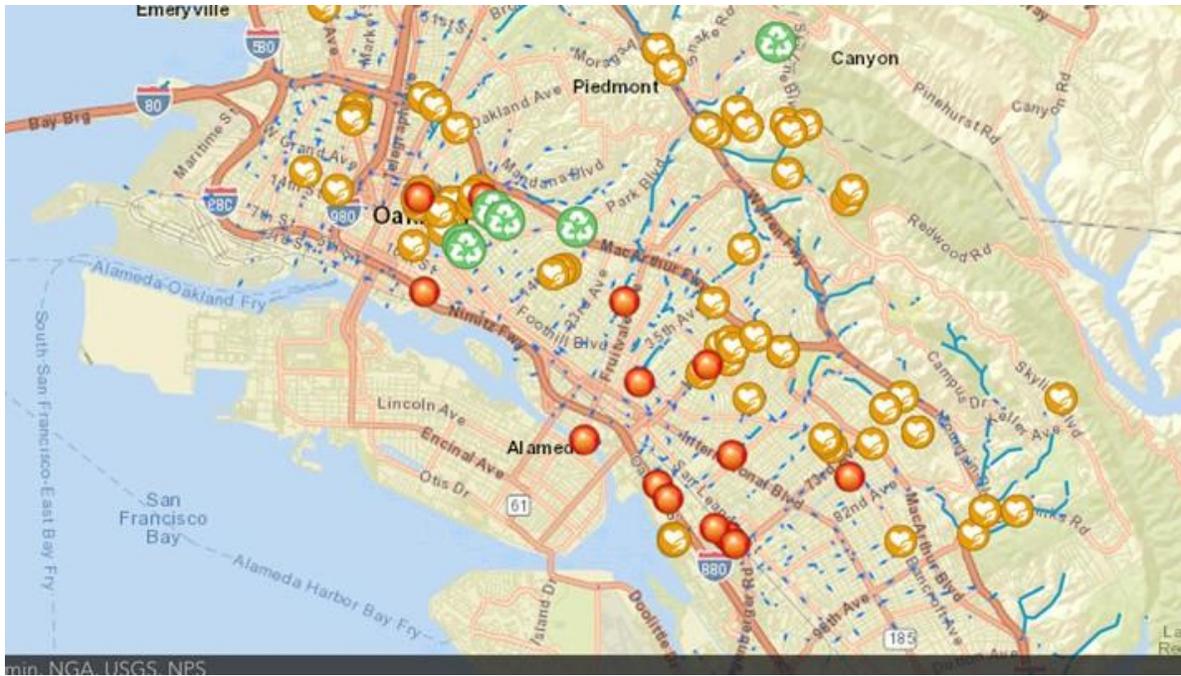
- OMC 8.28 ("Solid Waste Collection and Disposal and Recycling") will be amended to align its definitions, requirements, and enforcement with Alameda County Waste Management Authority's (WMA) Organics Reduction and Recycling Ordinance (ORRO) 2021-01;
- OMC 15.34 ("Construction and Demolition Debris Collection, Transportation, Waste Reduction and Recycling Requirements") which requires certain construction projects to achieve not less than 65% diversion, will be amended so that all projects applying for a building permit must comply with this standard and submit a recycling plan; recycling facilities must have their diversion rate certified by a third-party auditor and provide authority for increased penalties for violations of the OMC;
- OPC 17.118 ("Recycling Space Allocation Requirements") will be amended to require space in solid waste enclosures for compost containers in new or renovated multi-family and commercial buildings as an addition to the current requirement to provide space for trash and recycling containers; and,
- OMC 18.01 ("Water Efficient Landscaping Ordinance") will be added to comply with State requirements to promote water conservation and efficient use of water in landscaping.

## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

### East Bay Plain Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Draft for Public Comment

EBMUD has published a draft of the East Bay Plain Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan for public review. [Public comments](#) will be accepted until November 1st and a General Stakeholders meeting will be held on October 20th. More details about the Groundwater Sustainability Plan can be found on [EBMUD's website](#). Additionally, hard

copies of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan can be found at the Oakland Public Library (125 14th Street) in the County Reference or Government Documents section.





**Put Your Volunteerism on the Map - Report Your Volunteer Hours!**

Report your volunteerism in real time on our Community Hub with its interactive map and real-time tally. Click on the Report Your Volunteer Actions ("Mean It") at [2021 Creek to Bay Cleanup | Oakland Volunteer Community \(arcgis.com\)](#). Take the Acts of Green pledge ("Green It"), also at Oakland Volunteer Community Hub link above.

