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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE Environmental Quality Committee

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue

This Meeting Place is Wheelchair Accessible

7:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

1. **ROLL CALL** – Chair Simrun Dhoot; Vice-Chair Fred Bialy; Members Buddy Akacić, Pamela Austin, Howdy Goudey, Heather Hayashi, Mark Miner, Sean O'Connor, Seth Shonkoff, Sheila Tarbet, Rose Vekony
2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** *(Estimated time: 5 minutes)*
Remarks are typically limited to three minutes per person, and may be on anything within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body. Remarks on non-agenda items will be heard first. Remarks on agenda items will be heard at the time the item is discussed.
3. **COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS** *(5 min.)*
Staff and/or Council Liaison Carolyn Wysinger may report on policies, priorities, and actions taken by the City Council, and/or on matters of general interest to the EQC.
4. **CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PRESENTATION** *(15 min.)*
Receive a presentation from the El Cerrito/Kensington Fire Department and participate in discussion on the [Contra Costa County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan](#).
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** *(5 min.)*
Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the EQC meeting held on April 9, 2024.
6. **COLLABORATION WITH THE URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE** *(5 min.)*
Hear updates, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding collaborating with the City's Urban Forest Committee.
7. **EQC MEMBER APPOINTMENT PROCESS** *(5 min.)*
Participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding interviewing and recommending for appointment members to the EQC.
8. **REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE** *(5 min.)*
Discuss and consider passing a motion to reduce the regular meeting schedule based on the new minimum requirement to meet quarterly (not monthly) as adopted by City Council in April.
9. **FY 24-25 & FY 25-26 WORK PLAN AND FY 2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS** *(30 min.)*
Review and comment on the Draft EQC Biennial Work Plan and discuss and document accomplishments for the prior fiscal year, to be adopted no later than July 1, 2024.
10. **EQC BUDGET AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS** *(10 min.)*
Hear updates, participate in discussion, and consider possible action items regarding planning, logistics, and expenditures for the EQC calendar of events, including:
 - Green Team 2024 Cleanups / Broom Pulls:
 - April 20, Saturday, Earth Day (debrief)

- May 19, Sunday, Broom pull w/ Trail Trekkers, Madera Open Space
- June 2, Sunday, Baxter Creek Park cleanup (w/ Baxter volunteers)
- Aug. 11, Sunday. Northern Gateways Park cleanup
- Sept. 21, Saturday, Coastal Cleanup Day, Baxter Creek Park (TBD)
- Oct. 12, Saturday, Northern San Pablo Ave. cleanup
- Dec. 1, Sunday, Baxter Creek Park (w/ Baxter volunteers)
- Earth Day - April 20, 2024 (debrief)
- Hillside Festival – May 4 & 5 (debrief)
- Bike to Work Day – May 16
- Sat. June 1; East Bay Green Home Tour
- Sun. June 2; El Cerrito Library Parking Lot – El Cerrito Free Market (formerly “Swap It”)
- EC Drive Electric Event (TBD)

11. HILLSIDE NATURAL AREA FIRE RESILIENCE AND FOREST CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING UPDATE (15 min.)

Hear updates, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding the Hillside Natural Area Fire Resilience And Forest Conservation Management Plan.

12. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR JANET ABELSON EL CERRITO WALL OF FAME APPLICATION (10 min.)

Hear updates, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding drafting a letter of support for a Janet Abelson El Cerrito Wall of Fame application.

13. CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN (CAAP) (5 min.)

Hear updates, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding development of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (5 min.)

Hear committee member announcements and suggestions for future EQC agenda items. Potentially engage in discussion and make decisions regarding logistics of EQC consideration of items including:

- May TBD - Annual Recognition Event for past Advisory Body Members
- June 11 – Adopt FY 2024 Accomplishments (must be adopted by July 1, 2024)
- June 11 – Youth Membership Discussion
- Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) handout suggestions
- Liaison with the Human Relations Commission
- Hillside Natural Area (HNA) Fire Resilience and Forest Conservation Management Plan (Joint meeting with UFC – Summer/Fall 2024)
- Youth Engagement; Earth Team

15. ADJOURNMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Staff Liaison, Christina Leard, at (510) 215-4338. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title I).

Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the members regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at the El Cerrito Recycling + Environmental Resource Center (7501 Schmidt Lane) during normal business hours.



Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Presentation for **The City of El Cerrito**



Presentation Overview

Part 1: Plan Overview

Part 2: County Hazards

Part 3: How to Prepare

Part 4: Get Involved



Local Hazard Mitigation Plan



The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) is a 5-year plan that sets the mitigation priorities for the County.

Over 40 partners county-wide are a part of this plan: 16 cities, 20 special districts, and many County Departments.

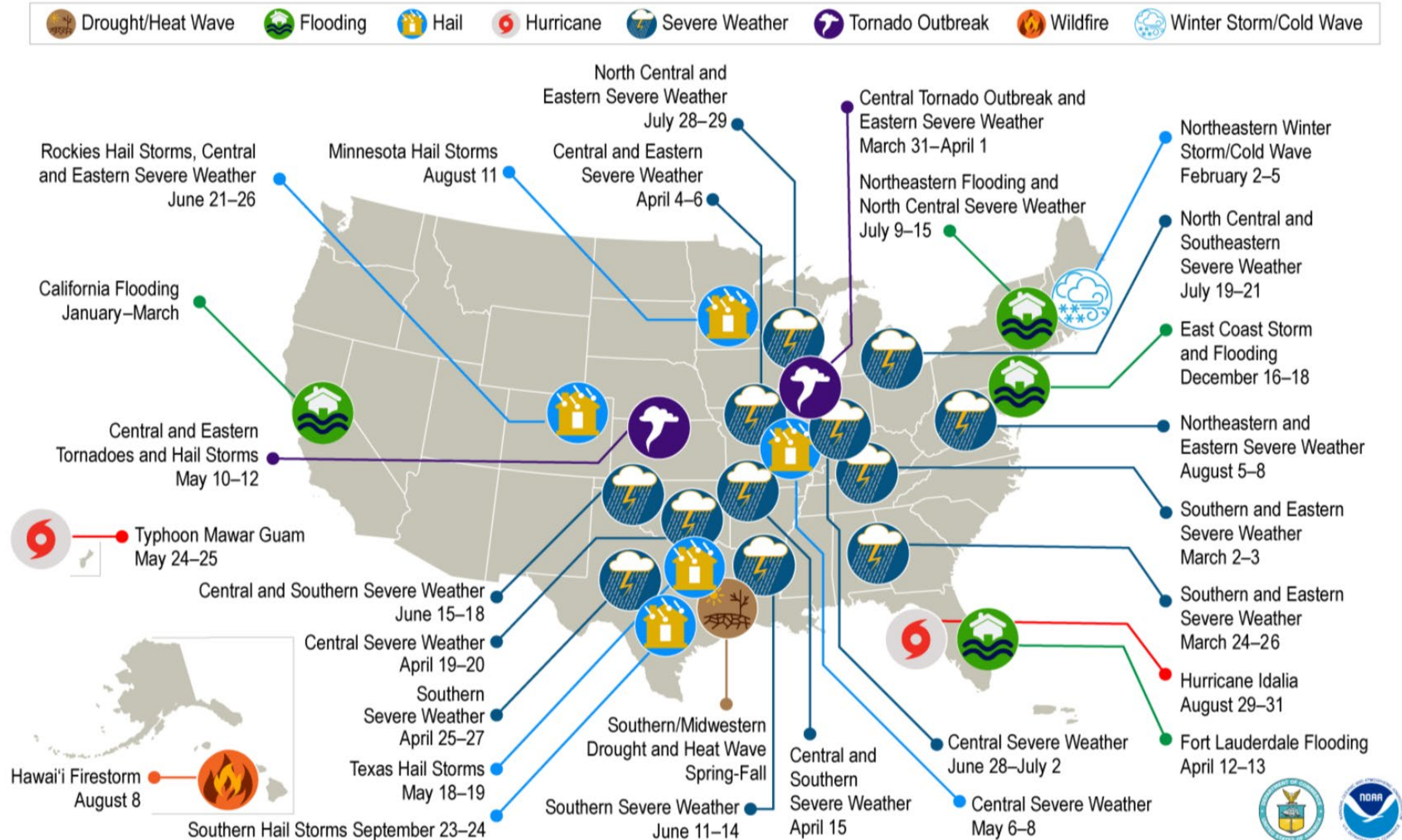
The planning process includes:

working with cities, special districts, and county departments to identify priority hazards in their jurisdictions.

identifying mitigation strategies for each hazards identified.

asking the public for feedback on the plan. Now that we have a draft, we want to hear your comments!

