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## AGENDA

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE Environmental Quality Committee

**Tuesday, April 14, 2026 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 Fred Bialy; Vice-Chair Pamela Austin; Members Howdy Goudey, Sean O'Connor, Eleanor Pilling Chapplelear (Youth Member), Sheila Tarbet
- 2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** (5 min.)  
*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 and January 13, 2026.
- 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 MEMBER APPOINTMENT PROCESS** (20 min.)  
Conduct an interview, participate in discussion, and consider possible action items regarding recommending for appointment members to the EQC.
- 7. ELECTIONS FOR CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR** (10 min.)  
Nominate and elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for an annual term beginning April 2026. Chair & Vice-Chair training (virtual) will be held in May.
- 8. ELECTRIFY MY BLOCK PROGRAM DISCUSSION ON HOW TO SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM IN EL CERRITO** (5 min.)  
Receive updates, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding support for [Electrify My Block](#).

**9. FY 25-26 WORK PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS (45 min)**  
Hear updates, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding implementation of the FY 25-26 work plan and documentation of FY 25-26 accomplishments.

**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 2026 Cleanups / Broom Pulls
  - Sat 4/25 Earth Day – Northern Gateways (Meet at Northeast corner of Knott & Key, 9a.m. – 12 p.m.)
  - ~~CANCELED~~ Sat 5/23 Invasive brush & trees removal Location TBD
  - Sat 6/27 – Northern Gateways (Meet at Northeast corner of Knott & Key)
  - Sun 8/2 Baxter Creek (w/ Baxter Volunteers)
  - Sat 9/19 Coastal Cleanup Day – Location TBD
  - Sun 10/11 – Northern Gateways (Meet at Southwest Potrero & San Pablo Ave, Del Norte Plaza parking lot)
  - Sun 12/6 – Baxter Creek (with Baxter volunteers)
- April 25, 2026 – [El Cerrito Earth Day](#) & Repair Workshop – Volunteers needed
- May 2-3, 2026 – El Cerrito 12<sup>th</sup> Annual [Hillside Festival](#)
- May 14, 2026 – [Bike to Wherever Day](#)
- May 16, 2026 – [Spring Citywide Garage Sale](#)
- July 4<sup>th</sup> WorldOne Festival

**11. CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN (CAAP) IMPLEMENTATION (5 min.)**  
Hear updates, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding implementation of the [Climate Action and Adaptation Plan](#).

**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:

- BAAQMD Updates
- Foodware Ordinance Support
- Annual Member Recognition Event (*tentative*) – May 28, 2026
- FY 25/26 Accomplishments (due 7/1/26)

### **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**

### **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE Environmental Quality Committee**

**Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**

Hana Gardens  
10870 San Pablo Avenue

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**CONVENE REGULAR MEETING** Chair Bialy called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

- 1. ROLL CALL** – Chair Fred Bialy; Vice-Chair Pamela Austin; Members Howdy Goudey, Eleanor Pilling Chappellear (Youth Member; arrived at 7:18), Sheila Tarbet **Absent:** Sean O'Connor **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 provided updates on the City's FY 26-27 budget process.
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**  
Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the EQC meeting held on and February 10, 2026. **Move/Second:** Goudey/Bialy **Action:** Passed a motion to adopt the minutes of the February 10, 2026 EQC meeting. **Ayes:** Austin, Bialy, Goudey, 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. EQC MEMBER APPOINTMENT PROCESS**  
Committee members participate in discussion and considered possible action items regarding interviewing and recommending for appointment members to the EQC.
- 7. ELECTRIFY MY BLOCK PROGRAM DISCUSSION ON HOW TO SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM IN EL CERRITO**  
Committee members heard updates, participated in discussion and considered possible action items regarding support for [Electrify My Block](#).

## 8. FY 25-26 WORK PLAN IMPLEMENTATION; MAY 2026 EVENT

Committee members heard updates, participated in discussion and considered possible action items regarding implementation of the FY 25-26 work plan and a May 2026 Event.

Public comment was received from El Cerrito resident Robin Mitchell and Richmond resident Cordell Hindler.

## 9. LIGHT POLLUTION DISCUSSION

There were no updates on this agenda item.

## 10. EQC BUDGET AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Committee members heard updates, participated in discussion, and considered possible action items regarding planning, logistics, and expenditures for the EQC calendar of events, including:

- Green Team 2026 Cleanups / Broom Pulls
  - Sun 3/1 – Baxter Creek (Meet at Conlon & Ohlone Greenway) (*Debrief*)
  - Sat 4/25 Earth Day – Northern Gateways (Meet at Northeast corner of Knott & Key, 9a.m. – 12 p.m.)
  - **TENTATIVE** - Sat 5/23 Invasive brush & trees removal Location TBD
  - Sat 6/27 – Northern Gateways (Meet at Northeast corner of Knott & Key)
  - Sun 8/2 Baxter Creek (w/ Baxter Volunteers)
  - Sat 9/19 Coastal Cleanup Day – Location TBD
  - Sun 10/11 – Northern Gateways (Meet at Southwest Potrero & San Pablo Ave, Del Norte Plaza parking lot)
  - Sun 12/6 – Baxter Creek (with Baxter volunteers)
- March 7-14, 2026 - Arbor Week (*Debrief*)
- April 25, 2026 – El Cerrito Earth Day & Repair Workshop – Volunteers needed
- May 2-3, 2026 – El Cerrito 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Hillside Festival
- May 14, 2026 – Bike to Wherever Day
- May 16, 2026 – Spring Citywide Garage Sale
- July 4<sup>th</sup> WorldOne Festival

## 11. CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN (CAAP) IMPLEMENTATION

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

## 12. 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 2026, including:

- Elections for Chair and Vice-Chair (April)
- BAAQMD Updates
- Foodware Ordinance
- Youth Engagement; Earth Team

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

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Fred Bialy, 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 March 10, 2026 as approved by the Environmental Quality Committee.

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Christina Leard, Staff Liaison