

# City of Capitola

## City Council Meeting Agenda

### Thursday, May 22, 2025 – 6:00 PM



City Council Chambers  
420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010

**Mayor:** Joe Clarke

**Vice Mayor:** Vacant

**Council Members:** Gerry Jensen, Margaux Morgan, Melinda Orbach

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### Regular Meeting of the Capitola City Council – 6 PM

#### 1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members Gerry Jensen, Margaux Morgan, Melinda Orbach, and Mayor Joe Clarke

#### 2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

#### 3. Presentations

*Presentations are limited to eight minutes.*

A. Proclamation Honoring May 18-24, 2025, as National Public Works Week

B. Presentation of the Officer of the Year Award to Officer Armando Ferro

C. Proclamation Honoring May as Older Americans Month

#### 4. Additional Materials

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A. Item 8A - Correspondence Received

#### 5. Oral Communications by Members of the Public

*Oral Communications allows time for members of the Public to address the City Council on any "Consent Item" on tonight's agenda, or on any topic within the jurisdiction of the City that is not on the "General Government/Public Hearings" section of the Agenda. Members of the public may speak for up to three minutes, unless otherwise specified by the Mayor. Individuals may not speak more than once during Oral Communications. All speakers must address the entire legislative body and will not be permitted to engage in dialogue. A **maximum of 30 minutes** is set aside for Oral Communications.*

#### 6. Staff / City Council Comments

*Comments are limited to three minutes.*

#### 7. Consent Items

*All items listed as “Consent Items” will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion on these items prior to the time the Council votes on the action unless members of the City Council request specific items to be discussed for separate review. Items pulled for separate discussion will be considered following General Government. Note that all Ordinances which appear on the public agenda shall be determined to have been read by title and further reading waived.*

**A.** City Council Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Approve minutes from the regular meeting on May 8, 2025, and the special meeting on May 15, 2025.

## **8. General Government / Public Hearings**

*All items listed in “General Government / Public Hearings” are intended to provide an opportunity for public discussion of each item listed. The following procedure pertains to each General Government item: 1) Staff explanation; 2) Council questions; 3) Public comment; 4) Council deliberation; 5) Decision.*

**A.** Process to Fill Vacant Council Seat

Recommended Action: Staff recommends the City Council discuss the options to fill the vacant City Council position left by Vice Mayor Alexander Pedersen, and either 1) direct staff to prepare documentation to call for a special election or 2) outline an appointment process to fill the vacancy.

**B.** Central Fire District and Police Department Unified Command

Recommended Action: Receive a report about the enhanced collaboration between Central Fire District, Capitola Police Department, the American Red Cross, and the Santa Cruz County Office of Response, Recovery & Resilience during emergency responses.

## **9. Adjournment - The City Council will hold a special meeting on May 29, 2025, at 6:00 PM.**

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Meeting

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83328173113?pwd=aVRwcWN3RU03Zzc2dkNpQzRWVXAydz09>

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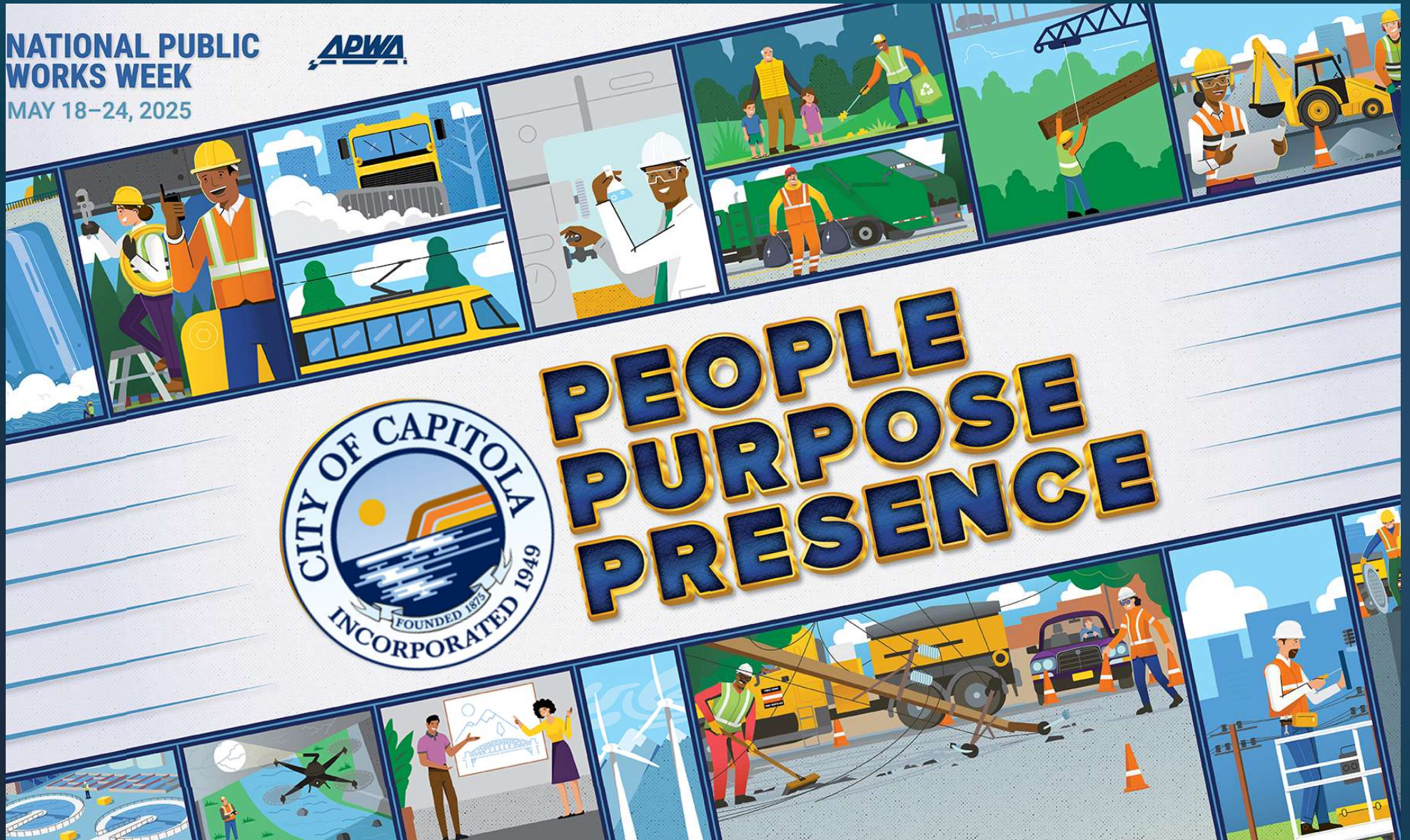
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**NATIONAL PUBLIC  
WORKS WEEK**  
MAY 18-24, 2025







