



**ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION
DRAFT MINUTES
June 24, 2026**

OPENING ITEMS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Sarah Ranney, *District 1*, Councilmember Kesarwani
Alison LaBonte (Chair), *District 2*, Councilmember Taplin
Vacant, *District 3*, Councilmember Bartlett
Daniel Tahara, *District 4*, Councilmember Tregub
Yasmin Mahmoudian (Vice Chair), *District 5*, Councilmember O'Keefe
vacant, *District 6*, Councilmember Blackaby
Misha Kesselman, *District 7*, Councilmember Lunaparra
Kera Binns, *District 8*, Councilmember Humbert
Gwendy Brown, *Mayor*, Mayor Ishii
Mabel Athanasiou, *Youth Commissioner*
Shanza Syed, *Youth Commissioner*

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM

Commissioners Present: Ranney, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Brown

Commissioner Leave of Absence: LaBonte, Binns, Syed, Athanasiou

Commissioner Absent: N/A

Staff: Sarah Moore, Katie Van Dyke

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Public comment (Non-Agenda Items):

8 member(s) of the Public
0 comment(s)

4. Approval of Minutes: Approval of Minutes from last meeting (April 22, 2026)

Motion/second to approve the April 22, 2026 Minutes (Tahara, Kesselman). The motion carried: 4-0-1-4; **Ayes:** Ranney, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** Brown. **Absent:** LaBonte, Binns, Syed, Athanasiou.

5. Update from Vice Chair (Yasmin Mahmoudian)

6. Update from Staff (Sarah Moore)

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

- 7. Discussion:** Presentation from Rebuilding Together East Bay Network on the Just Transition Pilot Program (JW Frye, Kati Khov) [Public Comments: 1]

- 8. Discussion & Action:** Discuss the status of the All-Electric Standards ([Item 36](#) on the June 16 City Council agenda) and the November General Bond Measure ([Item 38](#) on the June 16 City Council agenda) [Public Comments: 0]
- 9. Discussion & Action:** Discuss potential referral to Council in support of [SB 1221 Zonal Decarbonization Pilot](#) in Berkeley (Building Decarbonization Ad Hoc Committee) [Public Comments: 0]

Motion/second to continue this item to the July meeting (Ranney, Mahmoudian). The motion carried: 5-0-0-4; **Ayes:** Ranney, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Brown. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** LaBonte, Binns, Syed, Athanasiou.

COMMITTEE UPDATES & REPORTS

10. Workplan Ad Hoc Committee Updates [Public Comments: 0]

- a. Building Decarbonization (Ranney, Tahara, Binns)
- b. Community Outreach (Ranney, Binns, Athanasiou)
- c. Climate Emergency Preparedness (Ranney, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Brown, Syed)
- d. Data (LaBonte, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Syed)

11. Commission Liaison Reports [Public Comments: 0]

- a. Planning Commission (Alison LaBonte)
- b. Transportation and Infrastructure Commission (Yasmin Mahmoudian)
- c. Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission (Gwendy Brown)
- d. Zero Waste Commission (Mabel Athanasiou)
- e. Disaster and Fire Safety Commission (vacant)
- f. Housing Advisory Commission (Kera Binns)
- g. Council Policy Subcommittees (vacant)
- h. Measure FF (Misha Kesselman)

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

12. Potential Items for Future Agenda [Public Comments: 0]

- a. Transportation equity
- b. Resilience efforts
- c. [General Plan](#): Disaster Preparedness & Safety Element, Environmental Justice Element, and climate metrics update
- d. Reach Codes
- e. Sacramento legislative tracker
- f. Transfer Station
- g. Vision 2050+
- h. Cesar Chavez Landfill
- i. Efforts to develop and support relationships with Indigenous community
- j. Bicycle Infrastructure: Hopkins Bike Lane and Bicycle Boulevards
- k. Sun Day 2026 planning

- l. Zonal/Neighborhood Decarbonization Pilots (SB 1221)
- m. BESO Time of Sale update

COMMUNICATIONS

13. Public Communications

14. Commissioner Announcements

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second to adjourn at 8:04 PM (Kesselman, Tahara). The motion carried: 5-0-0-4;
Ayes: Ranney, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Brown, **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None.
Absent: LaBonte, Binns, Syed, Athanasiou.

Minutes Approved:

Sarah Moore, Berkeley Environment & Climate Commission Secretary