

October 11, 2023

Environmental Management Advisory Committee Meeting

Agenda Item #1

Public Comment

Speaker's Cards & Written Comments Received

Speaker's Cards – *In order of receipt*

- **Speaker 1** – Michael Allen (*Including Written Comments*)

From: [City of Florence Oregon](#)
To: [Planning Department](#)
Subject: Form submission from: Request to Address the Environmental Management Advisory Committee (Speaker's Card)
Date: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 9:41:04 AM

Submitted on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 - 9:40am

Submitted by anonymous user: 35.132.165.39

Submitted values are:

Name Michael Allen

EMAC Meeting Date Wed, 10/11/2023

Agenda Item Number 2

Do you wish to speak as a Proponent? Opponent? or Neutral Proponent

Brief Overview of what you wish to discuss Composting as a Climate Solution

Do you represent an Organization? Yes

Name of Organization Florence Climate Emergency Campaign and Elders Climate Action - Oregon Chapter

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The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.ci.florence.or.us/node/18081/submission/30442>

What you and I can do about Climate Change. Finding our role in shaping the future.



Fall 2023
Oct 4th

Compost as a Climate Solution



Xinci Tan, *Organics Program Manager at Zero Waste Sonoma*, will share the ins and outs of Composting in Sonoma County.

- How is Composting a Climate Solution?
- Other benefits of composting – healthy soil and more.
- Status of restoring a Composting Facility in Sonoma County.
- Current status of State Law requiring composting
- Local farms using compost

Stefan Stehling, *Garden Teacher at Apple Blossom School*, will share details about efforts to comply with the new Composting Law, while engaging students in composting and gardening, at Apple Blossom & Orchard View Schools in Sebastopol.



UCCE Sonoma Master Gardener Experts will be on hand to share information about backyard composting strategies. Local folks will also be sharing their own working strategies.

Audience: Community, Teachers, Students, Everyone.

Date: Wednesday October 4th

Time: doors open at 6:30 pm.

Program starts at 7pm.

Location:

Sebastopol Grange. 6000 Sebastopol Ave, Hwy 12

Cost: FREE. Donations Welcome.

Registration is required. See weblink below.

Organizers: The Rahun Institute, Sebastopol Grange.

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Sebastopol Carbon Conversations is organized by [The Rahun Institute](http://TheRahunInstitute.com) and hosted by the [Sebastopol Grange](http://SebastopolGrange.com). The series takes a closer look at the many solutions for reversing global warming as presented in [Project Drawdown](http://ProjectDrawdown.org) and other sources. We'll learn from local organizations that are working on Climate solutions in agriculture, renewable energy, reducing waste, empowering women, transportation, building design, carbon sequestration, and more. Through this exploration, we'll discover where we each can take small to large steps and help shape a better future.



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To: Chairperson Philben, EMAC members, Councilor Beaudreau, Wendy Farley-Campbell and staff
From: Michael Allen, Florence Climate Emergency Campaign
Date: October 11, 2023
Subject: Composting as a Climate Solution

Erick Oshel, a former member of the Florence Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC), and now a science teacher in California sent us an announcement of a fantastic in-person program titled [Compost as a Climate Solution](#) that took place on October 4th in Sebastopol, a small city in Sonoma County in California. A recording of the program is available in the archives.

The program is part of a series of [Sebastopol Carbon Conversations](#) that was organized by [The Rahun Institute](#) and hosted by the [Sebastopol Grange](#). The series takes a closer look at the many solutions for reversing global warming as presented in [Project Drawdown](#) and other sources. You'll learn from local organizations that are working on Climate solutions in agriculture, renewable energy, reducing waste, empowering women, transportation, building design, carbon sequestration, and more. Through this exploration, you'll discover where we each can take small to large steps and help shape a better future.

It's good to see a public recognition of the connection between composting and climate change mitigation. I found that Sonoma and Marin Counties in California are very progressive when it comes to addressing climate change. Check out the make-up of the [City Council for Sebastopol](#) where the event was held and you will see why such a program was being held in that city with lots of sponsors.

Erick, while serving on the EMAC was a strong proponent for education and outreach to the community, as was former EMAC member Liat Meller.

Can EMAC make a similar series of climate conversations happen in Florence? This would be a good activity for the Environmental subcommittee to pursue.

Attachment: Compost as a Climate Solution flier <https://rahus.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/SCCF23-Flier-CompostAsAClimateSolution-Oct4th-v8.pdf>



Sebastopol, California City Council

Sebastopol is the only city in Sonoma County west of the Highway 101 corridor. We're a very special city not only because of our favored location close to the Pacific coastline, but also because we enjoy the active participation of citizens interested in improving our excellent quality of life.

From: [Lindsey White](#)
To: [Peighton Allen](#)
Subject: RE: Compost pilot project
Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 2:15:56 PM

Another one!

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From: Jerry Rust <jerryrust888@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 12:13 PM
To: Lindsey White <Lindsey.White@ci.florence.or.us>
Cc: Jerry <1462103347@qq.com>
Subject: Compost pilot project

Written testimony for the public hearing today on composting

The Florence area generates a lot of waste:

Wood waste.

Yard debris.

Leaves.

Coffee grounds

Food waste

Fish waste,

Crabs, waste,

Grocery, and restaurant waste

And other organic material

I would like to see a coordinated attempt to start a pilot project, perhaps soliciting bids, perhaps using a grant or other funding that is available to the city

It is likely that the pilot project could turn into a profitable, business supplying organic compost to gardeners

Thank you for your consideration

Jerry Rust
9296 Highway 126 Florence, OR 97439

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Wendy Farley-Campbell](#)
To: [Peighton Allen](#)
Cc: [Lindsey White](#)
Subject: RE: Composting pilot project
Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 1:12:36 PM

I would treat this as public comment for distribution at EMAC

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-----Original Message-----

From: Peighton Allen <peighton.allen@ci.florence.or.us>
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 11:40 AM
To: Wendy Farley-Campbell <wendy.farleycampbell@ci.florence.or.us>
Cc: Lindsey White <Lindsey.White@ci.florence.or.us>
Subject: FW: Composting pilot project

FYI

-----Original Message-----

From: Jerry Rust <jerryrust888@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 11:33 AM
To: Lindsey White <Lindsey.White@ci.florence.or.us>
Subject: Composting pilot project

For the public hearing today

I would like to urge the city of Florence to launch a pilot project to test the viability and economic sustainability of having a site to compost the following, though not limited to:

Food waste,

Crab shells, and innards.

Fish waste

Coffee grounds

Yard and tree clippings (already much of this is compost and naturally)

Other organic materials from paper and cardboard, etc

I hope the city can find a reliable partner in the private sector perhaps by solicitation of bids to take on this project

Thanks for your consideration

Jerry Rust
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