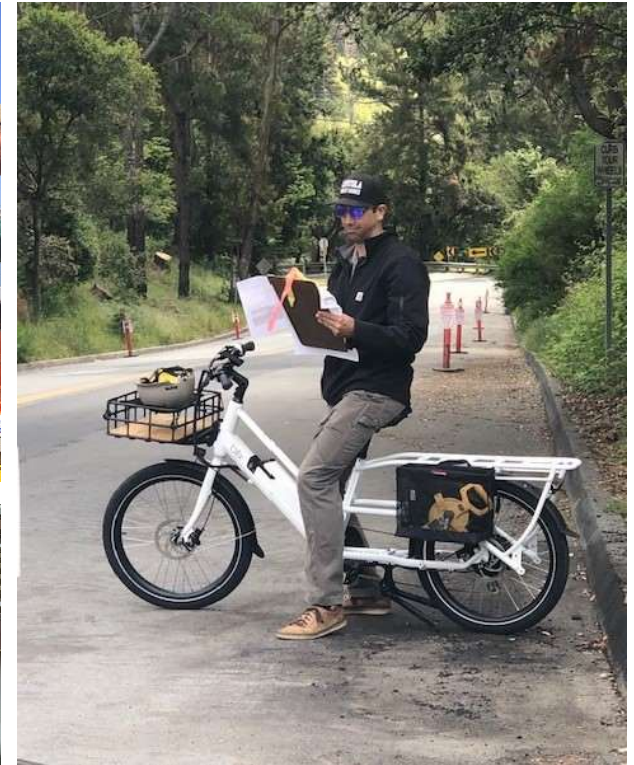
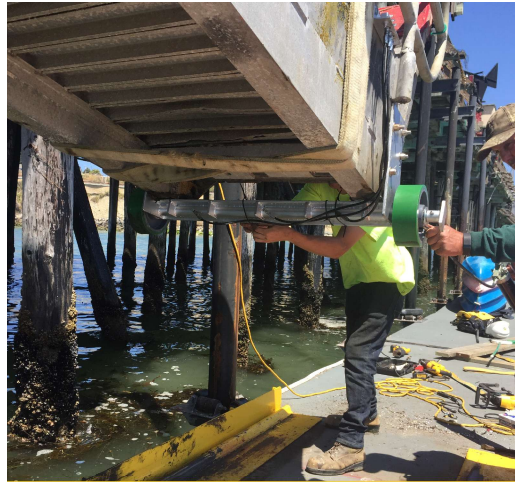






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- Maintain parks, roads, and facilities
- Plan and build long-term infrastructure
- Support community events and emergencies









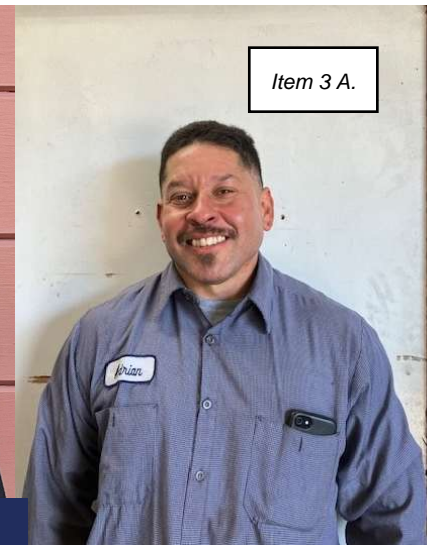


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**I ❤️ PUBLIC WORKS BECAUSE...**

we make real  
improvements people  
use every day





**Gautho, Julia**

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**From:** John <jxmuly@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 16, 2025 5:32 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Appointment city council meeting

Melinda and Alex's argument that Joe agreed with and determined Margaux as the last appointment needs to be applied again. The next highest vote getter in the last election.

We can't apply one process to the white candidate and a few months later not apply it to the black/brown candidate. One has to be realistic.

Warmly JM

**Gautho, Julia**

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**From:** John <jxmuly@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 17, 2025 8:59 AM  
**To:** City Council; Goldstein, Jamie (jgoldstein@ci.capitola.ca.us)  
**Subject:** City council meeting May 22 2005 item comment & Volkswagen car show and advertising

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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The car show advertising from us and the provider leaves a lot to be desired. Same goes for our upcoming car show. We lost money on the car show last year as a city. Everything is dying here. I live in a cemetery.

