



# CLIMATE & RESILIENCY COMMISSION MEETING

## REGULAR MEETING

# MINUTES

Wednesday, June 11, 5:30 PM  
City Hall Council Chambers  
635 S. Highway 101, Solana Beach, California

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**Minutes contain a summary of the discussion and actions taken by the Climate Action Commission during a meeting. Climate Action meetings are audio recorded. The audio recordings capture the complete proceedings of the meeting and are available for review.**

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Sharman called the meeting to order 5:32 PM.

**Present:** Chairperson Lane Sharman, Vice Chairperson Michelle Buchanan, Commissioners Mika Nagamine, Cindi Gilliland, Heidi Dewar, Jenny Byars, Ken Flagg

Junior Commissioners Lila Gilbert, Cole Leshner, Oona Norwell, Madeleine Boles, Hayden Crocker

**Absent:** Commissioner Rock and Councilmember Zito; Junior Commissioners Beckett Caine and Georgia Wallerius

**Also Present:** Nicole Grucky, Sustainability Program Manager; Diana Jamaledine, Sustainability Management Intern

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**Motion:** Moved by Dewar. Seconded by Buchannan. Approved 7/0/2 (Absent: Rock, Zito) **Motion Carried.**

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 16, 2025

**Motion:** Moved by Gilliland. Seconded by Dewar. Approved 7/0/2 (Absent: Rock, Zito) **Motion Carried.**

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

### 5. TREE GIVEAWAY PROGRAM PRESENTATION – City Staff (Diana Jamaledine)

Ms. Jamaledine gave a presentation on a potential tree giveaway program, asking for feedback on program details from the Commission including rebate amount and types of trees.

Commissioner Gililand asked about survival difference between young and large trees.

Commissioner Flagg inquired about policy to preserve trees on private property. Ms. Grucky responds that the City does not have any policy that would preserve trees on private property, unless it was written into the Conditions of Approvals of a permit.

Commissioner Nagamine proposed the inclusion of first-year tree caretaking instructions for participants. Commissioner Dewar proposed collaboration with the SeaWeeders to create email list for everyone who participates in program with guidance and ongoing dialogue on how to care for trees.

Commissioner Dewar would like City protections to reduce removals of larger and healthy trees, to prohibit tree height limits, and to promote the removal of sick trees.

Commissioner Buchanan advised for pruning guidance in Stewardship contract.

Commissioner Gililand supported a partial payment as an incentive to pay for larger trees.

Commissioner Byars inquired about the program budget relative to cost-benefit of emission reductions.

Commissioners Nagamine and Buchanan emphasized the importance of, and emission reductions associated with co-benefits, education, and acting promptly.

**6. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PRESENTATION– City Staff (Nicole Grucky)**

Ms. Grucky gave a presentation on the status of the City's implementation of the Climate Action Plan and its relation to the proposed FY25/26 Budget and WorkPlan.

Commissioner Buchanan asked about curbside public EV charger progress and how to expand or further push implementation and development.

Commissioner Dewar commented on Urban Forestry Plan and asked about Food Recovery Program in place and SB1383 implementation.

Commissioner Nagamine commented on how a city in Japan has vending machine with leftovers from bakeries, and would like to explore that idea in Solana Beach to help with food recovery.

**7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT OUT**

- a) Pollinator Friendly City – Commissioner Dewar reported progress on removing old plants to prepare for Native Plant Garden on City Hall. Planting expected to begin in the Fall.
- b) Localized Energy – Commissioner Flagg presented research on difference in EV charging tariffs from SDGE vs CEA. Concluded that people with solar panels and EV could save money with SDGE.

Chairperson Sharman recommended the entire Commission and Junior Commissioners to participate in next year's Fiesta del Sol. Announced the upcoming Solar Saturday workshop

on July 19<sup>th</sup> in response to loss of federal tax credits.

- c) Community Outreach – Commissioner Gilliland shared progress on communication content ideation template.
- d) Building Performance Standards – No report
- e) Microtransit – Commissioner Nagamine reported update on focus groups underway. Ms. Jamaledine presented Fiesta Del Sol Micro-transit Survey Results.
- f) Organizational and Prioritization – Commissioner Byars reported progress on cost benefit analysis framework. Commissioner Dewar commented on simplifying qualitative data to a relative ranking.

## 8. JUNIOR COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Introduction of new Junior Commissioners.

Junior Commissioner Crocker presented success at Fiesta Del Sol Go Greenish waste sorting station. Junior Commissioners expressed interest in finding and participating at more City events as a part of outreach efforts.

Junior Commissioner Lessner expressed interest in joining Localized Energy and Microtransit Subcommittees.

Junior Commissioner Norwell expressed interest in joining Pollinator Friendly City and Community Outreach Subcommittees.

## 9. NEW/PROPOSED BUSINESS: New or proposed business provides an opportunity for Commissioners to discuss items not on the agenda but that may be added to the CAC agenda/workload at a future date. Pursuant to the Brown Act, there will be no action taken on these items.

Ms. Grucky proposed discussion for a time-limit vote to continue future meetings.

Commissioners Gilliland and Byars comment on meeting schedule. Byars recommended creating a forward-looking plan with a pre-determined focus topic for each meeting.

Commissioner Sharman proposed further discussion on additional Climate Action Plan items such as deep decarbonization. Ms. Grucky noted including a standing Climate Action Plan item for each meeting.

Commissioner Dewar proposed a presentation on City investment and disinvestment from fossil fuels as agenda item.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting is adjourned at 7:31 pm.



Diana Jamaledine, Sustainability Management Intern

Approved: 9/17/25