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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE Environmental Quality Committee

Tuesday, November 12, 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

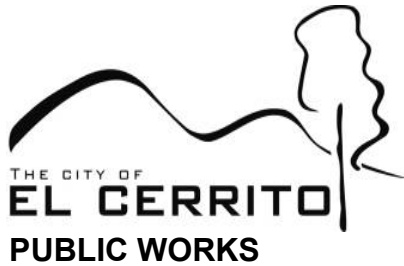
1. **ROLL CALL** – Chair Simrun Dhoot; Vice-Chair Fred Bialy; Members Buddy Akacić, Pamela Austin, Howdy Goudey, Heather Hayashi, Mark Miner, Sean O'Connor, Paloma Pavel, Eleanor Pilling Chappellear (Youth Member), Sheila Tarbet
2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** *(Estimated time: 5 minutes)*
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. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** *(5 min.)*
Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the EQC meeting held on October 8, 2024.
5. **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.
6. **EQC ANNUAL MEETING CALENDAR** *(10 min.)*
Consider a motion to approve the EQC Calendar for 2025.
 - 2025 Meeting Calendar attached.
7. **EL CERRITO GREEN MOBILITY FAIR** *(25 min)*
Report-out from the ad hoc subcommittee, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding planning efforts around an El Cerrito Green Mobility Fair event in April 2025.
8. **EQC BUDGET AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS** *(30 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:
 - Dec. 1, Sunday, Baxter Creek Park (w/ Baxter volunteers)
 - October 10, 12, 13 – [Albany Film Fest](#), Rialto Cinemas Cerrito (Debrief)
 - October 19, 11am – 4pm – Cedar Rose Park - [Berkeley Ride Electric Event](#) (Debrief)
 - DIY Repair Workshop – Tentative for March 2025
 - EC Green Mobility Fair – Tentative for April 26, 2025 – TBD
 - May 3 and 4, 2025 - 11th Annual Hillside Festival
 - Green Team 2025 Cleanups / Broom Pulls: Discuss and plan for 2025 Calendar

- 9. SUPPORT FOR DO-IT-YOURSELF (DIY) REPAIR WORKSHOP** *(10 min.)*
Hear updates, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding collaborating with RecycleMore and Sustainable Contra Costa on a DIY repair workshop in El Cerrito.
- 10. CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN (CAAP)** *(10 min.)*
Hear updates, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding implementation of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.
- 11. MCE CLEAN ENERGY & CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION UPDATES** *(10 min)*
Hear updates, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding MCE Clean Energy & California Public Utilities Commission updates.
- 12. 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:
- Next meeting: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 - Hillside Natural Area (HNA) Fire Resilience and Forest Conservation Management Plan (Joint meeting with UFC)
 - 2nd Agenda Item for EQC & UFC Collaboration Planning
 - No other committee business will be discussed unless a separate special meeting is agendized
 - 2025 Green Teams Calendar Adoption (January)
 - FY 25-26 & FY 26-27 Biennial Work Plan (Must be adopted prior to July 1, 2025)
 - FY 24-25 Accomplishments
 - Review of [Brown Act](#) and [Rosenburg's Rules of Order](#) (Parliamentary Procedure)
 - Youth Engagement; Earth Team
 - Possible collaboration with the Public Safety Committee

13. 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.



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DRAFT MINUTES

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

1. **ROLL CALL** – Chair Simrun Dhoot; Vice-Chair Fred Bialy; Members Buddy Akacić, Pamela Austin, Howdy Goudey, Mark Miner, Sean O'Connor, Sheila Tarbet **Absent:** Heather Hayashi, Paloma Pavel **Also Present:** Christina Leard, Staff Liaison
2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
Committee members received public comment from Richmond resident Cordell Hindler, Jack Kenny from Albany Film Fest, El Cerrito resident Steve Price, and El Cerrito resident Gaia Sonatina.
3. **COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**
Staff Liaison Leard provided reminders about the upcoming election and shared that a ballot box is located outside of City Hall in the parking lot that is open 24-hours, and there will be polling locations on election day at City Hall in Council Chambers and at the Community Center.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the EQC meeting held on September 10, 2024.
Move/Second: O'Connor/Akacić **Action:** Passed a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 10, 2024 EQC meeting. **Ayes:** Unanimous of members present **Noes:** None
5. **YOUTH EQC MEMBER APPOINTMENT PROCESS**
EQC members participated in discussion and considered possible action items regarding interviewing and recommending for appointment a youth member to the EQC.