Do better. If we had listened to me there wouldn't have been two car shows back to back to begin with. So don't just do better. Know one's betters. Listen to them. Meh.

Please appoint the next highest vote getter to the open city council position.

I hear the police are now sending emails inquiring about the sexual harassment offenses allegedly committed by Melinda. We know she is willing to attack harmless private citizens (from the dais even) so that the police are taking this seriously does not surprise me.

Warmly JM

**Gautho, Julia**

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**From:** michael routh <qwakwak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 16, 2025 2:41 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** 5/22 CITY COUNCIL meeting Item 8A

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Mayor and Council members,

As its only been slightly less than 4 months since the last Council vacancy was filled, please use the same process that was used to fill the vacancy created by Yvette Brooks resignation and make your selection from the previous applicants. I would recommend Susan Westman be appointed to fill the vacancy. No other current applicants come close to her experience and knowledge of Capitola and it's unlikely any new applicants can equal or exceed her knowledge of the city.

Some may recommend Enrique Dolmo, but he has come in dead last in each of his two election attempts. It's obvious he is not a choice of the residents. When interviewed for the last vacancy, he was asked what committees he would be interested in serving on if appointed to the Council. He responding saying the Planning Commission. That indicates a complete lack of knowledge about the simple organization and role of the city legislative bodies.

The Council needs a knowledgeable person ready to hit the road running on day 1. Susan is that person. She would bring historical knowledge of past city actions and a wealth of experience that could truly benefit future decisions facing the council.

Mick Routh

Sent from my iPad



**Gautho, Julia**

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**From:** Heidi <Heidy@cwo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2025 5:04 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Public Comment

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Capitola City Council Members,

Pertaining to Item 8A on your May 22, 2025 agenda and in keeping with my January, 2025 advocacy regarding appointments to replace councilmembers, I respectfully offer the following suggestions for your consideration:

This appointment is for a short term not even lasting two years, with another election cycle occurring in 2026. Typically, anyone considering running in 2026 would begin preparing in six months. Given the short-term nature of this appointment, it's important to avoid granting political leverage through this decision. For this reason, I believe **the appointee should commit to serving the full remainder of the term and refrain from running in the 2026 election**. A pledge not to campaign would ensure their undivided focus on serving Capitola during this critical time.

Because this is a limited appointment, it would be prudent to **select someone who not only has deep prior experience regarding city governance but also demonstrates a track record of accomplishments and the ability to deliver meaningful results for Capitola**. The appointee should bring more than just familiarity with the role—they should bring evidence of effective civic leadership, measurable contributions, and adequate time to commit to the role.

Thank you for your consideration and your dedication to Capitola's future. I trust your careful deliberations will lead to a choice that best serves our community.

Best Regards,  
Heidy Kellison, Capitola

**Gautho, Julia**

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**From:** Paula Bradley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 21, 2025 4:13 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** [PDF] City Council Meeting 5/22/25 - Public Comment  
**Attachments:** Capitola pub comment 5-22-25.pdf

See attached public comments letter. Please acknowledge tat you have received it, thank you

[Paula Bradley \(she/her\)](#)  
[REDACTED]

5/22/25 City Council Meeting - Public Comment

Dear Council members and Mayor Clarke,

I missed the 4/02 town hall and 4/17/25 Council meetings as I was cycling in Portugal. I read and heard about the meetings and viewed the videos.

Preceding the SCCRTC and the City's town hall meetings I witnessed unprecedented criticism and hostility toward council members, city staff, residents and anyone who disagreed with their viewpoint. People have different viewpoints, of course, that is life. Respect it and accept it, then make your point, and proceed with civil discourse. Often comments, statements and accusations were unfounded or misguided. Heavy trolling on social media such as Next Door, vilified City Council members, staff and others that did not agree with their perspective, primarily, that did not oppose the rail & trail project in Santa Cruz County. The Greenway Measure L (City Code 8.72) debate was fueled by anti-rail vitriol. As stated, many times, Measure L was ambiguous and was a policy decision for the City Council to determine its application, which they finally did.

I attended the SCCRTC informational meeting at New Brighton on 3/4/25 – as I was trying to enter the building, I was asked if I was a resident & handed a blue dot. I asked: “Who are you?” and “What is the dot for?” – no answer. Later I found out it was the “Concerned Citizens of Capitola” and from my viewpoint, the blue dot represented divisiveness and a group of residents who felt more entitled than others - us vs them. I disposed of the blue dot as it was not consistent with my values. The disrespectful behavior, threats, intimidation, and hostile behavior I have witnessed from this group, is not a group I want to associate with.

Showing up at a public meeting with a lynch mob mentality, and off with their heads! to the Council members, City Manager, City Attorney, Public Works Director, who do not bow to their viewpoint is shameful. Threatening and stalking council members and trying to get them fired from their paid jobs is shameful and wrong. With this level of hostility, we have witnessed towards those who serve the public and are dedicated to their community – who is going to be willing to run for a public office?

Sincerely,

Paula Bradley



# Capitola City Council

## Agenda Report

**Meeting:** May 22, 2025

**From:** City Manager Department

**Subject:** City Council Meeting Minutes



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Recommended Action: Approve minutes from the regular meeting on May 8, 2025, and the special meeting on May 15, 2025.

Background: Attached for City Council review and approval are the draft minutes from the regular meeting on May 8, 2025, and the special meeting on May 15, 2025.

