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Agenda Item Name:

Joint Alachua County / City of Gainesville Zero Waste Strategy Report and Implementation Plan Presentation

Presenter:

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Description:

Update on the Joint Alachua County / City of Gainesville Zero Waste Strategy Report and Implementation Plan

Recommended Action:

1) Hear the Joint Alachua County / City of Gainesville Zero Waste Strategy Report and Implementation Plan Presentation and provide feedback; and

2) Accept the Joint Alachua County / City of Gainesville Zero Waste Strategy Report and Implementation Plan

Prior Board Motions:

August 6, 2018 - Joint County / City of Gainesville meeting, Boards directed staff to work on a Joint Zero Waste Plan.

June 25, 2019 - Approval of Agreement with Kessler Consulting for the development of a Joint Alachua County / City of Gainesville Zero Waste Strategy Report and Implementation Plan

September 22, 2020 - First Amendment to Agreement with Kessler Consulting

Fiscal Consideration:

There is not fiscal impact to hear presentation but depending on Board direction there could be future fiscal impact to all parts of the Solid Waste System.

Background:

In 2018, Alachua County retained Kessler Consulting, Inc. for professional services to develop a community wide Zero Waste Strategy Report with the City of Gainesville. The project, initiated in 2019, provides direction for devising the means, methods, and infrastructure necessary to sustainably manage materials within both jurisdictions. A Baseline Report was completed on April 2020 and a Draft Preliminary Strategy Report was completed on September 2020.

The Draft Zero Waste Preliminary Strategy Report was presented to the Environmental Protection Advisory Committee (December 1, 2020), the Citizen Climate Advisory Committee (January 14,

2021) and the Rural Concerns Advisory Committee (January 19, 2021). Additionally, staff hosted a webinar on January 21, 2021 and conducted, as requested, follow-up meetings with individual stakeholders. A copy of the webinar is available in the [Citys Zero Waste Website](http://www.zerowastegnv.com/stakeholder-survey/) <<http://www.zerowastegnv.com/stakeholder-survey/>> and the [County's YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YM6UU_vhg8A&t=574s) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YM6UU_vhg8A&t=574s>.

The final report was completed on April 2021 and was presented to the Joint Water and Climate Policy Board on June 14, 2021 and to the Gainesville City Commission on September 2, 2021.