



## ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION MINUTES December 3, 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

**Gwendy Brown**, *Mayor*, Mayor Ishii

**Mabel Athanasiou**, *Youth Commissioner*

**Shanza Syed**, *Youth Commissioner*

The meeting was called to order at 6:02

**Commissioners Present:** LaBonte, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns, Brown, Athanasiou, Syed

**Commissioner Leave of Absence:** Ranney, McGuire

**Commissioner Absent:**

**Staff:** Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken, Kurt Hurley, David Lopez, Jeff Jensen

### 2. Land Acknowledgement

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

1 member(s) of the Public

0 comments

*Commissioner Athanasiou joined the meeting at 6:05pm*

### 4. Approval of Minutes: Approval of Minutes from last meeting (October 29, 2025)

Motion/second to approve the October 29, 2025 Minutes (Mahmoudian, Binns). The motion carried: 7-0-1-3; **Ayes:** LaBonte, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Brown, Athanasiou, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** Guliasi. **Absent:** Ranney, McGuire, Tahara

*Commissioner Tahara joined the meeting at 6:06pm*

**5. Agenda Check:**

**6. Update from Vice Chair** (Alison LaBonte)

**7. Update from Staff** (Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken)

**DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

**8. Discussion & Action:** Reach Codes Presentation (Kurt Hurley) [Public Comments: 1]

**9. Discussion:** 2026 Environment & Climate Workplan [Public Comments: 0]

*Commissioner Guliasi exited the meeting at 7:53pm*

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

**11. Commission Liaison Reports** [Public Comments: 0]

- a. Planning Commission (Alison LaBonte)
- b. Transportation and Infrastructure Commission (Yasmin Mahmoudian)
- c. Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission (vacant)
- 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. Officer elections (Winter 2026)
- b. 2026 Workplan (Winter 2026)
- c. General Plan: Disaster Preparedness & Safety Element, Environmental Justice Element, and climate metrics update (Winter/Spring 2026)
- d. Vision 2050+
- e. Cesar Chavez Landfill
- f. City efforts to develop and support relationships with Indigenous community
- g. Sun Day 2026 planning

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**13. Communications**

**14. Announcements from Commissioners**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion/second to adjourn at 8:03 pm (Tahara, Kesselman). The motion carried: 9-0-0-2;

**Ayes:** LaBonte, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Brown, Athanasiou, Syed.

**Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Ranney, McGuire, Guliasi.

**Minutes Approved:**



Sarah Moore, Berkeley Environment & Climate Commission Secretary