Attachments:

1. Regular Meeting 5/8/2025
2. Special Meeting 5/15/2025

Report Prepared By: Julia Gautho, City Clerk

Approved By: Jamie Goldstein, City Manager

# City of Capitola

## City Council Meeting Minutes

### Thursday, May 08, 2025 – 6:00 PM



City Council Chambers

420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010

**Mayor:** Joe Clarke

**Vice Mayor:** Alexander Pedersen

**Council Members:** Gerry Jensen, Margaux Morgan, Melinda Orbach

#### Closed Session – 5:30 PM

- i. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Govt. Code § 54956.8)  
 Property: A portion of the easterly terminus of Escalona Drive, spanning approximately 60 feet wide, bounded by 620 El Salto Drive (APN 036-143-31) to the west and bounded by 722 Escalona Drive (APN 036-141-28) to the east.  
 City Negotiator: Jamie Goldstein, City Manager  
 Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

***Before adjourning to Closed Session, Vice Mayor Pedersen provided comments and announced his resignation from the City Council. The City Council provided comments to Vice Mayor Pedersen. Following Council comments, Vice Mayor Pedersen excused himself from the dais.***

#### Regular Meeting of the Capitola City Council – 6 PM

1. **Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance** - *The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. In attendance: Council Members Jensen, Morgan, Orbach, and Mayor Clarke.*
2. **Additions and Deletions to the Agenda** – *None*
3. **Presentations**
  - A. *Mayor Clarke presented a proclamation in recognition of National Beach Safety Week to Community Services and Recreation Department Director Bryant.*
  - B. *Rhiannon Crain provided a presentation from the Children's Museum of Discovery on use of Capitola Community Grant Funding.*
4. **Report on Closed Session** – *The City Council met and discussed one item on the Closed Session agenda. No reportable action was taken.*
5. **Additional Materials**
  - A. *Item 6 – Four emails received after publication of the agenda packet.*
7. **Staff / City Council Comments (Mayor Clarke reordered items 6 and 7)**
  - *City Manager Goldstein advised the Council that this week is Professional Municipal Clerks week.*
  - *Community Development Director Herlihy reminded the Council that the Capitola Wharf Master Plan survey is currently open and that she will be hosting a community meeting on May 20 at 6 PM to discuss the options proposed.*

## 6. Oral Communications by Members of the Public

- Gary Richard Arnold
- Clark Cochran
- Heidy Kellison
- Speaker
- Speaker
- Meghan Morrissey
- James Ewing Whitman
- Leslie Nielsen

## 7. City Council Comments

- Council Member Jensen requested additional time for comments after Oral Communications. He shared that this month is Older Americans Month and the 2025 theme is “Flip the Script on Aging” and requested a proclamation be presented at an upcoming meeting. He also provided updates about ribbon cutting ceremonies he has attended recently. He requested that staff acknowledge new businesses opening in the City’s newsletter. He thanked Community Development Director Herlihy and Fuse Architects on their efforts on the Wharf Master Plan survey. He requested an agenda item to discuss the City’s Code of Conduct Policy.
- Council Member Orbach shared updates about the leasing activity within the Capitola Mall and echoed Council Member Jensen’s request to highlight new businesses in the newsletter.
- Council Member Morgan reminded the public that the Village will host a new special event this weekend, the Vdublicious Car Show.
- Mayor Clarke requested an agenda item to update the City’s Code of Conduct Policy.

## 8. Consent Items

- A. City Council Meeting Minutes  
Recommended Action: Approve minutes from the regular meeting on April 10, 2025, the special meeting on April 17, 2025, the special meeting on April 22, 2025, and the regular meeting on April 24, 2025.
- B. City Check Registers  
Recommended Action: Approve check registers dated March 14, 2025, March 21, 2025, March 28, 2025, April 4, 2025, April 11, 2025, and April 18, 2025.
- C. Clean California Community Designation  
Recommended Action: Authorize staff to sign the Clean California Community Designation pledge on behalf of the City of Capitola.
- D. Contract for Arbitration Services  
Recommended Action: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with California Hearing Officers, LLP to provide arbitration services for mobile home rent increase petitions pursuant to Capitola Municipal Code Chapter 2.18 and amending the FY 24-25 budget in an amount not to exceed \$120,000. **(Resolution No. 4427)**
- E. GreenWaste Annual Rate Adjustment  
Recommended Action: Adopt a resolution approving the contractual rate increase for collection and disposal of residential and commercial garbage, recycling, organics, food waste, yard waste, and construction and demolition debris, effective July 1, 2025, according to the Service Rate Schedule formula of the Franchise Agreement with GreenWaste Recovery, Inc. **(Resolution No. 4428)**

**Motion to approve the Consent Calendar: Council Member Orbach**

**Second: Council Member Jensen**

**Voting Yea: Council Members Jensen, Morgan, Orbach, and Mayor Clarke**

## 9. General Government / Public Hearings

- A. Award of Contract for 2025 Capitola Summer Shuttle Service

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to execute a one-year contract, with an option to extend for one additional season, with Community Bridges for operation of the 2025 Summer Shuttle in an amount not to exceed \$89,100.

**Public Works Director Kahn presented the staff report.**

**Public Comments:**

- **Speaker**

**The City Council requested that staff notify the Art and Wine Festival organizers of cost increases related to the shuttle service provider change.**

**Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with Community Bridges:  
Council Member Morgan**

**Second: Council Member Orbach**

**Voting Yea: Council Members Jensen, Morgan, Orbach, and Mayor Clarke**

- B. Park at Rispin Mansion Construction Update and Proposal for Additional Site Work

Recommended Action: Authorize staff to approve Change Order No. 2 to the construction contract with Betz Works for the Park at Rispin Mansion Project in the amount of \$50,000 for additional site work utilizing available Measure Q funds.

