



CLIMATE & RESILIENCY COMMISSION MEETING

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 16, 5:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers
635 S. Highway 101, Solana Beach, California

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

Vice Chairperson Nagamine called the meeting to order 5:32 PM.

Present: Commissioners Mika Nagamine, Cindi Gilliland, Heidi Dewar, Heather Rock, Chairperson Lane Sharman, Jenny Byars, Vice Chairperson Michelle Buchanan

Junior Commissioners Hayden Crocker, Georgia Wallerius

Absent: Ken Flagg, Councilmember David Zito

Also Present: Dan King, Assistant City Manager; Nicole Grucky, Sustainability Program Manager; Tiffany Wade, Associate Planner; Diana Jamaledine, Sustainability Management Intern

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 19, 2025

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

5. YOUTH V. OIL CAMPAIGN PRESENTATION – Youth V. Oil (Emma Weibel, Daryn Tarasewicz, Miles Wakeham and Elena Grilli) (Introduced by Commissioner Nagamine)

Public Speaker: Peter Zahn

Commissioner Dewar asked for an estimation of the dollar amount that would go into the super fund. This amount is determined by the EPA.

Commissioner Byars asked how this has played out in the states where it has been adopted. Youth v. Oil said that the New York and Vermont laws just recently went into effect, so they cannot speak to that yet.

Commissioner Rock asked which companies are included. Youth v. Oil said that California based companies who had CO2 emissions of 1 billion metric tons equivalent, from 1990 to 2024, would be required to pay into the superfund. These companies are involved in extraction, refining and processing of fossil fuels. Commissioner Rock asked what is the mechanism for receiving the money. Youth v. Oil answered that it is a fine on the company that is paid into the superfund.

Motion: Recommendation to take the California Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act resolution before City Council. Moved by Buchanan. Seconded by Nagamine. Approved 7/0/2 (Absent: Flagg, Zito) **Motion Carried.**

6. ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE DISCUSSION & RESOLUTION – Vice Commissioner Michelle Buchannan, Localized Energy Subcommittee

Public Speaker: Peter Zahn

Commissioners discussed EV infrastructure demands and implementation.

Motion: Recommend EV Charging Network Recommendations resolution to City Council. Moved by Gilliland. Seconded by Dewar. Approved 6/1/2 (Nays: Rock; Absent: Flagg, Zito) **Motion Carried.**

7. ELECTRIFICATION REBATES DISCUSSION & RESOLUTIONS – Localized Energy Subcommittee

Chairperson Sharman presented on the Electric Water Heater Contractor Incentive Program.

Public Speaker: Peter Zahn

Commissioners discussed the terms of the incentives.

Commissioner Byars asked if rebates are the best use of city funds. Commissioners discussed if the rebate effectively incentivizes something that may not be appropriate for the homeowner.

The City has a budget of \$100,000 for Climate Action Plan (CAP) implementation.

Motion: Chairperson Sharman called for a motion to take the Electric Water Heater Contractor Incentive Program resolution before City Council. Moved by Buchanan, seconded by Dewar. Denied 3/3/1/2 (Yeas: Buchanan, Heidi, Sharman; Nays: Byars, Gilliland, Nagamine; Abstain: Rock; Absent: Flagg, Zito).

Chairperson Sharman presented the Gas Water Heater Rebate Program.

Commissioner Gilliland shared what additional information she would need to understand the implications of the proposed resolutions and make an informed decision.

Dan King arrived at 7:02 pm.

Motion to delay the vote on the Gas Water Heater Rebate Program resolution to after the Workplan Presentation (Agenda Item 9). Moved by Buchanan. Seconded by Gilliland. Approved 7/0/2 **Motion carried.**

8. NATIVE POLLINATOR GARDEN AND PLANT LIST – Commissioner Heidi Dewar, Pollinator Friendly City Subcommittee

Motion to recommend list be forwarded to Staff and Council for inclusion in the City's landscape resources to the public. Moved by Buchanan. Seconded by Rock. Approved 7/0/2 **Motion carried.**

Vice Chairperson Buchanan presented the Native Pollinate Garden proposal.

Junior Commissioners leave at 7:19 pm.

Commissioners discussed how the pollinator garden fits with Chapter 4 of the CAP.

Motion to recommend plant list be forwarded to Staff and Council for inclusion in the City's landscape resources to the public. Moved by Buchanan. Seconded by Nagamine. Approved 7/0/2 **Motion carried.**

9. WORKPLAN PRESENTATION – City Staff

Ms. Grucky presented an overview of the City's Workplan Update.

Commissioners and Staff discuss ways to best utilize the CAP implementation budget.

Public Speaker: Peter Zhan

Motion: Chairperson Sharman calls for a motion to take the Gas Water Heater Rebate Program resolution before City Council. Moved by Buchanan. Seconded by Sharman. Denied 2/5/0/2.

10. NEW JUNIOR COMMISSIONER SELECTION

Motion: To appoint the following individuals to Junior Commissioner: Beckett Caine, Cole Leshner, Lila Gilbert, Madeline Boles, and Oona Norvell. Moved by Rock, seconded by Gilliland. Approved 7/0/2 (Absent: Flagg, Zito) **Motion carried.**

11. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT OUT

- a) Pollinator Friendly City – Commissioner Dewar
- b) Localized Energy – Chairperson Sharman
- c) Community Outreach – Commissioner Gilliland will provide an update at the next meeting. Commissioner Dewar noted that the City distributes emails and eblast. The subcommittees will provide information on their area of focus to share with the public.
- d) Building Performance Standards – Ms. Grucky
- e) Microtransit – Commissioner Nagamine shared that the City is gathering information on the needs of the City's senior citizens.

12. JUNIOR COMMISSIONER UPDATES

No updates.

- 13. 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.

Commissioner Byars asked if there is interest in a subcommittee to address the organization and prioritization of CAP implementation. Commissioner Rock volunteered to join the subcommittee.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting is adjourned at 8:18 pm.


Tiffany Wade, Associate Planner

Approved: June 11, 2025