U.S. 2023 Billion-Dollar Weather and Climate Disasters



This map denotes the approximate location for each of the **28 separate billion-dollar weather and climate disasters** that impacted the United States in 2023.



Contra Costa
County

County-Wide Hazards

Natural Hazards (Required)

- Climate Change
- Dam and Levee Failure
- Drought
- Earthquake
- Flood
- Landslide
- Sea Level Rise (new)
- Severe Weather
- Tsunami
- Wildfire

Human-Caused / Technological Hazards

- Cybersecurity Threats
- Hazardous Materials Incidents
- Utility Interruptions
- Active Shooter Incidents
- Terrorism





High Priority Local Hazards

Natural Hazards

- Climate Change
- Drought
- Earthquake
- Flooding
- Landslides
- Severe Weather
- Wildfire

Human-Caused / Technological Hazards

- Cybersecurity Threats
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How to Prepare for Disasters

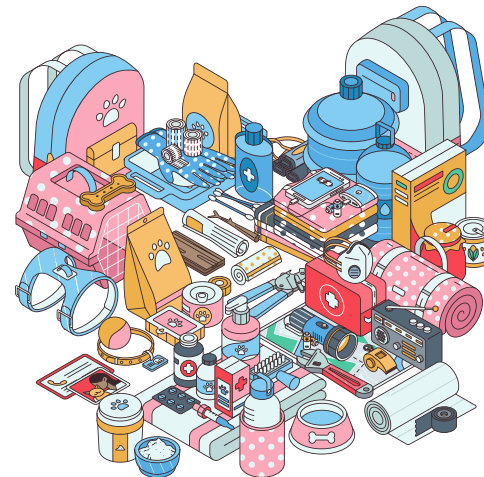
Preparing before a disaster can help you and your loved ones recover more quickly from a disaster.



Learn your
hazards

Visit

myhazards.caloes.ca.gov



Make a kit

Each pet and member of
your household should
have a kit.



Practice
your plan

Practice your plan and
check your emergency kit
at least twice a year.



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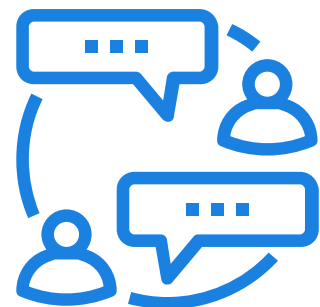
Get Involved in the Planning Process



Read the plan!



Comment!



Share what you learned!



Check the County Website for more information.





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Thank you!

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DRAFT MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE Environmental Quality Committee

Thursday, April 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

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CONVENE REGULAR MEETING Chair Goudey called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL** – Chair Howdy Goudey; Vice-Chair Simrun Dhoot; Members Buddy Akacić, Pamela Austin, Fred Bialy, Heather Hayashi, Mark Miner, Sean O'Connor, Seth Shonkoff, Sheila Tarbet **Absent:** Rose Vekony **Also Present:** Christina Leard, Staff Liaison
2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
There were no communications from the public.
3. **COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**
Staff Liaison Leard announced that the Exchange Zone at the El Cerrito Recycling Center was undergoing improvements and observing a temporary closure until July 1. Liaison Leard also noted that an application was received by previous EQC Member Paloma Pavel, and that an interview committee needed to be appointed. Chair Goudey appointed members Akacić and Bialy for the interview to take place at 6:30 pm prior to next EQC meeting on May14.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the EQC meeting held on March 12, 2024. **Move/Second:** O'Connor/Dhoot **Action:** Passed a motion to adopt the Minutes of the March 12, 2024 EQC meeting. **Ayes:** unanimous **Noes:** None
5. **LOCAL ROAD SAFETY PLAN (LRSP) PRESENTATION**
The Committee received a presentation from City Staff Marielle Cuison and Jarrett Mullen on the [Local Road Safety Plan](#) and participated in discussion. There were comments made by members of the public Robin Mitchell, Steve Price, Janet Byron, and Paloma Pavel.
6. **COLLABORATION WITH THE URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE**
Urban Forest Committee Member Robin Mitchell gave updates from the recent Urban Forest Committee meeting.
7. **ELECTIONS FOR CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**
Nominate and elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for an annual term beginning April 2024. **Move/Second:** Members Goudey/O'Connor **Action:** Passed a motion to appoint member Dhoot as EQC Chair and member Bialy as EQC Vice-Chair for an annual term beginning April 2024 **Ayes:** Unanimous **Noes:** None
8. **UPDATE ON MODIFICATIONS TO ADVISORY BODY REGULATIONS**
EQC members received an update from Staff Liaison Leard on advisory body regulations including application and appointment, meeting frequency, workplan and accomplishments and youth participation.
9. **WORKPLAN DISCUSSION**