**Public Works Director Kahn presented the staff report.**

**Public Comments:**

- **Speaker**

**The Council expressed appreciation for the Measure Q funding to assist in infrastructure improvements.**

**Motion to authorize staff to approve Change Order No. 2: Council Member Morgan**

**Second: Council Member Orbach**

**Voting Yea: Council Members Jensen, Morgan, Orbach, and Mayor Clarke**

## 10. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 7:02. The City Council will hold a special meeting on May 15, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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Joe Clarke, Mayor

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Julia Gautho, City Clerk

# City of Capitola

## Special City Council Meeting Minutes

### Thursday, May 15, 2025 – 6:00 PM



City Council Chambers

420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010

**Mayor:** Joe Clarke

**Vice Mayor:** Vacant

**Council Members:** Gerry Jensen, Margaux Morgan, Melinda Orbach

### Special Meeting of the Capitola City Council – 6 PM

1. **Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance** – *The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. In attendance: Council Members Jensen, Morgan, Orbach, and Mayor Joe Clarke*
2. **Additions and Deletions to the Agenda** – *None*
3. **Additional Materials**
  - *Item 6A - One email received after publication of the agenda.*
4. **Oral Communications by Members of the Public**
  - *Goran Klepic*
5. **Staff / City Council Comments**
  - *City Manager Goldstein reminded the public to apply to the Historical Museum Board before the June 13<sup>th</sup> deadline.*
  - *Council Member Morgan reminded the public of the VDublicious event on May 17<sup>th</sup> and that the Soquel Creek Lagoon would be getting opened up soon.*
  - *Council Member Jensen reminded the public of the first Food Truck Friday event on May 16<sup>th</sup>.*
  - *Council Member Orbach congratulated staff on the Operating Budget Excellence in Finance Award.*
  - *Mayor Clarke recognized this week as National Police Week, thanked officers for their service, and took a moment to remember fallen officers and their families.*
6. **General Government / Public Hearings**
  - A. Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget
 

Recommended Action: Receive the proposed budget, provide staff direction, and continue budget deliberations to the next budget meeting scheduled for May 29, 2025.

***City Manager Goldstein and Finance Director Malberg presented the staff report. Department Directors provided an overview of FY 2024-25 accomplishments and goals for FY 2025-26.***

***Public Comments: None***

***The City Council had an opportunity to provide feedback and questions on each department's presentation. Staff will return with additional information at the next budget meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup>.***



**7. Adjournment** – *The meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is on May 22, 2025, at 6:00 PM.*

**ATTEST:**

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Joe Clarke, Mayor

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Julia Gautho, City Clerk

# Capitola City Council

## Agenda Report

**Meeting:** May 22, 2025

**From:** City Manager's Department

**Subject:** Process to Fill Vacant Council Seat



**Recommended Action:** Staff recommends the City Council discuss the options to fill the vacant City Council position left by Vice Mayor Alexander Pedersen, and either 1) direct staff to prepare documentation to call for a special election or 2) outline an appointment process to fill the vacancy.

**Background:** On May 8, 2025, Vice Mayor Pedersen announced his resignation from the City Council. The requirements to fill a vacancy on the City Council are defined by Government Code Section 36512; this staff report is intended to outline these options for the Council's consideration.

Section 36512(b) states if a vacancy occurs in an elective office, the Council shall, within 60 days from the commencement of the vacancy, either call a special election to fill the vacancy or fill the vacancy by appointment on or before July 7, 2025.

If the Council should choose to hold a special election, the special election is required to be held at the next regularly established election date not less than 114 days from the call of the special election. If a regularly established election date is not within 114 days from the call of the special election, the Council may hold a special election at any time. The person elected to fill a vacancy holds the office for the unexpired term of the former incumbent.

If the Council fills the vacancy by appointment, the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall serve out the unexpired term of Vice Mayor Pedersen's seat, until December 2026, pursuant to Section 36512(b)(2)(B). In order to be appointed to fill the vacancy under State law, the person being appointed must be a Capitola resident, a registered voter within the City of Capitola, and at least 18 years of age.

**Discussion:** The two options available to fill the vacancy are to hold a special election or for the City Council to make an appointment to fill the vacancy and serve the remainder of the term (December 2026).

If directed, staff will determine estimated election costs and return to Council with a budget amendment and documentation to call for the special election.

There are no statutory requirements that define a specific process for how the Council may decide to appoint the successor.

Following the resignation of Mayor Yvette Brooks in January 2025, the City Council ultimately opted to allow interested members of the public to apply during a two-week application period, then selected a new Council Member at the January 30<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

The following are a few of the processes that could be used for this vacancy:

- Using the same or similar process as the January vacancy; accept applications from the public for a week or two; utilize the same questions and form as from the prior vacancy; and review and select a successor at the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. If the Council opts for an application period, staff recommends a deadline on or before June 4<sup>th</sup>. If this option is selected, staff will reach out to applicants from the prior recruitment.
- Review applications from the prior vacancy in January 2025. Staff would need to contact applicants to determine if they are still interested. Council could hold a public interview process

for those applicants at a special meeting or select a new member at a regular meeting.

- Select the individual who received the next highest number of votes below the candidates most recently elected to the Council in the November 2024 election.
- Designate an alternative selection process.

