



ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION DRAFT MINUTES July 22, 2026

OPENING ITEMS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Sarah Ranney, *District 1*, Councilmember Kesarwani
Alison LaBonte (Chair), *District 2*, Councilmember Taplin
Vacant, *District 3*, Councilmember Bartlett
Daniel Tahara, *District 4*, Councilmember Tregub
Yasmin Mahmoudian (Vice Chair), *District 5*, Councilmember O'Keefe
vacant, *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 6:01 PM

Commissioners Present: Ranney, LaBonte, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Brown, Athanasiou

Commissioner Leave of Absence: Syed

Commissioner Absent: N/A

Staff: Sarah Moore, Marna Schwartz, Kurt Hurley, Jeff Jensen, David Lopez

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Public comment (Non-Agenda Items):

1 member(s) of the Public
1 comment(s)

4. Approval of Minutes: Approval of Minutes from last meeting (July 22, 2026)

Motion/second to approve the July 22, 2026 Minutes (Ranney, Kesselman). The motion carried: 6-0-2-1; **Ayes:** Ranney, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Brown, LaBonte.

Noes: None. **Abstain** Binns, Athanasiou. **Absent:** Syed

5. Update from Chair (Alison LaBonte)

6. Update from Staff (Sarah Moore)

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

7. **Discussion:** Receive an update on the 2025 CA Reach Code Cost Effectiveness Studies (Building & Safety Division: Kurt Hurley, Jeff Jensen, David Lopez) [Public Comments: 0]
8. **Discussion & Action:** Draft Referral and Resolution to Council in support of [SB 1221 Zonal Decarbonization Pilot](#) in Berkeley (Building Decarbonization Ad Hoc Committee) [Public Comments: 0]
 - a. [Draft Referral and Resolution](#)

Motion/second to approve the SB 1221 Zonal Decarbonization Pilot Recommendation and Resolution for Council with revisions in the July 22, 2026, meeting packet (Tahara, Kesselman). The motion carried: 8-0-0-1; **Ayes:** Ranney, LaBonte, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Brown, Athanasiou. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Syed.

COMMITTEE UPDATES & REPORTS

9. **Workplan Ad Hoc Committee Updates** [Public Comments: 0]
 - a. Building Decarbonization (Ranney, Tahara, Binns)
 - b. Community Outreach (Ranney, Binns, Athanasiou)
 - c. Climate Emergency Preparedness (Ranney, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Brown, Syed)
 - d. Data (LaBonte, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Syed)
10. **Commission Liaison Reports** [Public Comments: 0]
 - a. Planning Commission (Alison LaBonte)
 - b. Transportation and Infrastructure Commission (Yasmin Mahmoudian)
 - c. Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission (Gwendy Brown)
 - d. Zero Waste Commission (Mabel Athanasiou)
 - e. Disaster and Fire Safety Commission (vacant)
 - f. Housing Advisory Commission (Kera Binns)
 - g. Council Policy Subcommittees (Yasmin Mahmoudian)
 - h. Measure FF (Misha Kesselman)

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

11. **Potential Items for Future Agenda** [Public Comments: 0]
 - a. [General Plan](#): Disaster Preparedness & Safety Element, Environmental Justice Element, and climate metrics update (Fall 2026)
 - b. BESO Time of Sale
 - c. Reach Codes
 - d. Transportation equity
 - e. Resilience efforts
 - f. Sacramento legislative tracker
 - g. Transfer Station
 - h. Former City landfill at the Berkeley Marina

- i. Efforts to develop and support relationships with Indigenous community
- j. Bicycle Infrastructure: Hopkins Bike Lane and Bicycle Boulevards
- k. Campus microgrid opportunity at BART/ university

COMMUNICATIONS

12. Public Communications

13. Commissioner Announcements

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second to adjourn at 7:32 PM (Brown, Kesselman). The motion carried: 8-0-0-1;

Ayes: Ranney, LaBonte, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Brown, Athanasiou.

Noes: None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Syed.

Minutes Approved:

Sarah Moore, Berkeley Environment & Climate Commission Secretary