ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION
DRAFT MINUTES
October 28, 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 6:03 PM
Commissioners Present: Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Brown, Athanasiou
Commissioner Absent: Ranney, Syed
Commissioner Leave of Absence: LaBonte
Staff: Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken, Ammon Reagan

2. **Land Acknowledgement**

3. **Public comment (Non-Agenda Items):**

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

4. **Approval of Minutes**: Approval of Minutes from last meeting (September 23, 2026)

Motion/second to approve the September 23, 2026 Minutes (Binns, Kesselman). The motion carried: 6-0-0-3; **Ayes**: Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Brown, Athanasiou. **Noes**: None. **Abstain**: None. **Absent:** LaBonte, Ranney, Syed

5. **Update from Vice Chair** (Yasmin Mahmoudian)

6. **Update from Staff** (Sarah Moore)

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DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

7. **Discussion:** Building Emissions Savings Ordinance (BESO) Time of Sale implementation update (Ammon Reagan) [Public Comments: 0]

8. **Discussion & Action**: Consider the Draft Environment & Climate Commission 2027 Meeting Calendar for approval

   Motion/second to approve the 2027 Meeting Calendar (Tahara, Kesselman). The motion carried: 6-0-0-3; **Ayes**: Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Brown, Athanasiou. **Noes**: None. **Abstain**: None. **Absent:** LaBonte, Ranney, Syed.

COMMITTEE UPDATES & REPORTS

9. **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)

10. **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 (Yasmin Mahmoudian)
    h. Measure FF (Misha Kesselman)

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

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

    a. Office of Energy & Sustainable Development (OESD) and ECC Workplan (Winter)
    b. Annual Climate Action & Resilience update
    c. Reach Codes
    d. Resilience efforts
    e. Microgrids (Winter)
    f. Transportation equity
    g. Sacramento legislative tracker
    h. Transfer Station
    i. Former City landfill at the Berkeley Marina
    j. Efforts to develop and support relationships with Indigenous community

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COMMUNICATIONS

12. Public Communications

13. Commissioner Announcements

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second to adjourn at 7:24 PM (Mahmoudian, Binns). The motion carried: 6-0-0-3; **Ayes**: Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Brown, Athanasiou. **Noes**: None. **Abstain**: None. **Absent:** LaBonte, Ranney, Syed.

Minutes Approved:

Sarah Moore, Berkeley Environment & Climate Commission Secretary

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