The Council must either appoint a successor to the vacant seat or call a special election no later than 60 days from the commencement of the vacancy, pursuant to Government Code Section 36512 (b). This appointment deadline is July 7, 2025, following the commencement of the vacancy on May 8, 2025.

Fiscal Impact: There would be no fiscal impact to appoint a replacement Councilmember to fill the vacancy. The current adopted budget does not include funding for a special election. Should Council direct staff to prepare documentation for such an election, staff would work with the County Clerk to determine estimated election costs and prepare a budget amendment. In January, staff determined the likely cost of a special election at that time to be between \$49,364 and \$54,416.

Report Prepared By: Julia Gautho, City Clerk

Reviewed By: Samantha Zutler, City Attorney

Approved By: Jamie Goldstein, City Manager

Attachments:

1. Correspondence Received from the Public 5/8/2025 – 5/16/2025

**Gautho, Julia**

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**From:** Mick <qwakwak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 9, 2025 7:11 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Council vacancy

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Pedersen is gone! Please follow the same procedure used to fill the vacant council seat when Yvette resigned. Make your selection from the previous applications to fill the seat faster.

Remove Pedersen from the RTC if not automatic with his council resignation and appoint Joe or Gerry to fill the RTC position.

Mick Routh

Sent from my iPhone

**Gautho, Julia**

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**From:** John <jxmuly@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 8, 2025 6:28 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Don't deny the Afro Latino the same process you just gave the white a couple months ago.

My advice. Or do. Same outcome for me. Design rules us ain't it grand.

Warmly JM



# CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

May 22, 2025

# Background

- Government Code 36512 defines options about how to fill a vacancy on City Council
  - Special Election; or
  - Appointment
  
- Council must either appoint a successor to vacant seat or call a special election no later than 60 days from commencement of vacancy, pursuant to Government Code Section 36512 (b).
  - July 7<sup>th</sup> deadline





# Background

- Person who fills vacancy will serve through December 2026
- Under State law, must meet requirements of regularly elected officials
  - Resident of Capitola
  - Registered voter
  - 18 years of age

# Special Election

- Special Election can be held at any time (<114 days from regular election)
- Cost: \$49,189 to \$56,216
  - ▣ \$7 to \$8/voter (7,027 voters)
- If Council wishes to call Special Election, staff will return with required resolutions and a budget amendment

# Appointment

- No statutory requirements define a specific process for how to appoint a successor. Does require majority vote of Council
- Examples:
  - ▣ Use same or similar process as January vacancy; accept applications from public for a week or two; utilize same questions and form as prior vacancy; and review and select successor at June 12th meeting.
  - ▣ Use applications from prior vacancy in January 2025. Staff would need to contact applicants to determine if still interested.
  - ▣ Select individual who received next highest number of votes from November 2024 election.
  - ▣ Designate an alternative selection process



# Recommended Action

1. Direct staff to prepare documentation to call for special election, or
2. Outline an appointment process to fill vacancy



# Capitola City Council

## Agenda Report

**Meeting:** May 22, 2025

**From:** Police Department

**Subject:** Central Fire District and Police Department Unified Command



**Recommended Action:** Receive a report about the enhanced collaboration between Central Fire District, Capitola Police Department, the American Red Cross, and the Santa Cruz County Office of Response, Recovery & Resilience during emergency responses.

**Background:** In recent years, the City of Capitola has experienced a significant increase in emergency service calls related to natural disasters and public safety incidents. As the frequency of these events grow, coordinated emergency preparedness and response among multiple agencies is essential for protecting lives and property. The Capitola Police Department, Central Fire District and the Santa Cruz County Office of Response, Recovery & Resilience (OR3) have collaborated on flood, tsunami, coastal storms and other emergency events in the recent past.

To address these challenges, this report outlines the collaborative framework between Central Fire, Capitola Police, Red Cross, and OR3 to ensure integrated emergency preparedness and response, efficient resource deployment, and robust community recovery and resilience planning.

**Discussion:** Currently, the Capitola Police Department and Central Fire District typically respond independently to incidents, but will shift to a unified command structure when an Emergency Operations Center is activated. Emergency Operations Centers are activated as a response to different types of emergencies, with levels of reactivity dependent on the type of situation at hand. The approach outlined below formalizes multi-agency cooperation and resources provided in key operational areas.

Staff from each of the partner aligned agencies outlined have committed to joint training programs focusing on coordination during multi-agency response operations, joint incident command procedures, and understanding each agency's roles and resources. Examples of past collaborative trainings held include: active shooter training and preventative trainings for special events like the Wharf to Wharf Race and the Capitola Art and Wine Festival.

Staff plans to establish annual, scenario-based training sessions that includes staff from Central Fire District, Capitola Police Department, American Red Cross, and Santa Cruz County OR3. The training sessions will go over the themes outlined below.

### 1. Unified Command and Communication:

- Utilize shared systems for real-time coordination:
  - Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Operational Area Coordination
  - CruzAware Alert and Warning Platform (Netcom, OR3, Capitola PD)
  - Genasys Protect (formerly known as Zone Haven)
  - Veoci (Countywide Incident Management Platform)
- Incorporate OR3 representatives into unified command operations to align preparedness and response with countywide recovery planning.
- Deploy Red Cross personnel to coordinate shelter, humanitarian support, and volunteer management during large-scale incidents.

2. Co-Response Teams for Emergencies to improve situational awareness and allow for integrated public safety, rescue, and humanitarian assistance.

