



Energy Commission

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION MINUTES

October 29, 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
Valeria Chupina (Alternate), *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
Gwendy Brown, *Mayor*, Mayor Ishii
Mabel Athansiou, *Youth Commissioner*
Shanza Syed, *Youth Commissioner*

The meeting was called to order at 6:02

Commissioners Present: Ranney, LaBonte, McGuire, Chupina (for Tahara), Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Brown, Athanasiou, Syed

Commissioner Leave of Absence: Tahara, Guliasi

Commissioner Absent:

Staff: Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken, Jordan Klein

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Public comment (Non-Agenda Items):

4 member(s) of the Public
0 comments

4. Approval of Minutes: Approval of Minutes from last meeting (September 17, 2025)

Motion/second to approve the September 17, 2025 Minutes (Binns, Kesselman). The motion carried: 8-0-2-1; **Ayes:** Ranney, LaBonte, McGuire, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Athanasiou, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** Chupina, Brown. **Absent:** Guliasi

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

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

8. **Discussion & Action:** Planning & Development Department Overview (Jordan Klein)
[Public Comments: 0]
9. **Discussion & Action:** Presentation on an item for Council about Green Building Code Updates from the Building Decarbonization Ad Hoc Committee [Public Comments: 0]

Motion/second to authorize the Building Decarbonization Ad Hoc Committee to send a letter on behalf of the Environmental and Climate Commission in support of Councilmembers Tregub and Lunaparra's Resolution (11/10/2025, Item 8) regarding the Bay Area Air District's Zero Emission Building Appliance Rules (Binns, Mahmoudian). The motion carried: 10-0-0-1; **Ayes:** Ranney, LaBonte, McGuire, Chupina, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Brown, Athanasiou, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Guliasi

10. **Action:** Approve Environment & Climate Commission 2026 meeting schedule [Public Comments: 0]

Motion/second to approve the 2026 meeting schedule (McGuire, Kesselman). The motion carried: 10-0-0-1; **Ayes:** Ranney, LaBonte, McGuire, Chupina, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Brown, Athanasiou, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Guliasi

11. **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)
- e. Data (LaBonte, McGuire, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Syed)

12. **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)

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

- a. [General Plan](#): Disaster Preparedness & Safety Element, Environmental Justice Element, and climate metrics update (Winter 2026)
- b. Reach Codes update (Winter 2026)
- c. Vision 2050+
- d. Cesar Chavez Landfill
- e. City efforts to develop and support relationships with Indigenous community

INFORMATION ITEMS

14. Communications

15. Announcements from Commissioners

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second to adjourn at 7:58 pm (LaBonte, Ranney). The motion carried: 10-0-0-1;

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

Minutes Approved:



Sarah Moore, Berkeley Environment & Climate Commission Secretary