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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE Environmental Quality Committee

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 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 Chapplelear (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 Rebecca Saltzman 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 January 14, 2025.
5. **COLLABORATION WITH THE URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE** *(10 min.)*
Hear updates, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding collaborating with the City's Urban Forest Committee.
6. **EL CERRITO GREEN MOBILITY FAIR** *(45 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 on April 26, 2025.
7. **EQC BUDGET AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS** *(25 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:
 - March 16, Sunday, cleanup on Southern San Pablo Ave; meet by Macaroni Grill
 - April 19, Saturday, Earth Day, Northern Gateways cleanup; meet by Del Norte BART
 - June 8, Sunday, Cerrito Creek/Creekside Park cleanup; meet at South end of Santa Clara
 - August 3, Sunday, Baxter Creek Park cleanup w/ Baxter Creek volunteers
 - September 20, Saturday, Coastal Cleanup Day; Location TBD
 - October 12, Sunday, Northern Gateways cleanup; meet by Del Norte BART
 - December 7, Sunday, Baxter Creek Park cleanup w/ Baxter Creek volunteers
 - March 7-14, 2025 - Arbor Week
 - March 22, 2025 - DIY Repair Workshop with RecycleMore
 - April 19, 2025 - Earth Day Work Parties
 - April 26, 2025 - EC Green Mobility Fair; Bio Blitz with EC Trail Trekkers
 - May 3 and 4, 2025 - 11th Annual Hillside Festival

- May 15, 2025 – Bike to Wherever Day
- May 17, 2025 – Spring Citywide Garage Sale

8. EQC MEMBER APPOINTMENT PROCESS (5 min.)

Participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding interviewing and recommending for appointment members to the EQC.

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

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

10. FY 25-26 & FY 26-27 BIENNIAL WORK PLAN WORKSHOP (5 min)

Hear a brief report out from the ad-hoc subcommittee on the EQC Biennial Work Plan for FY 25-26 & FY 26-27. Must be adopted no later than July 1, 2025.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (10 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:

- Announcement from Member Akacić
- Elections for Chair and Vice-chair (April meeting)
- FY 25-26 & FY 26-27 Biennial Work Plan (Must be adopted prior to July 1, 2025)
- FY 24-25 Accomplishments (Must be adopted prior to July 1, 2025)
- Review of [Brown Act](#) and [Rosenburg's Rules of Order](#) (Parliamentary Procedure)
- Support for Climate Literacy Resolution for WCCUSD
- Youth Engagement; Earth Team

12. 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 Vice-Chair Bialy called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

1. **ROLL CALL** – Vice-Chair Fred Bialy; Members Buddy Akacić, Pamela Austin, Howdy Goudey, Heather Hayashi, Mark Miner, Sean O'Connor, Eleanor Pilling Chappellear (Youth Member), Sheila Tarbet **Absent:** Chair Simrun Dhoot; Member Paloma Pavel **Also Present:** Christina Leard, Staff Liaison
2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
There were no comments from the public.
3. **COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**
Staff Liaison Leard announced that the City had brought on a CivicSpark Fellow to assist with implementation of the Hillside Natural Area Fire Resilience and Forest Conservation Management Plan and Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, as well as Urban Forestry projects.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the EQC meetings held on November 12, 2024 and December 10, 2024.
Move/Second: O'Connor/Bialy **Action:** Passed a motion to adopt the minutes of the November 12, 2024 and December 10, 2024 EQC meetings. **Ayes:** Bialy; Akacić, Austin, Goudey, Hayashi, Miner, O'Connor, Tarbet **Noes:** None **Youth Member Chappellear:** Absent
5. **COLLABORATION WITH THE URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE**
Urban Forest Committee member Robin Mitchell provided updates from the most recent meeting of the Urban Forest Committee.
6. **EL CERRITO GREEN MOBILITY FAIR**
Committee members heard a report-out from Staff Liaison Leard and the ad hoc subcommittee and participated in discussion regarding planning efforts around an El Cerrito Green Mobility Fair event in April 2025.
7. **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 2025, including:
 - Green Team 2024 Cleanups / Broom Pulls:
 - Jan. 11, Saturday, Cerrito Creek cleanup (Debrief)
 - **Discuss and plan for 2025 Calendar:**
 - March 16, Sunday, cleanup on Southern San Pablo Ave; meet by Macaroni Grill
 - April 19, Saturday, Earth Day, Northern Gateways cleanup; meet by Del Norte BART
 - June 8, Sunday, Cerrito Creek/Creekside Park cleanup; meet at South end of Santa Clara
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8. EQC MEMBER APPOINTMENT PROCESS

Committee members conducted Informal Interviews of Pamela Austin and Sheila Tarbet, participated in discussion and considered possible action items regarding recommending for appointment members to the EQC.

Move/Second: Goudey/Tarbet **Action:** Passed a motion to recommend to the El Cerrito City Council the reappointment of Pamela Austin to the Environmental Quality Committee for a term of four years beginning March 1, 2025. **Ayes:** unanimous **Noes:** None **Youth Member Chappellear:** Absent

Move/Second: Miner/Bialy **Action:** Passed a motion to recommend to the El Cerrito City Council the reappointment of Sheila Tarbet to the Environmental Quality Committee for a term of four years beginning March 1, 2025. **Ayes:** unanimous **Noes:** None **Youth Member Chappellear:** Absent

9. CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN (CAAP)

Committee members heard updates, participated in discussion and considered possible action items regarding implementation of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

10. FY 25-26 & FY 26-27 BIENNIAL WORK PLAN WORKSHOP

Committee members reviewed and brainstormed ideas for the EQC Biennial Work Plan for FY 25-26 & FY 26-27. Vice-Chair Bialy appointed Members Bialy, Dhoot, Miner and Hayashi to a subcommittee to work on the Work Plan.

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:

- Elections for Chair and Vice-chair (April meeting)
- FY 25-26 & FY 26-27 Biennial Work Plan (Must be adopted prior to July 1, 2025)
- FY 24-25 Accomplishments (Must be adopted prior to July 1, 2025)
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- Youth Engagement; Earth Team

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 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 January 14, 2025 as approved by the Environmental Quality Committee.

Christina Leard, Staff Liaison