- Deployment teams that include:
  - Police Officers
  - Firefighters
  - Red Cross emergency response personnel (e.g., shelter managers, health services)
  - Community Emergency Response Teams (C.E.R.T.)
  - OR3 field staff focused on situational assessments and long-term recovery planning

3. Public Outreach and Community Engagement:

- Collaborate with City staff, Red Cross, C.E.R.T. and OR3 to lead:
  - Community education initiatives on emergency preparedness
  - Outreach campaigns during and after emergencies via social media, radio, and alert systems
  - Clear public messaging on evacuation orders, shelter locations, and recovery resources

Through coordination between the City and partner agencies, staff has identified each agency's role and resources available during emergency situations.

Central Fire District, which serves Aptos, Capitola, La Selva Beach, Live Oak, Rio Del Mar, and Soquel, provides the following resources to constituents, such as:

- Fire Prevention (inspections, plan review, public education)
- Fire Suppression (structural, wildland, vehicle fires)
- Emergency Medical Services
- Hazardous Materials Response
- Aquatic and Technical Rescue

The Capitola Police Department, provides the following resources to constituents:

- Public safety services
- Community outreach and communication
- Drone Program for situational monitoring
- Active Shooter and Emergency Preparedness Training
- Access to County EOC and Search and Rescue
- Coordination with Central Fire's Rescue Swimmers, Coast Guard, and Harbor Patrol

The Police Department and Central Fire District also coordinate with the following partner agencies for additional resources and services:

- American Red Cross:
  - Disaster relief, shelter management, reunification services, and emergency supplies
- Santa Cruz County Office of Response, Recovery & Resilience (OR3):
  - Strategic coordination of countywide emergency preparedness, response, and recovery

- Participation in County Readiness Working Group for preparedness and response coordination, training and exercises
- Coordination with FEMA and CalOES in post-disaster financial recovery, resource distribution, and inter-agency coordination

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact associated with this report. Costs to respond to emergency incidents will vary depending on incident type, staffing needs, and the scope of interagency response. Fiscal planning will include consideration for resource sharing and potential reimbursement through state and federal disaster programs.

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# CAPITOLA EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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Fire Chief Nee & Police Chief Ryan



# Background

- Increase in emergency incidents in Capitola involving natural disasters
- Need for coordinated, multi-agency response
- Goals: Protect lives, property, and improve recovery outcomes



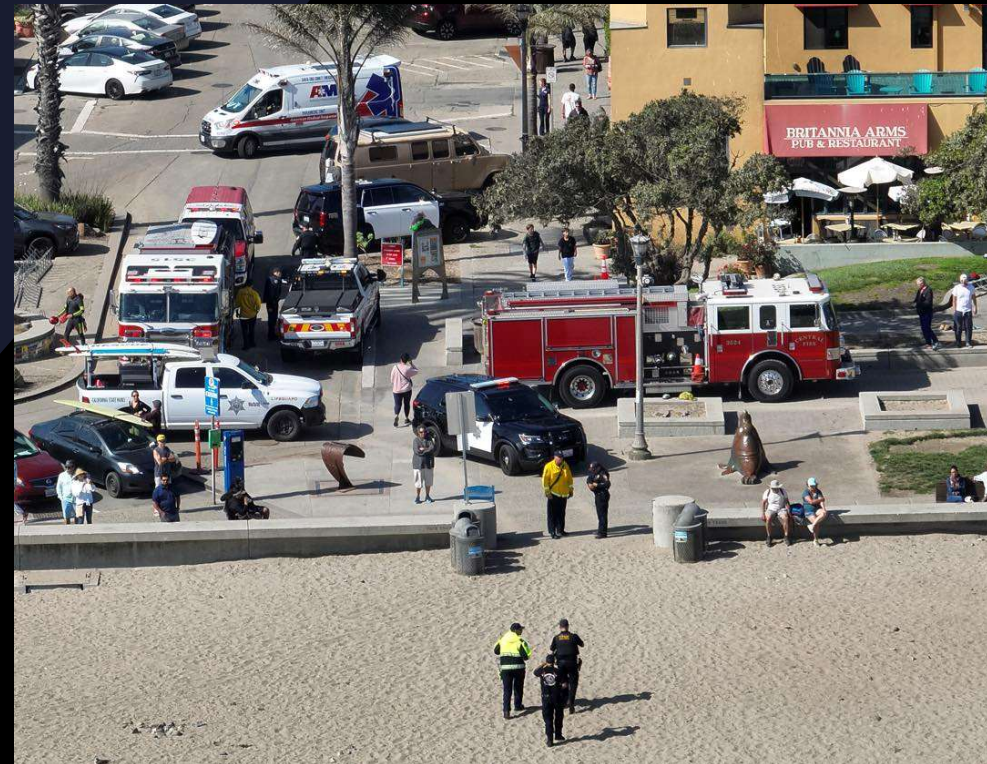
# Key Partner Agencies

- Central Fire Department
  - Capitola Police Department
  - American Red Cross
  - Santa Cruz OR3 (Office of Response, Recovery & Resilience)
  - Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Department
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# Collaborative Framework

- Joint Training Programs
- Unified Command & Communication
- Co-Response Emergency Teams
- Community Outreach & Preparedness
- Resource Alignment





# Joint Training Programs

- Annual, scenario-based drills
- Multi-agency participation
- Focus: coordination, roles, communication protocols



