



# CLIMATE ACTION COMMISSION MEETING

## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

# MINUTES

Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 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 5:31 PM.

**Present:** Chairperson Michael McClune, Vice Chairperson Mika Nagamine, Councilmember David Zito, Ken Flagg, John Kellogg, Lane Sharman

**Absent:** Paul Basore, Heidi Dewar, Heather Rock

**Junior Commissioners:** Hayden Crocker, Georgia Wallerius

**Also Present:** Dan King, Assistant City Manager; Nicole Grucky, Senior Management Analyst

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**Motion:** Moved by Kellogg. Seconded by Flagg. Approved 6/0/3 (Absent: Basore, Dewar, Rock).  
**Motion Carried.**

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes to approve. October and November minutes will be brought to the next meeting.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

### 5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY STAFF MEMBER – Nicole Grucky

Nicole Grucky is the new Senior Management Analyst that started with the City of Solana Beach on January 8, 2024. She was previously with the City of Hayward as their Senior Sustainability Specialist for the past five years, and in the environmental nonprofit sector prior to local

government. She is excited to be at the City of Solana Beach and work with the Climate Action Commission.

**6. CAP UPDATE – Dan King**

City staff met with the consultants this past week where the consultants presented an outline and staff gave the consultants the directive to move forward and draft the CAP. Staff expects to have a draft from the consultants by the end of February. Additionally, consultants are working on a Cost Analysis report. The Cost Analysis will be in alignment with what the consultants have prepared for neighboring jurisdictions. Staff also discussed CEQA with consultants.

Commissioners asked staff if there would be a social equity focus and if previous work from the Commission was passed on to the consultants. Staff responded yes. Staff also added that adaptation will be integrated, and the regional playbook will be incorporated.

**7. CITY OF BERKELEY NATURAL GAS BAN RULING – Dan King**

Staff shared that the Federal appeals will not be reviewing the City of Berkeley natural gas ruling, so the overturn stands. Solana Beach did not adopt a full natural gas ban and is still enforcing the EV parking and solar requirements. However, Solana Beach is no longer enforcing the requirement to install electric space heaters, water heaters, and dryers in new buildings and significant remodels, but strongly encouraging. The City Attorney's Office is looking to see if the City needs to make a formal repeal, or if non-enforcement is sufficient. Staff will be looking into other potential options and trying to be creative. Commissioners and staff discussed other creative, potential options including looking into what the City of San Luis Obispo is doing; a regional, high performance reach code; setting NO<sub>x</sub> standards; and focusing on health consequences of burning gas in homes.

**8. JUNIOR COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

N/A

**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.

Commissioner Sherman proposes bringing a ballot initiative that would look at replacing SDG&E in the City of San Diego with a nonprofit and/or municipal utility to the Commission to take make a recommendation on endorsement by the City Council.

Staff announced that Commission appointments are Wednesday (1/24) and currently short on applicants. If short on Commissioners, staff will add to a future agenda to discuss and make a recommendation to Council to reconfigure the Climate Action Commission.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting is adjourned at 6:04 PM.

  
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Nicole Gucky, Senior Management Analyst

Approved: 2/21/2024

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