ZERO WASTE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, November 18, 2026
5:30PM

City of Berkeley Corporation Yard (Ratcliff Building, Willow Room) 1326 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA, 94702

Commission Members:

Chair Steven Sherman, Vice-Chair Claire Wilson, Commissioner Dennis Uyat, Commissioner Philip Monrad, Commissioner Sandra Curtis, Commissioner Lucy Longwell, Commissioner Barun Singh

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This meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54953. Any member of the public may attend this meeting, however, if you are feeling sick, please do not attend the meeting in person. Questions regarding this matter may be addressed to Julia Heath at 510-

981-6357 or jheath@berkeleyca.gov.

5:30pm: Roll Call

5:35pm: Approve Meeting Agenda and Order of Agenda Items

5:40pm: Approve Draft Action Minutes

Draft minutes for the Commissions consideration and approval.

1. **Minutes of September 19, 2026**
   From: Commission Secretary
   Recommendation: Approve the draft minutes of the September 19, 2026 meeting.

5:45pm: Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

Speakers are allotted up to two minutes. Speakers may be allotted less time at the discretion of the Chair.

5:55pm: Staff Updates

Discussion and Action Items

The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up. Following review and discussion of the items listed below, the Commission may continue an item to a future Commission meeting. ***No Action can be taken on items that are not noticed on the published agenda.***

2. Ruth Abbe and Associates, R3: Zero Waste Strategic Plan and Rate Study plan update (6:00pm)

3. Notice of extension for the public comment period regarding the Transfer Station Draft Environmental Impact Report (6:15pm)

4. Discuss Zero Waste Commission Workplan Distribution (6:25pm)

5. Discuss community engagement and tabling opportunities in the framework of human-centered design (6:40pm)

6. Janny Castillo – The E-Waste Collective (6:50pm)

7. Approve of Zero Waste Commission meeting schedule for 2027 (7:10pm)

7:15pm: Subcommittee Updates

- Single Use Disposables and Litter Reduction Ordinance
- Special Events
- Lease Language
- Food Recovery

7:25pm: Items for Future Agendas

These items are not scheduled for discussion or action at this meeting. The Commission may schedule these items to the Action Calendar of a future Commission meeting.

- **Requests by Commission members to add items to the next agenda**

7:30pm: Adjournment

Information Items (*All items for discussion only and no final action)*

Information items may be moved to discussion, but no action will be taken.

Communications

Communications from the public are included as links or attachments in the agenda packet.

***Indicates material included in the agenda packet**

**** Indicates material to be available at the meeting**

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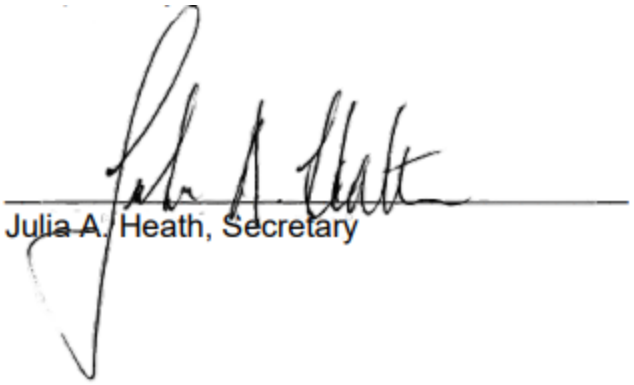
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Certification of public posting

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Julia A. Heath, Secretary

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Zero Waste Commission
Regular Meeting

In-person Meeting
September 16, 2026

MINUTES

The meeting was convened at 5:31 pm with Steve Sherman presiding as Chair.

ROLL CALL

Present: Philip Monrad, Steven Sherman, Claire Wilson, Dennis Uyat, Sandra Curtis, Layla Dargahi,
LOA: Lucy Longwell
Absent: Barun Singh

STAFF PRESENT: Julia A. Heath, Johnny de Lara, Violet Henderson
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: 3
PUBLIC COMMENTS (on non-agenda items): 3

Information Items: Contact for Roseann Stempinski, roseann@stem-design.com

ACTION MINUTES:

- **Approval of the September 16, 2026 Regular Meeting Agenda**
  Action Taken: M/S/C (Sherman/Curtis) to approve the September 16, 2026 meeting agenda.
  Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Longwell, Singh