There was Public Comment from Richmond resident Cordell Hindler.
Move/Second: O'Connor/Bialy **Action:** Passed a motion to appoint youth member Eleanor Pilling-Chappelear to the EQC as a non-voting youth member. **Ayes:** Unanimous of members present **Noes:** None
6. **COLLABORATION WITH THE URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE**
Urban Forest Committee member Robin Mitchell shared that the Urban Forest Committee will be meeting next week and she will report on the October meeting in November.
7. **EL CERRITO GREEN MOBILITY FAIR**
Committee members heard a report-out from the ad hoc subcommittee and participated in discussion regarding planning efforts around an El Cerrito Green Mobility Fair event in April 2025. The Committee heard updates from El Cerrito resident Steve Price, a member of the planning committee, who shared he has been in touch with Rachel Factor from BART and will meet with her soon. Member Miner would like to engage electeds such as John Gioia to participate in and promote the event and requested developers of TOD to be at the event.

The Committee received public comment from Robin Mitchell, Cordell Hindler, and Gaia Sonatina.

8. 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:
 - Sept. 21, Saturday, Coastal Cleanup Day, Baxter Creek Park (Debrief)
 - Dec. 1, Sunday, Baxter Creek Park (w/ Baxter volunteers)
- Sun. Oct 6; 4-5pm - El Cerrito Library Parking Lot – El Cerrito Free Market community re-use event (formerly “Swap It”) (Debrief)
- October 12, El Cerrito Fall Citywide Garage Sale
- October 10, 12, 13 – [Albany Film Fest](#), Rialto Cinemas Cerrito
 - Staff from Sustainable Contra Costa will attend the Thursday Environmental film screening and share information on the Cleaner Contra Costa Challenge after the film.
- October 19, 11am – 4pm – Cedar Rose Park - [Berkeley Ride Electric Event](#)
- EC Green Mobility Fair – Tentative for April 26, 2025 – TBD

Future Broom Pulls – coordinate with Audrey Liese and Trail Trekkers

Public Comment was provided by [Cordell Hindler](#) and El Cerrito resident [Audrey Liese](#).

9. SUNSHARES SOLAR & BATTERY STORAGE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Committee members received a brief presentation from Staff Liaison [Leard](#), participated in discussion and considered possible action items regarding outreach on the [SunShares](#) program.

Public Comment was received by [Robin Mitchell](#) and [Gaia Sonatina](#)

10. MCE CLEAN ENERGY & CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION UPDATES

Committee members heard updates, participated in discussion and considered possible action items regarding MCE Clean Energy & California Public Utilities Commission updates.

Public comment was received from [Cordell Hindler](#) and [Gaia Sonatina](#).

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

- Next meeting: Tuesday, November 12, 2024
- 2025 Calendar Adoption, Green Teams Calendar adoption
- December 10, 2024 - Hillside Natural Area (HNA) Fire Resilience and Forest Conservation Management Plan (Joint meeting with UFC)
- FY 25-26 & FY 26-27 Biennial Work Plan, brainstorming session
- FY 24-25 Accomplishments
- Review of [Brown Act](#) and [Rosenburg's Rules of Order](#) (Parliamentary Procedure)
- Youth Engagement; Earth Team
- Possible collaboration with the Public Safety Committee
- Request for presentation from City staff on HNA management - Fire & Measure X
- Updates from City Staff on CAAP implementation

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Simrun Dhoot, 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 October 8, 2024 as approved by the Environmental Quality Committee.

Christina Leard, Staff Liaison



2025 Regular Meeting Schedule

City Holiday/Closed
Regular Meeting
Location: In person at
Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Ave.
Meeting Time: 7:00PM

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

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No November Meeting