



Environment & Climate Commission

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION

**Wednesday, April 26, 2023
6:00 PM**

**South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street**

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley's residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Tregub, Igor	Mayor	Mayor
Ranney, Sarah	Kesarwani	District 1
Hedlund, Marc	Taplin	District 2
McGuire, Brianna	Bartlett	District 3
Tahara, Daniel	Harrison	District 4
Allen, Shannon	Hahn	District 5
Guliasi, Les	Wengraf	District 6
Lunaparra, Cecilia	Robinson	District 7
Gould, Ben	Humbert	District 8

2. Public Comment: Comments on subjects not included on the agenda (3-minute limit per individual)

3. Approval of Minutes: [Approval of Minutes from last meeting \(March 29, 2023\)](#)

4. **Agenda Check:** Commissioners may rearrange items on the agenda
5. **Update from Chair** (Chair Gould)
6. **Update from Staff** (Billi Romain & Rebecca Milliken)
 - a. Impact of court decision on City Gas Prohibition
 - b. Leave of Absence
 - c. Just Transition RFP
 - d. BESO upgrade requirement
 - e. Funding update
 - i. UC Berkeley's Chancellor's Community Partnership Fund: \$25K awarded to both the Ecology Center and Waterside Workshops to enhance City funded Climate Equity Pilot programs
 - ii. Resilient Community Impact Funds: \$50K awarded to Northern California Land Trust (NCLT) to enhance City funded Climate Equity Pilot program to install Harvest Thermal heat pump systems in 8-unit NCLT building
 - f. Building electrification outreach:
 - i. May 20, 10AM – 12:30PM, 3rd Annual Virtual East Bay Green Home Tour: <https://www.eastbaygreenhome.com/>

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

7. **Presentation & Discussion:** Community building electrification outreach (Rebecca Milliken, Nick Despota, Ted Obbard)
8. **Reports from Commission Liaisons**
 - a. Planning Commission (Ben Gould)
 - b. Transportation and Infrastructure Commission (Brianna McGuire)
 - c. Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission (Cecilia Lunaparra)
 - d. Zero Waste Commission (Sarah Ranney)
 - e. Disaster and Fire Safety Commission (Les Guliasi)
 - f. Housing Advisory Commission (Marc Hedlund)
9. **Workplan Subcommittee Updates**
 - a. Transportation Public Space Reallocation Subcommittee (Hedlund, McGuire, Lunaparra, Gould)
 - b. Native Plants and Pest Reduction Subcommittee (Ranney, McGuire, Allen)
 - c. Electrification Subcommittee (Tregub, Hedlund, McGuire, Tahara)
10. **Items for Future Agenda**
 - Lead paint (May)
 - BESO development of upgrade requirement (June)

INFORMATION ITEMS

11. Communications

12. Announcements from Commissioners

ADJOURNMENT

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*This meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54953. Any member of the public may attend this meeting. Questions regarding this matter may be addressed to Billi Romain, 510-981-7432, [bromain@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:bromain@cityofberkeley.info).*

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*Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the commission regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at the Planning Department located at 1947 Center Street.*



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Billi Romain, Commission Secretary



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ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION DRAFT MINUTES
Wednesday, March 29, 2023

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Billi Romain at 6:06 p.m.
Commissioners Present: Tregub, Hedlund, McGuire, Tahara, Allen, Guliasi, Gould
Commissioner Leave of Absence: Ranney, Lunaparra
Commissioner Absent: None
Staff: Billi Romain, Rebecca Milliken

2. Public Comments and Announcements:

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

3. Approval of Minutes:

Motion/second to approve the February 22, 2023 Minutes (Guliasi, Hedlund). The motion carried 7-0-0-2; Ayes: Tregub, Hedlund, McGuire, Tahara, Allen, Guliasi, Gould. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Ranney, Lunaparra

4. Agenda Check

5. Update from Chair

6. Update from Staff

- a. Just Transition RFP
- b. OESD Staffing
- c. Youth Commissioners
- d. Form 700, due April 2
- e. BESO upgrade requirement
- f. Building Electrification Outreach:
 - i. April 22, 2 – 5PM, *Citizens' Climate Lobby Home Electrification Fair*, Brower Center: <https://cclalameda.org/electrification-fair/>
 - ii. May 20, 10AM – 12:30PM, *3rd Annual Virtual East Bay Green Home Tour*: <https://www.eastbaygreenhome.com/>

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

7. Presentation & Discussion: Zero Waste Strategic Plan (Chrise de Tournay Birkhahn)

8. Reports from Commission Liaisons

- a. Planning Commission (Gould)
- b. Transportation and Infrastructure (McGuire)
- c. Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission (Lunaparra)
- d. Zero Waste Commission (Ranney)
- e. Disaster and Fire Safety Commission (Guliasi)
- f. Housing Advisory Commission (Hedlund)

9. Workplan Subcommittee Updates

- a. Transportation Public Space Reallocation Subcommittee (Hedlund, McGuire, Lunaparra, Gould)
- b. Native Plants and Pesticide Reduction Subcommittee (Ranney, McGuire, Allen)
- c. Potential new subcommittees

Motion/second for Commissioner Gould to speak on behalf of the Environment and Climate Commission regarding the Hopkins bike lane letter at the April 18 Council meeting (Hedlund, McGuire). The motion carried 6-0-1-2; Ayes: Tregub, Hedlund, McGuire, Tahara, Allen, Gould. Noes: None. Abstain: Guliasi. Absent: Ranney, Lunaparra

10. Items for Future Agenda

- Lead paint (April)
- Community building electrification outreach
- BESO development of upgrade requirement

INFORMATION ITEMS

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second to adjourn at 8:02 pm (Tregub, Gould)

Minutes Approved:

/S/ Billi Romain, Berkeley Energy Commission Secretary