



Energy Commission

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION MINUTES July 23, 2025

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Sarah Ranney, *District 1*, Councilmember Kesarwani

Alison LaBonte (Vice Chair), *District 2*, Councilmember Taplin

Brianna McGuire (Chair), *District 3*, Councilmember Bartlett

Daniel Tahara, *District 4*, Councilmember Tregub

Yasmin Mahmoudian, *District 5*, Councilmember O'Keefe

Les Guliasi, *District 6*, Councilmember Blackaby

Misha Kesselman, *District 7*, Councilmember Lunaparra

Kera Binns, *District 8*, Councilmember Humbert

Vacant, *Mayor*, Mayor Ishii

Mabel Athansiou, *Youth Commissioner*

Shanza Syed, *Youth Commissioner*

The meeting was called to order at 6:02

Commissioners Present: LaBonte, McGuire, Tahara, Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns, Athansiou, Syed

Commissioner Leave of Absence: Ranney, Mahmoudian,

Commissioner Absent:

Staff: Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Public comment (Non-Agenda Items):

5 member(s) of the Public

0 comments

4. Approval of Minutes: Approval of Minutes from last meeting (July 23, 2025)

Motion/second to approve the July 23, 2025 Minutes (Binns, Tahara). The motion carried: 6-0-2-2; **Ayes:** LaBonte, McGuire, Tahara, Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** Athansiou, Syed. **Absent:** Ranney, Mahmoudian

5. **Agenda Check:**
6. **Update from Chair** (Brianna McGuire)
7. **Update from Staff** (Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken)

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

8. **Discussion & Action:** Hear a presentation and provide input on the [Zero Waste Strategic Plan](#) (Ruth Abbe) [Public Comments: 1]
9. **Discussion & Action:** Hear an update on Sun Day (9/21) event planning (Kera Binns) [Public Comments: 0]

Motion/second to endorse and sign on as partners for Sun Day (LaBonte, Kesselman). The motion carried: 8-0-0-2; **Ayes:** LaBonte, McGuire, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns, Athanasiou, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Ranney, Mahmoudian*

**Per the Commissioner Manual (p. 38), the Commission's role is advisory to the City Council, and the Commission may not act as a sponsor of, or participate in, community events without the authorization of the Council. As a result, this action is not currently valid.*

Commissioner Guliasi exited the meeting at 7:25pm

10. **Workplan Ad Hoc Committee Updates** [Public Comments: 0]
 - a. Building Decarbonization (Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Binns)
 - b. Justice (LaBonte, McGuire, Syed)
 - c. Community Outreach (Ranney, Binns, Athanasiou)
 - d. Climate Emergency Preparedness (Ranney, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Syed)

11. **Commission Liaison Reports** [Public Comments: 0]
 - a. Planning Commission (Alison LaBonte)
 - b. Transportation and Infrastructure Commission (vacant)
 - c. Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission (Yasmin Mahmoudian)
 - d. Zero Waste Commission (Mabel Athanasiou)
 - e. Disaster and Fire Safety Commission (Les Guliasi)
 - f. Housing Advisory Commission (Kera Binns)
 - g. Council Policy Subcommittees (Brianna McGuire)
 - h. Measure FF (Misha Kesselman)

12. **Potential Items for Future Agenda** [Public Comments: 0]
 - a. Just Transition update (Sept-Oct)
 - b. [General Plan](#): Disaster Preparedness & Safety Element, Environmental Justice Element, and climate metrics update (Sept-Oct)

- c. Councilmember referral ranking and the nexus with climate/environment (Sept-Oct)
- d. Reach Codes update (Sept-Oct)
- e. Vision 2050+
- f. Cesar Chavez Landfill
- g. Transfer Station
- h. City efforts to develop and support relationships with Indigenous community
- i. Bicycle Boulevards

INFORMATION ITEMS

13. Communications

14. Announcements from Commissioners

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second to adjourn at 7:41 pm (Binns, Kesselman). The motion carried: 7-0-0-3;

Ayes: LaBonte, McGuire, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns, Athanasiou, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Ranney, Mahmoudian, Guliasi.

Minutes Approved:

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