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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE Environmental Quality Committee

Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue

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7:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

1. **ROLL CALL** – Chair Fred Bialy; Vice-Chair Pamela Austin; Members Howdy Goudey, UlugBeck Nurmatov, Sean O'Connor, Eleanor Pilling Chappelle (Youth Member), Mordecai Stayton, 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 July 14, 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. **PRESENTATION FROM FRIENDS OF THE HILLSIDE** (45 min.)
Receive a presentation, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding collaborating with the Friends of the Hillside Natural Area.
7. **EQC BUDGET AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS** (15 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
 - Sun 8/2 Baxter Creek (w/ Baxter Volunteers) (Debrief)
 - Sat 9/19 Coastal Cleanup Day – Creekside Park

- 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)

8. FY 26-27 WORK PLAN IMPLEMENTATION (35 min)

Hear updates, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding implementation of the FY 26-27 work plan.

9. 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:

- September 8, 2026 meeting is cancelled.
- BAAQMD (BAAD) Updates (*Howdy to follow-up*)
- MCE Updates
- Foodware Ordinance Support

10. ADJOURNMENT

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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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Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

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CONVENE REGULAR MEETING Vice Chair Austin called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL** – Chair Fred Bialy; Vice-Chair Pamela Austin; Members Howdy Goudey, Sean O'Connor, Mordecai Stayton, Sheila Tarbet **Absent:** Eleanor Pilling Chappelle (Youth Member) **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 a brief update on the the status of the City moving to district based elections beginning in 2028.
 - elcerrito.gov/districts
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the EQC meeting held on June 9, 2026.
Move/Second: O'Connor/Tarbet **Action:** Passed a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 9, 2026 EQC meeting. **Ayes:** Austin, Bialy, Goudey, O'Connor, Stayton, Tarbet **Noes:** None
5. **COLLABORATION WITH THE URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE**
Urban Forest Committee member Robin Mitchell reported that the Urban Forest Committee did not meet in July.
6. **EQC MEMBER APPOINTMENT PROCESS**
Committee members conducted an interview, participated in discussion, and considered possible action items regarding recommending for appointment members to the EQC.
Public comment was received from Richmond resident Cordell Hindler.
Move/Second: Bialy/O'Connor **Action:** Passed a motion to recommend to City Council the appointment of Bek Nur (UlugBeck Nurmatov) to the Environmental Quality Committee **Ayes:** Austin, Bialy, Goudey, O'Connor, Stayton, Tarbet **Noes:** None

7. 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
 - Sat 6/27 – Northern Gateways (Meet at Northeast corner of Knott & Key) (*Debrief*)
 - Sun 8/2 Baxter Creek (w/ Baxter Volunteers)
 - Sat 9/19 Coastal Cleanup Day – Creekside Park
 - 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)
- July 4th WorldOne Festival (*Debrief*)

Public comment was received from El Cerrito residents Robin Mitchell and Bek Nur, and Richmond resident Cordell Hindler.

8. ADVISORY BODY MEMBER FEEDBACK SURVEY

Committee members heard updates, participated in discussion and considered possible action items regarding providing feedback in the Advisory Body Member Feedback Survey.

Public comment was received from Richmond resident Cordell Hindler.

9. FY 26-27 WORK PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Due to time constraints, Chair Bialy tabled this item to the August meeting.

10. ELECTRIFY MY BLOCK PROGRAM DISCUSSION ON HOW TO SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM IN EL CERRITO

Committee members heard updates regarding support for [Electrify My Block](#).

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 2026, including:

- MCE Updates
- BAAQMD (BAAD) Updates (*Howdy to follow-up*)
- Collaboration with UFC & Friends of the Hillside for volunteer work parties
- Foodware Ordinance Support

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Fred Bialy, Chair

This is to clarify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Environmental Quality Committee meeting of July 14, 2026 as approved by the Environmental Quality Committee.

Christina Leard, Staff Liaison