EQC members participated in discussion and considered possible action items regarding work plan requirements and selected Cycle 1 for the Advisory Body's next Biennial Workplan covering the period July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026.

Move/Second: Goudey/Dhoot **Action:** Passed a motion to select Cycle 1 for the next biennial EQC work plan. **Ayes:** unanimous **Noes:** None

Member Miner volunteered to copy the existing work plan into the new template prior to the next meeting for discussion.

10. EQC BUDGET AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Staff and Committee members provided updates on recent events the EQC has supported and discussed plans for future events in 2024, including:

- Green Team 2024 Cleanups / Broom Pulls:
 - March 16, Saturday, Broom pull w/ Trail Trekkers. HNA (Debrief)
 - March 17, Sunday, El Cerrito Plaza Bart Station cleanup (Debrief)
 - April 6, Saturday, Broom pull w/ Trail Trekkers. HNA (Debrief)
 - April 20, Saturday, Earth Day
 - Broom Pull – HNA – Madera Open Space (*Howdy*)
 - Northern Gateways Cleanup (*Sean & Simrun*)
 - May 19, Sunday, Broom pull w/ Trail Trekkers. Location TBD
 - June 2, Sunday, Baxter Creek Park cleanup (w/ Baxter volunteers)
 - Aug. 11, Sunday. Northern Gateways Park cleanup
 - Sept. 21, Saturday, Coastal Cleanup Day, Baxter Creek Park (TBD)
 - Oct. 12, Saturday, Northern San Pablo Ave. cleanup
 - Dec. 1, Sunday, Baxter Creek Park (w/ Baxter volunteers)
- Arbor Week – March 7-14 (Debrief)
- **Earth Day** - April 20, 2024
 - Volunteers for tool distribution: Mark
- Hillside Festival – May 4 & 5
- Bike to Work Day – May 16
- EC Drive Electric Event (TBD) - October was suggested as a possible timeframe
 - Members made the following suggestions as possible locations:
 - Street closure – Portola at Navalier
 - Street closure – Pomona
 - Street closure – Fairmont Ave between Carlson & San Pablo Ave
 - DMV parking lot
 - EC Plaza BART Parking Lot
 - Local school parking lot
 - 4th of July Festival (possibly too crowded, lack of space?)
 - Earth Day 2025 (too far out?)

Staff Liaison Leard to look into feasibility of locations and report back.

Move/Second: Goudey/Austin **Action:** Passed a motion to be a community partner with the East Bay Green Home Tour on Saturday, June 1 **Ayes:** unanimous **Noes:** None

Move/Second: Goudey/Tarbet **Action:** Passed a motion to be a community partner with the El Cerrito Free Market (formerly "Swap It") on Sunday, June 2 **Ayes:** unanimous **Noes:** None

11. ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU) HANDOUT SUGGESTIONS

EQC members participated in brief discussion for suggestions for the City's Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) handout for property owners wishing to develop an ADU. Chair Goudey appointed members Goudey, Miner, Austin, and Bialy to an ad-hoc subcommittee to develop drafted language to bring back to the EQC for consideration.

12. CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN (CAAP)

Staff Liaison Leard reported that the City received over 400 comments on the draft CAAP and the Cascadia was busy reviewing the comments and incorporating changes for City review. She noted that the CAAP would be brought to City Council for consideration in July. Chair Goudey appointed members Goudey, Hayashi, and Bialy to an ad-hoc subcommittee to draft recommendations for strategies for accomplishing early wins and alternatives to accomplishing the goals of an electrification ordinance and bring back for committee consideration.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Staff and Committee members made announcements and suggestions for future EQC agenda items including:

- April 11 at 4:00 PM (Hybrid) – Annual Orientation/Handbook Training
- May 2 at 4:00 PM (tentative) – Chair/Vice-Chair Training
- May TBD - Annual Recognition Event for past Advisory Body Members
- May 14 – Discuss meeting schedule and frequency of meetings
- May 14 – Discuss FY 2024 Accomplishments
- May 14 (tentative) - CPUC – Fixed Electric Rate charged by income; AB 1999
- June 11 – Adopt FY 2024 Accomplishments (must be adopted by July 1, 2024)
- June 11 – Youth Membership Discussion
- June 11 – HNA SAG Meeting 4/24 report out
- Hillside Natural Area (HNA) Fire Resilience and Forest Conservation Management Plan (Joint meeting with UFC – Summer 2024)
- Youth Engagement; Earth Team

Member Akacić requested future agenda items:

- Human Relations Commission liaison
- Letter of Support for Janet Abelson Wall of Fame application

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9.21 p.m.

Howdy Goudey, Chair

This is to clarify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Environmental Quality Committee meeting of April 9, 2024 as approved by the Environmental Quality Committee.

Christina Leard, Staff Liaison



BIENNIAL WORK PLAN FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 - 2025/2026

Environmental Quality Committee

Chair **Simrun Dhoot**; Vice-Chair **Fred Bialy**; Members **Buddy Akacić, Pamela Austin, Fred Bialy, Heather Hayashi, Mark Miner, Sean O'Connor, Seth Shonkoff, Sheila Tarbet, Rose Vekony**

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MISSION STATEMENT: (State mission as identified in enabling legislation and include legislation citation)

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND: (Brief discussion regarding when the commission/committee was established and how it has changed over time)

FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025

Items listed in priority order

Goal or Objective	Proposed Activities	Funding and other Resources requested	Estimated Staff time needed	Timeline For Completion

FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026

Items listed in priority order

Goal or Objective	Proposed Activities	Funding and other Resources requested	Estimated Staff time needed	Timeline For Completion

ONGOING PROJECTS

Project	Activites	Funding and other Resources requested	Estimated Staff time needed

PRIOR FISCAL YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Updated annually by July 1 and provided to City Council on Consent

Goal/Objective	Activites Supporting Goal	Status



Environmental Quality Committee

2024 WORK PLAN

AND

2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Members: Chair Howdy Goudey; Vice-Chair Simrun Dhoot; Buddy Akacić, Pamela Austin, Fred Bialy, Mark Miner, Sean O'Connor, Paloma Pavel, Sheila Tarbet, Rose Vekony

Because the City of El Cerrito recognizes that environmental quality is an important issue that demands immediate and ongoing attention, the Environmental Quality Committee (EQC) was established in 2008 by Resolution 2008-13 as a Council-appointed body of up to 15 El Cerrito residents and business owners. It typically meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in City Council Chambers (or virtually as required). The enabling resolution identifies the whole City's role and responsibility in reducing environmental impacts and the EQC's role in providing environmental leadership and effecting cultural change in the way that the City and its residents relate to the environment.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Environmental Quality Committee's **mission** is to educate, inspire, and activate our community to thrive in a socially just, equitable, and regenerative manner.

The EQC **duties and responsibilities**, as stated in its enabling resolution, are

1. To serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council, staff, other boards, commissions, and committees, and the citizens of the City with regard to environmental quality issues within the City of El Cerrito
2. To recommend programs, policies, and ordinances to the City Council and promote the City's environmental quality efforts
3. To promote and foster public awareness, education, interest and support for environmental quality efforts, foster volunteer opportunities, and educate El Cerrito residents regarding environmental quality and issues relating to environmental impacts

The EQC **goals** are

- To reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to meet or exceed targets of the El Cerrito Climate Action Plan, also proposing revised goals as appropriate
- To apply a framework of social, racial, and environmental justice in the implementation of our work
- To promote environmental education, action, engagement, equity, and justice
- To involve learners of all ages
- To help businesses and residents work and live in a more sustainable and environmentally friendly fashion
- To inform and champion the City's environmental policies and ordinances
- To change material use patterns by encouraging Reduction, Reuse, Recycling, and Composting
- To champion energy/water efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainable transportation
- To minimize hazardous chemical use and human/environmental exposure to toxins
- To protect, expand, and steward green spaces with public path/trail connectivity; maintain and restore natural areas with an emphasis on native ecosystems; and encourage a network of human/wildlife-friendly green habitat throughout the City
- To support water quality, healthy creeks and forests, and green infrastructure to increase resiliency in the face of climate change
- To bring attention to disadvantaged community members who are inequitably impacted by environmental degradation

