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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE Environmental Quality Committee

Tuesday, March 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 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 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** *(5 min.)*
Hear updates, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding collaborating with the City's Urban Forest Committee.
6. **CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN (CAAP)** *(35 min.)*
Hear updates, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding implementation of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.
7. **EL CERRITO GO GREEN! MOBILITY FAIR** *(35 min)*
Report-out from the ad hoc subcommittee, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding planning efforts around the El Cerrito [Go Green! Mobility Fair](#) event on April 26, 2025.
8. **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:
 - 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 - [Repair Workshop with RecycleMore](#)

- April 19, 2025 - [Earth Day Work Parties](#)
- April 26, 2025 - [EC Go Green! Mobility Fair; Bio Blitz with EC Trail Trekkers](#)
- May 3 and 4, 2025 - [11th Annual Hillside Festival](#)
 - Partnership with EQC
- May 15, 2025 – [Bike to Wherever Day](#)
- May 17, 2025 – [Spring Citywide Garage Sale](#)

9. FY 25-26 & FY 26-27 BIENNIAL WORK PLAN (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.

10. EL CERRITO FOODWARE ORDINANCE (10 min)

Participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding implementation of the city's [Expanded Foodware Ordinance](#).

11. 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:

- 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 Chair Dhoot called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

1. **ROLL CALL** – Chair Simrun Dhoot; Vice-Chair Fred Bialy; Members Buddy Akacić, Pamela Austin, Howdy Goudey, Eleanor Pilling Chappellear (Youth Member), Sheila Tarbet
Absent: Members Heather Hayashi, Mark Miner, Sean O'Connor, Paloma Pavel
Also Present: Christina Leard, Staff Liaison
2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
Public comment was received from Richmond resident Cordell Hindler.
3. **COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**
Staff Liaison Leard had no announcements.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the EQC meeting held on January 14, 2025.
Move/Second: Bialy/Tarbet **Action:** Passed a motion to adopt the minutes of the February 11, 2025 EQC meeting. **Ayes:** unanimous **Noes:** None **Youth Member Chappellear:** Aye
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 Steve Price of the ad hoc subcommittee and participated in discussion regarding planning efforts around an El Cerrito Green Mobility Fair event in April 2025.

Public comment was received from Richmond resident Cordell Hindler.
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:
 - March 16, Sunday, cleanup on Southern San Pablo Ave; meet by Macaroni Grill
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 - December 7, Sunday, Baxter Creek Park cleanup w/ Baxter Creek volunteers
 - March 7-14, 2025 - Arbor Week
 - March 19, 2025 – Sponsorship of Madera Open Space 10th Anniversary Event

Move/Second: Goudey/Dhoot **Action:** Passed a motion to sponsor the Madera Open Space Anniversary Event on March 19, 2025 at 6pm. **Ayes:** Unanimous **Noes:** None
Youth Member Chappelle: Aye

- March 22, 2025 - DIY Repair Workshop with RecycleMore
- April 19, 2025 - Earth Day Work Parties
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- May 3 and 4, 2025 - 11th Annual Hillside Festival
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8. EQC MEMBER APPOINTMENT PROCESS

Committee members participated in discussion and considered possible action items regarding interviewing and recommending for appointment members to the EQC.

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 heard 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.

Public comment was received from Richmond resident Cordell Hindler.

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 2025, including:

- Announcement from Member Akacić
- Support for Foodware Ordinance
- 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)
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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 February 11, 2025 as approved by the Environmental Quality Committee.

Christina Leard, Staff Liaison