**Public Works Volunteer Guidelines**

Review and follow [Volunteer Guidelines & Waiver with COVID-19 safety requirements](#), available in English, Spanish and Chinese.

**[Be safe & follow Alameda County Health Orders](#)**

whenever venturing outside!

**Be #OaktownPROUD**

**Stop the spread of germs that can make you and others sick!**



**TRANSPORTATION + LAND USE**

**We Need Your Input! - ZEV Action Plan Surveys**

Electric vehicles can save you hundreds of dollars a month while reducing air pollution in our community. But many neighborhoods in Oakland have no public chargers. How can

we ensure that all Oaklanders have access to affordable, clean transportation? The City of Oakland is developing a Zero Emission Vehicle Action Plan and needs to hear from you!

- ♦ [Take the ZEVAP Survey](#)
- ♦ [Tell Us Where You Want to See More EV Chargers](#)

To learn more about the project and see the development and progress of the plan, visit the City's [Zero Emission Vehicle Action Plan webpage](#). Sign up for email updates [here](#).

## BUILDINGS + ENERGY

### BayREN Home Energy 101 Workshop

The Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) is hosting a series of free informational workshops for all Bay Area residents to learn about how new government policies and market trends are affecting your energy bill. After a short overview on how best to address energy use at home, attendees will have the opportunity to choose a breakout session to speak with local energy providers and community organizations about resources to make your home healthier, safer, more comfortable, all while saving money in the process.

Sessions will be offered in English, Spanish, Mandarin, and Cantonese, and both renters and homeowners are encouraged to attend. Register at <http://bayren.eventbrite.com>.

### EBCE Resilient Homes Program

[Resilient Home](#) is a program from Alameda County's public electricity provider East Bay Community Energy (EBCE). EBCE has done the upfront legwork to select an experienced partner, Sunrun, and pre-negotiated solar and battery backup system incentives for Oakland homeowners. To further lower customer costs, Sunrun will pay homeowners \$1,250 after installation for agreeing to share their stored energy with EBCE when demand on the power grid is high. This will help the grid operate more reliably, and cut carbon emissions and costs for all EBCE customers.



With wild re season here, it's time to prepare for rolling blackouts and PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff outages. Keep the lights on and the fridge cold. [Sign up now](#) to see if a solar and battery backup system is a good t for your home

### EBCE Seeks Local Sponsors for Community Solar Project



East Bay Community Energy is developing a community solar program that will offer qualifying customers living in designated disadvantaged communities access to 100% renewable energy and a 20% discount on their electricity bills. As part of the program, EBCE will select local partner sponsor(s) to help project developers and the community come together, identify community-suggested project sites, and work with EBCE to conduct outreach and create interest in subscribing to the project. The sponsor can be a non-profit, local government, or school. More information can be found at [ebce.org/community-solar](http://ebce.org/community-solar)

## CARBON REMOVAL + URBAN GREENING

### Friends of Sausal Creek 16th Annual Native Plant Sale

The pandemic has once again altered our native plant sale plans, however, we are excited that we can still offer you a wide range of healthy natives. This year, the 16th Annual Native Plant Sale will be online with easy curbside pickup -- safe and convenient.

Check out the [online store](#) now; browse and make your shopping list of beautiful natives for your yard and as gifts for friends and neighbors. Online ordering will start at 5:00 p.m. on October 22. Mark your calendar!

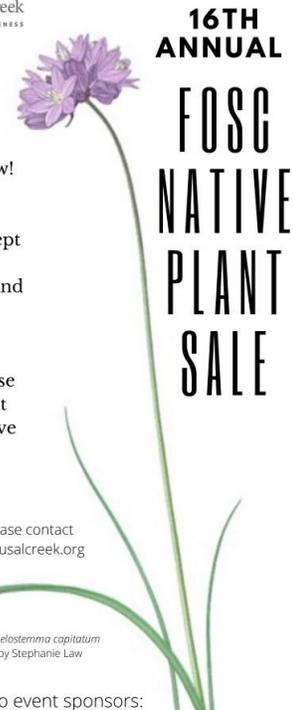


- Browse the online native plant store now! Find the store link at [www.sausalcreek.org](http://www.sausalcreek.org)
- Online store will accept orders starting on **October 22 at 5 pm** and take orders through **October 26 at 5 pm**
- Curbside pickup October 30-31. Choose your time at checkout
- Location: FOSC Native Plant Nursery in Joaquin Miller Park