The EQC's work is guided by the 2015–2020 El Cerrito Strategic Plan (excerpted below):

Goal F: Foster environmental sustainability citywide

- Be a leader in setting policies and providing innovative programs that promote environmental sustainability.
- Promote environmental education to facilitate behavioral changes by working with the school district and other community groups.
- Implement policies to promote waste diversion (i.e., mandatory commercial recycling and green waste).
- Encourage alternative modes of transportation to the single occupancy vehicle.
- Implement and monitor the City's Climate Action Plan to:
 - Reduce vehicle miles traveled (by creating well-connected, pedestrian, bicycle and transit-oriented urban forms that will make it easier for residents and visitors to leave their car behind.)
 - Facilitate energy and water efficiency and greater use and generation of clean energy
 - Reduce the amount of waste generated in El Cerrito
 - Make municipal operations more resource-efficient and environmentally friendly

On August 20, 2019, the City of El Cerrito approved a resolution (2019-52) and joined hundreds of jurisdictions across the globe in declaring a climate emergency. This resolution, which sets a target to reduce GHG emissions further, with the ultimate goal of reaching zero GHG emissions, has heightened both the urgency and import of the EQC's work.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Since the EQC's establishment in 2008, the committee's emphasis has cycled between public education, community volunteer organization, and environmental policy, but the general commitment to all forms of action envisioned for the EQC has remained consistent over time. The committee has also consistently maintained a high fraction of the 15 member capacity, with both long-serving members and a rotation of new members.

2024 WORK PLAN

OBJECTIVE	PROPOSED ACTIVITIES	PRIORITY RANKING	TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION x
1. Public Education and Outreach	a) Use “Reduce Transportation Carbon Emissions” as the EQC’s theme for 2024.	1	1 year
	b) Champion the CAAP (Climate Action and Adaptation Plan).	1	1 year (ongoing)
	c) Implement our JEDI tool (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) as part of all our EQC work.	1	1 year (ongoing)
	d) Host public events (e.g., films, lectures, webinars, workshops, youth activities, EV car and bike test-drives and rides) to mobilize residents about the Climate Emergency and educate them on electrification, sustainability, and resiliency.	1	1 year (ongoing)
	e) Provide outreach and resources to inform residents of tax incentives for electrification and the income-qualified rebates that will become available in 2024 through the federal Inflation Reduction Act, as well as local and state incentives and rebates, with special emphasis on new programs for those with lower incomes.	1	1 year (ongoing)
	f) Provide public outreach and education about active transportation alternatives to automobiles, including public transit and micromobility options, as well as programs offered in our city to reduce car ownership.	1	1 year (ongoing)
	g) Pilot public education and outreach to promote electrification in home retrofits and encourage the replacement of gas-powered home appliances and landscaping equipment.	1	1 year (ongoing)
	h) Expand outreach to youth in the city’s schools and invite El Cerrito High School’s Eco Club to collaborate with the EQC on climate issues.	1	1 year (ongoing)
	i) Engage with the public at major City events that take place in 2024 and perform other outreach activities to spread awareness.	1	1 year (ongoing)

	j) Lead public outreach on water-saving measures and fire-safe practices (defensible space, xeriscaping).	2	1 year (ongoing)
	k) Co-sponsor the Hillside Festival and other related hikes and educational events.	2	1 year (ongoing)
	l) Co-sponsor Fix-it Clinic and El Cerrito Free Market events to promote waste reduction.	2	1 year (ongoing)
2. Volunteer Work Parties	Hold a Green Teams work party every other month (~ 6/year); diversify work party activities; organize broom pulls and other regular habitat improvement projects.	1	1 year (ongoing)
3. Policy Development and Recommendations	a) Provide input to, and host public meeting for, the CAAP update to accelerate achievement of zero net GHG emissions, as stated in our declared climate emergency; to promote electrification to reduce residential and commercial natural gas usage; and to focus on equity. Engage in the budget process to assure it includes CAAP goals and provide recommendations to help achieve social, racial, and environmental justice goals.	1	1 year
	b) Provide input and review of the Hillside Natural Area Fire Resilience and Forest Conservation Management Plan.	1	1 year (ongoing)
	c) Develop and promote policies to increase electrification of new buildings and decrease or eliminate use of natural gas citywide, with a focus on new developments and landscaping equipment.	2	1 year (ongoing)
	d) Support efforts to promote and expand the use of electric vehicles and charging infrastructure in the City; support current City efforts such as including charging infrastructure; provide more public charging in logical places as City budget permits.	2	1 year (ongoing)
	e) Participate in the development of new active transportation and parking management changes expected for the transit-oriented development project at El Cerrito Plaza BART station.	2	1 year (ongoing)
	f) Interface with other relevant City commissions and committees to help develop environmentally friendly policies	2	1 year (ongoing)
4. Implementation of City	a) Work to enhance and promote active transportation modes and access in El Cerrito and support the initiatives of the Sustainable Transportation Program.	1	1 year (ongoing)

