



# CLIMATE ACTION COMMISSION MEETING

## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

# MINUTES

Wednesday, July 19, 2023, 5:30 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

635 S. Highway 101, Solana Beach, California

This meeting will be conducted in accordance with Government Code sections 54953(e) and 54954.3 and other applicable law.

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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 McClune called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

Present: Chairperson Michael McClune, Vice Chairperson Mika Nagamine, Councilmember David Zito, Paul Basore, Heidi Dewar, Ken Flagg, John Kellogg, Heather Rock, Lane Sharman

Junior Commissioners: Hayden Crocker, Elise Black

Absent: n/a

Also Present: Dan King, Assistant City Manager; Tiffany Wade, Associate Planner

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairperson McClune motioned to remove the approval of the April minutes from the agenda, as they were previously approved, and adding "new and proposed business" to the agenda (item 10).

**Motion:** Moved by Basore. Seconded by Councilmember Zito. Approved 8/0/1 (Absent: Sharman). **Motion Carried.**

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Meeting of May 17, 2023

**Motion:** Moved by Dewar. Seconded by Flagg. Approved 5/3/1 (Abstain: Zito, Kellogg, Rock; Absent: Sharman). **Motion Carried.**

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

**5. SB 1383 UPDATE – Jim Ambroso, EDCO**

Commissioner Sharman arrived at 5:45 pm.

Commissioner Rock asked what the incentive structure is for the RNG. Mr. Ambroso answered that the law requires that the RNG be used in the City and is tracked by miles traveled. Commissioner Flagg asked how the transition to electric vehicles would affect this. Mr. Ambroso said in that scenario they would be left with two options to meet this threshold: compost or mulch. The state has amended this threshold in the past and will likely address the electrification process in the future.

Councilperson Zito noted that the City holds bulky item recycling days at which a limited amount of free mulch is handed out. Zito suggested holding these events more than once a year and removing the limit on mulch. Mr. Ambroso strongly encouraged this idea.

Chairperson McClune asked if schools participate in the program. Mr. Ambroso said that the schools are required to by state law. Advocates, educators and trash monitors are needed. Schools are trying to identify clubs, kids and teachers that will help in the effort. Mr. King noted that the City has a school liaison committee and they are interested in helping.

Commissioner Basore discusses contamination. There are items that are ok for the digesters but would preferably be in recycling, and then there are items that foul the digesters. How much of the contamination described falls into those two categories? Mr. Ambroso said the digesters are like compost piles. The biggest challenge is plastic. Soiled items (i.e., pizza box, napkins) go in the green bin.

Vice Chairperson Nagamine asked why people do not try to separate their trash and noted that if we know the reason perhaps we can solve the problem. Nagamine also asked if the reporting system was available to the public. Mr. Ambroso said it may be made available to Commission.

Chairperson McClune noted that the next goal is 75% reduction. What can be done to meet that goal? Mr. Ambroso noted that the state of California needs to make a concerted effort to encourage participation.

Commissioner Dewar asked if restaurants in SB have the green bin. Mr. Ambroso confirmed that local restaurants have the green bin but are not using them. He suggested to continue encouraging, educating and reminding local business. Data on restaurant participation is available.

Commissioner Kellogg asked if EDCO has worked with Surfrider Foundation's Ocean Friendly Restaurant program. Mr. Ambroso said they have, although not formally.

Commissioner Sharman asked if EDCO has talked to grant sources related to the Inflation Reduction Act and have they considered using this money for converting waste to hydrogen. Mr. Ambroso said, not on the federal level. The state of California has offered a lot of grants to fund the program activity.

**6. CAP UPDATE – Yichao Gu (EPIC)**

Presentation Title: SB CAP Update – Developing a Best-Case Scenario

Commissioners and Staff discuss possible shuttle services in the City.

## 7. JUNIOR COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Commissioners will vote on the new Junior Commissioner application at the next meeting.

Chairperson McClune asked if there was a mentor for the Junior Commissioners.

## 8. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN & SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

- **Decarbonize Electricity Supply** - Commissioners Basore, McClune, Flagg & Crocker
- **Decarbonize Buildings** - Commissioners Dewar, McClune, Sharman & Councilmember Zito
- **Decarbonize Transportation** - Commissioners Nagamine & Rock
- **Natural Climate Solutions and Other** - Commissioners Dewar, Kellogg
  - Commissioner Dewar provided an update that included the following topics:
    1. Suburban forestry and habitat management
    2. Solana Beach vegetation map
    3. Regulations for habitat maintenance
    4. Waste reduction

## 9. SUBCOMMITTEE ROLES MOVING FORWARD – DISCUSSION

Commissioners discuss subcommittee roles.

Commissioner Kellogg noted that his subcommittee discussed not only what they would like to see added to the CAP, but also items that they would like to see addressed by Council and what items could be tackled by the community.

Commissioner Basore noted that once quantified metric measures are included in the CAP, the subcommittee can review those and report to Council their opinions. This is the remaining task of the current subcommittees.

Subcommittees should send Mr. King latest presentations and/or reports.

10. **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.

Councilmember Zito exited at 7:39 PM.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting is adjourned at 7:40 PM.

  
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Tiffany Wade, Associate Planner

Approved: 9/20/2023