- **Approval of the July 18, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes**
  Action Taken: M/S/C (Sherman/Wilson) to approve the July 18, 2026 meeting minutes.
  Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Longwell, Singh

- **Public Comment: 2**
  Public comment. No Action Taken.
  - Ecology Center will be doing a Farmer's Market Tour
  - Updated needed for cart service for member of the public

- **Staff Updates**
  Discussion only. No Action Taken.
  - Layla Dargahi is no longer part of the commission
  - Violet Henderson provided information about C&D Work and City facilities work
- **Public Comment: 1**

- **Infrastructure Updates**
  - Status update of transfer station CEQA Process from Leticia's e-mail
  - City Staff should have informed Commission of the CEQA process in advance

Public Comment: 1

- **Presentation from Roseann Stempinski**
  Discussion only. No Action Taken

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Public Comment: 2

Discussion on Commission Workplan Progress Check
Discussion only. No Action Taken.
Public Comment: 1

- **Subcommittee Updates**
  Discussion only. No Action Taken.
  Public Comment: 0

- **Commissioner Announcements**
  Discussion only. No Action Taken.
  Public Comment: 0
  - Dennis Uyat: Planning ZWConference.Org
  - Claire Wilson: Food recovery subcommittee and SUDs subcommittee met with City Staff
  - Sandra Curtis: Bring up ZW Strategic Plan to Councilmembers Shoshana and Brent
  - Steven Sherman: Community composting with tribes

- **Discuss Future Agenda Items**
  Discussion only. No Action Taken.
  Public Comment: 0
  - **Discuss Councilmembers meeting on October 27th**
  - **Discuss ZW Workplan Distribution**
  - **Discuss more about community engagement in the framework of human-centered design**

- **Adjournment at 7:37 p.m.**
  M/S/C (Sherman /Monrad) to adjourn the meeting.
  Ayes: Unanimous; Abstain: None; Absent: Longwell, Singh

The next regular meeting of the Zero Waste Commission will be held on Wednesday, October 21 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in person at City of Berkeley Corporation Yard (Ratcliff Building, Willow Room) 1326 Allston Way, Berkeley.

Respectfully Submitted

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Julia A. Heath, Secretary

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Planning and Development Department
Land Use Planning Division

30-DAY EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING TRANSFER STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT (1201 SECOND STREET)

The City of Berkeley has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 1201 Second Street Solid Waste and Recycling Transfer Station Replacement Project ("the project") and is requesting comments on the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR addresses the potential physical environmental effects of the project for each of the environmental topics outlined in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Copies of the Draft EIR are on file at the City's offices and are located online at:

- https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov/2023080733/2; or
- https://aca.cityofberkeley.info/CitizenAccess/Default.aspx. Click on Zoning tab; enter permit number #ZP2021-0215; click on the "Record Info" drop down menu; click on Attachments for a list of all application materials. Search for Draft EIR documents dated August 3, 2026.

This notice is being sent to the California State Clearinghouse, Alameda County Clerk, adjacent cities, and other interested parties and individuals who have indicated they would like to review the Draft EIR.

PROJECT TITLE: Solid Waste and Recycling Transfer Station Replacement Project (1201 Second Street)

PROJECT APPLICANT: City of Berkeley Public Works Department, Zero Waste Division, 1201 Second Street, Berkeley, CA 94710

PROJECT LOCATION: The 7.48-acre project site is located at 669 Gilman Street and at 1101, 1199–1231, 1201, and 1203 Second Street and consists of six separate parcels (Assessor Parcel Numbers 60-2382-3-3, 60-2382-1-2, 60-2382-3-1, 60-2362-1-9 and 60-2362-1-11, 60-2362-1-8, and 60-2362-1-10) in the West Berkeley Plan area. The primarily paved site contains a solid waste transfer station, materials recovery facility (MRF), maintenance and administrative buildings, recycling and buyback operations, fueling and truck-washing facilities, and ancillary structures; Codornices Creek, railroad tracks, Gilman Street, and Second Street border the site.

