



Environment & Climate Commission

**ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION DRAFT MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, June 26, 2024**

vacant	Mayor	Mayor
<b>Ranney, Sarah</b>	Kesarwani	District 1
<b>LaBonte, Alison</b>	Taplin	District 2
<b>McGuire, Brianna</b>	Bartlett	District 3
<b>Tahara, Daniel</b>	Tregub	District 4
<b>Allen, Shannon</b>	Hahn	District 5
<b>Guliasi, Les</b>	Wengraf	District 6
<b>Kesselman, Misha</b>	Lunaparra	District 7
vacant	Humbert	District 8
<b>Athanasίου, Mabel</b>	Youth Commissioner	
<b>Syed, Shanza</b>	Youth Commissioner	

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm

**Commissioners Present:** McGuire, Tahara, Allen, Guliasi, Kesselman

**Commissioner Leave of Absence:** LaBonte, Athanasίου, Syed

**Commissioner Absent:** Ranney

**Staff:** Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken, Ashley James

**2. Public Comments (Non-Agenda Items):**

5 member(s) of the Public

1 comment(s)

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

Motion/second to approve the May 22, 2024 Minutes (Allen, Tahara). The motion carried:

5-0-0-4; **Ayes:** McGuire, Tahara, Allen, Guliasi, Kesselman. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Ranney, LaBonte, Athanasίου, Syed

**4. Agenda Check**

**5. Update from Chair**

**6. Update from Staff**

***DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS***

- 7. Discussion:** [General Plan Update](#): Disaster Preparedness and Safety, Environmental Justice, and Climate Metrics (Ashley James) [Public Comments: 1]

8. **Discussion & Action:** Consider action on joint City Council item with the Zero Waste Commission requesting support for Berkeley High reusable tableware program (Sarah Ranney & Mabel Athanasiou) [Public Comments: 1]

9. **Discussion:** [Draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) (Sarah Moore)  
a. [Executive Summary and Actions](#) [Public Comments: 0]

Motion/second to create a temporary subcommittee including Commissioners McGuire and Kesselman to draft comments for the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (McGuire, Kesselman). The motion carried: 5-0-0-4; **Ayes:** McGuire, Tahara, Allen, Guliasi, Kesselman. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Ranney, LaBonte, Athanasiou, Syed

10. **Discussion:** Cesar Chavez landfill greenhouse gas management (Sarah Moore)  
a. New information: May 24, 2024 Off-Agenda memo providing an [Update on Environmental Testing at former City landfill](#) [Public Comments: 1]

#### 11. Commission Liaisons Reports

- a. Planning Commission (Alison LaBonte)
- b. Transportation and Infrastructure Commission (Shannon Allen)
- c. Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission (vacant)
- d. Zero Waste Commission (Sarah Ranney and Mabel Athanasiou)
- e. Disaster and Fire Safety Commission (Les Guliasi)
- f. Housing Advisory Commission (vacant)
- g. Council Policy Subcommittees (Brianna McGuire)

#### 12. Workplan Subcommittee Updates

- a. Electrification Equity and Access (LaBonte, Tahara, Guliasi, Kesselman)
- b. Water Conservation and Management (Ranney, Allen, Syed)

#### 13. Potential Items for Future Agenda

- a. Electric Mobility Roadmap
- b. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
- c. Cesar Chavez landfill
- d. Transfer Station  
[Public Comments: 0]

### INFORMATION ITEMS

#### 14. Communications

- a. Clifford Fred – Woodsmoke
- b. Susan Schwartz, *Friends of Five Creeks* – Berkeley Stormwater Plan

#### 15. Announcements from Commissioners

***ADJOURNMENT***

Motion/second to adjourn at 7:35 pm (Tahara, Allen)

Minutes Approved:

/S/ Sarah Moore, Berkeley Environment & Climate Commission Secretary