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- We believe in thinking big and acting locally. We're each working on a small piece of the puzzle, and together, we'll make the puzzle complete.
- We believe in using our time efficiently and not re-inventing the wheel. Therefore, we seek to encourage and support other individuals and groups collaboratively to reach our shared goals faster.

How often do we meet?

- We meet bi-monthly, once on the 1st Saturday morning of the month solely with the environment team, and again on the 3rd Saturday morning in breakout sessions at the HB Huddles, typically 10 a.m. to noon.

What do members do?

- As part of the Environment Team, you will choose one or more committees to be on. These committees focus on specific ongoing issues. At the end of each meeting, we typically break into our committees, so you will choose one to sit with. See the back of this sheet for information about each committee.
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How can you stay connected?

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- Join us on Facebook: HB Huddle and HB Huddle - Environment Team (for E-Team specific info).
- Once you're a returning member, please welcome new members and help them feel connected to our team. How great it is to have found each other in HB! Working TOGETHER will make all the difference.

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Energy Committee

- GOAL: 1. Support and advocate for renewable energy in the City of Huntington Beach, 2. Promote renewable energy awareness and education, 3. Promote energy conservation measures for all Huntington Beach residences and businesses.
- BACKGROUND: Energy production is second only to transportation as a source of Green House Gases. While much of our work has focused on activism in support of Community Choice Energy for HB, there are many additional avenues we intend to support to minimize HB's energy-based carbon footprint.
- CO-CHAIRS: Steve Shepherd & Kirk Nason

Toxin-Free HB Committee

- GOAL: Move HB toward a replica of the non-toxic Irvine Integrated Pest Management protocols. Working alongside HB Tomorrow, we will lend assistance in any way we can to move this action forward.
- BACKGROUND: On May 1, HB City Council approved a motion urged by HB Tomorrow to launch a pilot program of Irvine's non-toxic plan, but in Central Park West only. Thanks to Councilperson Jill Hardy, reporting on the pilot program is being done every three months, and at the August council meeting, the council made a motion to direct staff to come up with a proposal for continuing the program, to be voted on at the Nov 6th council meeting.
- CO-CHAIRS: Pam Kamps & Second position available

Trash-Free HB Committee

- GOAL: To eliminate trash in HB's waterways.
- BACKGROUND: Recently California passed legislation requiring every city to come up with a plan to eliminate trash all waterways within the next ten years (by 2027). In collaboration with other environmental groups, such as Coastkeeper, Sierra Club, and Surfrider, we will encourage HB to adopt Track 1 of the policy, in which trash capturing devices are installed in high priority areas to reduce trash 10% a year until full capture is reached after ten years.
- CO-CHAIRS: Jennifer Robins and Chris Kawahara

Water Committee

- GOAL: To work on local issues with other organizations, such as Coastkeeper and R4RD, to maintain and conserve safe, environmentally healthy water in various forms.
- BACKGROUND: The current focus is opposing Poseidon's desalination project, providing support to other groups opposing the project, attending water board meetings, and writing letters.
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