PROPOSED PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND: The project would demolish the existing facilities and construct a 45,500-square-foot transfer station,

35,000-square-foot Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), 14,000-square-foot vehicle maintenance building, 17,700-square-foot administrative building, truck wash, public recycling center, fueling and parking facilities, and related improvements. Roadway, pedestrian, and landscaping improvements would occur along Second and Gilman streets. The project would improve circulation, preserve 14 riparian-corridor trees, remove 46 other trees, and provide 36,900 square feet of transitional creek, ornamental, and retained creek landscaping. Stormwater improvements would include bioswales, pervious pavement, rainwater capture and reuse, an underground detention basin, and treatment vaults. Construction would occur in eight phases over approximately five years; transfer-station services would generally remain operational, while recyclables would temporarily be diverted to other permitted facilities during MRF construction. The project site and several surrounding properties near the project site are included on the Cortese List.

More information about the proposed project can be found on the City's website: https://aca.cityofberkeley.info/CitizenAccess/Default.aspx. Click on Zoning tab; enter permit number #ZP2021-0215; click on the "Record Info" drop down menu; click on Attachments for a list of all application materials.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Draft EIR found that the proposed project would have no environmental impacts related to agriculture and forestry resources, mineral resources, population and housing, recreation, and wildfire. The Draft EIR found that the proposed project could have potentially significant effects related to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazardous and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, transportation, tribal cultural resources, and utilities and service systems. Impacts would be reduced to less than significant with implementation of mitigation measures. The Draft EIR found that the proposed project would have no significant unavoidable direct, indirect or cumulative environmental impacts.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The Draft EIR was available for public comment for a 45-day review period as specified by CEQA Guidelines Section 15105, from August 3, 2026 to September 17, 2026. The City of Berkeley Zoning Adjustments Board took public comments on the Draft EIR at meeting on September 10, 2026.

With this Notice, the DEIR public comment period will be extended for an additional 30 days.

The purpose of this extended comment period is to allow the public and reviewing agencies an opportunity to consider the content of the Draft EIR and the potential environmental impacts that may result from project implementation. Comments submitted during the original review period from August 3, 2026 to September 17, 2026, and at the September 10, 2026 Zoning Adjustments Board meeting, remain part of the record and do not need to be resubmitted. Comments pertaining to the impact analysis, criteria and thresholds, mitigation measures, and alternatives presented in the Draft EIR will be considered by the City during preparation of the Final EIR. The Final EIR will include copies of comments received during the original and extended comment periods and the City's responses to comments pertaining to the environmental analysis provided in the Draft EIR.

The extended public comment period for the Draft EIR will begin on November 10, 2026 and end on December 10, 2026 (a 30-day public review period). Comments may be submitted by mail or email by **5:00 p.m. on December 10, 2026**. Please include the name of the contact person and contact information for your agency, and direct your comments to:

Mail: Sharon Gong, Principal Planner, Land Use Planning Division,1947 Center Street, 2nd Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704

Email: SGong@berkeleyca.gov



Sharon Gong, Principal Planner

FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 WORK PLAN

The following goals and activities for the ZWC have been identified for fiscal year (FY) 2026-27 and are provided in Table 1, below:

Table 1: ZWC Goals for FY 2026-27

Goal	Resources	Program Activities	Outputs	Outcomes
Advocate for City Council to adopt the Zero Waste Strategic Plan	Consulting team, City staff, other commissions	Work to build momentum towards adoption of the zero waste plan and rates to support zero waste activities. Distribute information to increase public input and build consensus with other commissions	Articulation of the benefits of and risks of non-adoption to Councilmembers and other identified stakeholders	Support for the adoption of a comprehensive, detailed strategic plan and funding to achieve City's zero waste goals
Support community engagement regarding zero waste in Berkeley	City Staff, Ecology Center, UC Berkeley/Cal Zero Waste, BUSD, the public	Presentations at ZWC by practitioners. Join other Commission meetings and zero waste events in the community	Foster public support for zero waste activities and programs. Have attendance by a least one commissioner at 10 events during the year	Foster zero waste goals and awareness in the community
Strengthening existing and adopting new zero waste ordinances outlined in the draft Zero Waste Strategic Plan	City Staff, consulting team, Ecology Center, UC Berkeley/Cal Zero Waste, BUSD	Through subcommittees and then the commission as a whole, evaluate and recommend ways to strengthen existing City ordinances and to support adoption new ones that further efforts to achieve zero waste goals	Staff reports, draft ordinance language, and recommendations to Council as needed	Support for strengthened and new zero waste ordinances