For more information, please contact Jay Cassianni at [nursery@sausalcreek.org](mailto:nursery@sausalcreek.org)

*Dichelostemma capitatum*  
by Stephanie Law

Thank you to event sponsors:



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Keep Oakland Beautiful Board Member Recruitment

Keep Oakland Beautiful (KOB) is an affiliate of [Keep America Beautiful](#), a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to engage citizens in taking personal responsibility for improving their community environments.

KOB will begin recruiting new Board members this fall, to begin serving on the Board in January 2021. Check [KOB's website](#) soon for updates and information on how you can apply to serve on the volunteer Board. Or, you can email

[grant@keepoaklandbeautiful.org](mailto:grant@keepoaklandbeautiful.org) to get on our Board recruitment announcement email list. Applications due October 20th, 2021.



## EPA 2021 Environmental Education Grants

EPA announced up to \$3 million in funding for locally-focused environmental education grants under the Environmental Education (EE) Local Grant Program. EPA will award grants in each of EPA's 10 Regions, for no less than \$50,000 and no more than \$100,000 each, for a total of 30-40 grants nationwide. The 2021 Requests for Application (RFA) notice is now posted on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). Applications are due Dec. 6, 2021. Applicants should choose the RFA that is for the location of the project. EPA's Office of Environmental Education will also host two webinars on how to write a competitive application and to address commonly asked questions related to the 2021 EE Local Grants RFA.

Through this grant program, EPA intends to provide financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques, as described in this notice, that will serve to increase environmental literacy and encourage behavior that will benefit the environment in the local communities, especially in underserved communities. EPA recognizes underserved communities as people or communities of color, Tribal and Indigenous populations that may be disproportionately impacted by environmental harms and risks, high-poverty areas, persistent poverty counties, and Title 1 schools for this grant program.

For information on the EE Grants Program and instructions for how to apply, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants>.

## East Bay Community Energy is hiring!

Want to join a local not-for-profit agency that's leading the East Bay's transition to clean, renewable energy? Then check out the latest job



opportunities with East Bay Community Energy. We're located in Oakland, and we're looking for an Account Services Business Analyst or Account Services Business Associate as well as a Power Resources Contracts and Compliance Analyst. Details are available at [ebce.org/job-opportunities](http://ebce.org/job-opportunities).

## EBCE Community Sponsorship Awards

East Bay Community Energy is dedicated to reinvesting a portion of our excess revenue in our communities. The maximum award amount will be \$2,500 per organization per award round, and EBCE expects to fund approximately 12 recipients per round. Funds shall be used to support a specific activity or defined program area. To see examples of our past sponsorship, visit: <https://ebce.org/community-sponsorships/>.

Who is eligible? Applicants must be non-profit community organizations. School programs are not eligible for this sponsorship. Additional funding will be dedicated specifically to schools in the near future. EBCE will make efforts to select recipient organizations from across our service area.

### WalletHub Ranks Oakland 8th Greenest U.S. City in 2021

WalletHub compared the 100 largest U.S. cities across 28 key "green" indicators. Their data set ranges from greenhouse-gas emissions per capita to number of smart-energy policies and initiatives to green job opportunities. The City of Oakland ranked 2nd in lowest greenhouse gas emissions per capita. More details on the results and methodology can be found [here](#).

### Get Business Support Services at your Neighborhood Library

Whether you're starting a new business, expanding your business or just need business support, City staff are here to help. Through the Remote Business Assistance Center (BAC) pilot program, Business Development staff will be available for 30-minute appointments at five library locations:

- West Oakland (every other Monday morning)
- 81st Avenue (every other Tuesday evening)
- César E. Chávez (every other Wednesday evening)
- Golden Gate (every other Thursday morning)
- Eastmont (every other Friday afternoon)

Appointments through December are by reservation only. To schedule an appointment, visit [www.oaklandca.gov/RemoteBAC](http://www.oaklandca.gov/RemoteBAC). For help scheduling an appointment, call (510) 238-7398. If you can't make it to one of our neighborhood locations, [fill out our online request form](#) and a staff member will call or email you within two business days.