Environmental Programs	b) Expand stewardship of Hillside Natural Area (invasive plants; deferred maintenance) and support wildfire risk reduction while preserving native plants and habitat (as a resource, provide access to the fire-safe plant list from ECFD/Diablo Fire); support the work of the Urban Forest Committee and the Hillside Natural Area Master Plan.	1	1 year (ongoing)
	c) Help implement City policies related to new State solid waste regulations for businesses and residents.	2	1 year (ongoing)

2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITIES SUPPORTING GOAL
1. Public Education and Outreach	a) Promoted electric vehicle outreach and education in collaboration with Drive Clean Bay Area. b) Participated in National Drive Electric Week events. c) Tabled at Bike to Work Day and the WorldOne 4th of July festival to promote electrification of vehicles, home heating and cooking, including induction cooktop loaner programs. d) Promoted the SunShares program. e) Promoted and hosted 2023 Earth Day work parties. f) Co-sponsored 2023 East Bay Green Home Tour. g) Promoted the postponed 7th Annual Hillside Festival, co-sponsored with El Cerrito Trail Trekkers. h) Maintained steady coordination with the Urban Forest Committee, including participation in Arbor Week event. i) Received presentations from the Sustainable Transportation Program manager and from El Cerrito Strollers and Rollers (now El Cerrito/Richmond Annex Walk & Roll). j) Co-hosted a screening of <i>The Street Project</i> with El Cerrito Strollers and Rollers at the Rialto Cinemas. k) Co-sponsored El Cerrito Free Market events and secured a site for them in the library parking lot. l) Continued recurring agenda items to present an example of environmental art at each meeting.
2. Volunteer Work Parties	a) Organized in-person Green Teams work parties, including trash removal from streets, parks, and creeks and participation in Coastal Clean-up Day; held broom pulls in the Hillside Natural Area.
3. Policy Development and Recommendations	a) Hosted public meetings on the CAAP and provided recommendations and feedback to the CAAP consultant. Two EQC members serve on the CAAP stakeholder advisory group. b) Provided a member to represent the EQC on the new Hillside Natural Area Fire Resilience and Forest Conservation Management Plan Stakeholder Advisory Group c) Provided advise to Council about changes to the communications between advisory groups and Council, Staff and other advisory groups, as well as other aspects of how advisory bodies operate
4. Implementation of City Environmental Programs	a) Supported City programs through public education, outreach, and work parties.

ONGOING PROJECTS

PROJECT	ACTIVITIES
1. Green Team Work Parties	Coordinate roughly six trash clean-up events each year in various City parks, the Ohlone Greenway, and City streets. Organize other volunteer work parties focused on weed/invasive plant removal, pollinator habitat restoration/stewardship, tree planting (in collaboration with the Urban Forest Committee and City arborist), and maintenance/stewardship of the Hillside Natural Area.
2. Hillside Festival	Assist Trail Trekkers in production of the annual event celebrating the Hillside Natural Area with many hikes, talks, and activities.
3. Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Implementation and Progress Metrics	Work with City staff to complete development of the CAAP and begin to implement it, including timely progress on “early wins.” Explore opportunities to reduce residential natural gas use and promote electrification of home appliances, automobiles, and landscaping equipment as a complement to 100% renewable electrical power. Promote improved municipal electric vehicle infrastructure/readiness and fleet management. Explore ways to achieve greater social, racial, and environmental justice.