Goal	Resources	Program Activities	Outputs	Outcomes
Review and assessment of accepted materials: inclusion or exclusion in City collection services	City staff, Urban Ore, CCC, Ecology Center, CAW, NCRA, CPSC, StopWaste, others	Presentations at ZWC by specialists. Review list of accepted materials, and recommend changes, particularly with the onset of SB 54	Recommendations to Council as needed	To help Council have an accurate understanding of City's collection services and the extent to which they align with the City's goals
Monitor outside resources and funding opportunities	City Staff, StopWaste, CalRecycle, California Product Stewardship Council	Presentations by outside organizations to help ZWC track and understand proposed legislation, for the purpose of advising Council	Recommendations to Council as needed	To help establish effective, fiscally prudent laws that support City's zero waste goals
Preliminarily assess organization and oversight considerations regarding the City's Zero Waste Program	City staff, consulting team, other commissions, other communities	Preliminarily evaluate effectiveness, efficiency, and equity opportunities regarding: (a) more inclusive public oversight of rate-setting processes; (b) zero waste program administrative structure, based on other leading zero waste programs	Preliminary assessment of organization and oversight considerations regarding the City's Zero Waste Program	Hold preliminary discussions with City Councilmembers about preliminary findings and potential opportunities

BACKGROUND

The following topics have shaped Zero Waste in the City and are monitored closely by the ZWC, including the goals for the upcoming fiscal year.

Zero Waste Strategic Plan: A draft plan has been completed by the City's consultants. Whereas new programmatic and policy elements of the draft plan are relatively modest in scope and cost, infrastructure upgrades to the Transfer Station, as currently conceived by staff and its consultant, are very substantial in scope and estimated cost.

SB 1383 - Food Recovery and Organics Diversion: This State of California law requires local governments to reduce the landfilling of compostable materials, to reduce climate change effects associated with methane emissions resulting from the landfilling of such items. Implementation of State Law SB 1383 requires the City and subsequently the Zero Waste Division to provide education and outreach to residents and businesses, monitor contamination, manage an edible food recovery program, and many more activities.

Zero Waste Ordinances: The City has adopted various zero waste ordinances over time. Now that their effects are being observed in practice, some of them may merit modifications to improve their effectiveness. Many Zero Waste ordinances and programs have been evaluated for effectiveness in the City of Berkeley in the draft Zero Waste Plan.

Accepted Materials in City Collection Programs: Periodically, the list of accepted materials in City collection programs deserves review. This is especially prudent with the adoption of SB 54, which becomes fully effective by January 1, 2027. Review of accepted materials lists for the City's recycling and composting programs will be required. Additionally, consideration of harder-to-recycle materials potentially could be added to City collection services, such as batteries.

Zero Waste Program Oversight: Two primary topics for consideration involve the Commission's role in helping to ensure, prior to a vote by Council, that the content of draft competitive solicitations for zero waste services (e.g., compostables, recyclables, refuse, reusables, household hazardous waste, etc.), and of draft zero waste rate adjustments, are consistent with the City's zero waste-related goals, services, and policies.

2027 Commission Meeting Schedule

Please complete this form and email it to the
commission@berkeleyca.gov by: **Wednesday, January 6, 2027**

Name of Commission: Zero Waste Commission

Commission Secretary: Julia Heath

Example

Month	Meeting Day	Meeting Date	Time
February 2027	Wednesday	2/10/2027	7:00 pm

Month	Meeting Day	Meeting Date	Time
January 2027	Wednesday	January 20, 2027	5:30pm-7:30pm
February 2027	Wednesday	February 17, 2027	5:30pm-7:30pm
March 2027	Wednesday	March 17, 2027	5:30pm-7:30pm
April 2027	Wednesday	April 21, 2027	5:30pm-7:30pm
May 2027	Wednesday	May 19, 2027	5:30pm-7:30pm
June 2027	Wednesday	June 16, 2027	5:30pm-7:30pm
July 2027	Wednesday	July 21, 2027	5:30pm-7:30pm
September 2027	Wednesday	September 15, 2027	5:30pm-7:30pm
October 2027	Wednesday	October 20, 2027	5:30pm-7:30pm
November 2027	Wednesday	November 17, 2027	5:30pm-7:30pm