# Unified Command & Communication

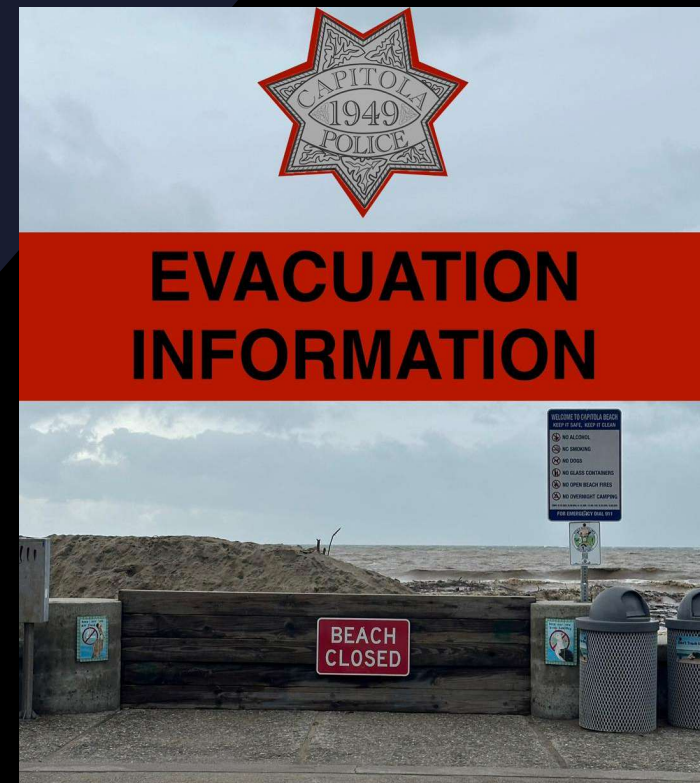
- Shared platforms: EOC, Cruz Aware, Genasys (formerly Zone Haven)
- OR3 intergraded command operations
- Red Cross coordinates shelter and support services





# Public Outreach & Engagement

- Community education and preparedness
- Emergency messaging via social media, radio, TV, alert systems, automated message system boards
- Clear communication on evacuation warnings, evacuation orders, and recovery



# Recommendation

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# QUESTIONS?

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# GLOBAL CLIMATE MODIFICATION PROGRAMS ARE THREATENING ALL LIFE ON EARTH

***BEFORE:*** SKIES UNTAINTED BY CLIMATE ENGINEERING



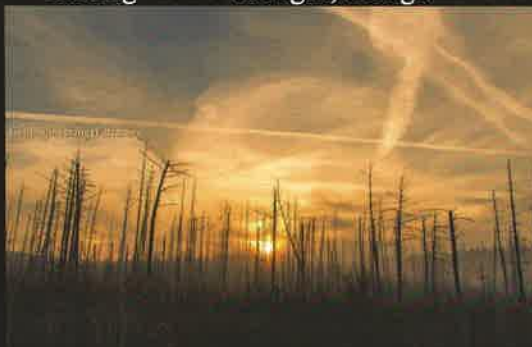
***AFTER:*** SKIES CONTAMINATED BY SOLAR RADIATION MANAGEMENT



NASA satellite images clearly reveal microwave transmission manipulation of aerosolized clouds



Climate engineering is further fueling record drought, deluge and overall biosphere disintegration



**GeoEngineeringWatch.org**



# ILLEGAL CLIMATE ENGINEERING OPERATIONS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT WITHOUT PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE OR CONSENT

Precipitation tests from around the world confirm alarming levels of aluminum, barium, strontium, (and other heavy metals named in climate engineering patents) are saturating our breathable air column. Human blood, urine, and hair tests confirm the extreme buildup of these highly toxic heavy metals in populations.

Government officials and Geoengineers have long since proposed spraying 10-20 MILLION TONS of highly toxic heavy metal and chemical aerosols into the atmosphere annually as a form of climate change mitigation. Though the blatantly obvious ongoing sun blocking "solar radiation management" programs are officially denied, all available data confirms full deployment of global geoengineering occurred decades ago with increasingly catastrophic consequences.



Color spectrums captured behind particulate dispersing aircraft makes clear the fact that we are not seeing "condensation trails".

All military tanker jets and all commercial jets use "high bypass turbofan jet engines", a jet powered fan that is nearly incapable of producing any condensation trails except under rare and extreme circumstances.



Military tanker jets are not the only aircraft involved with climate engineering operations. Countless commercial jet aircraft have now been retrofitted with spray nozzles aimed into the exhaust stream (though commercial carrier personnel do not appear to be directly involved with the geoengineering operations).



If you think there are only passengers in all commercial jet aircraft, think again. Commercial carrier personnel are not directly involved.

## What are the known consequences of ongoing climate engineering operations?

### GEOENGINEERING IS:

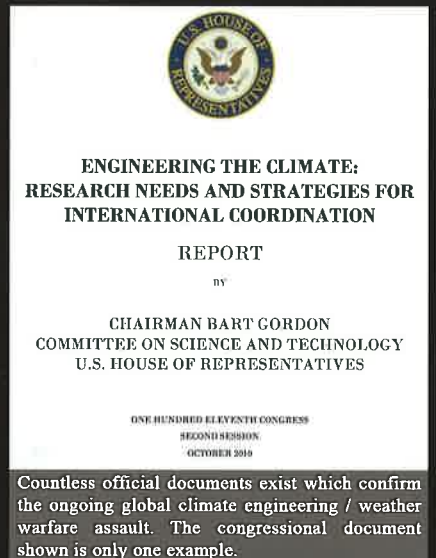
- **Further fueling the overall warming of our planet:**  
SRM aerosol cloud canopies trap more heat than is deflected by SRM programs.
- **Contributing to extreme drought, flooding, and storms:**  
Global geoengineering has completely disrupted the planetary hydrological cycle and thus weather systems all around the world.
- **Creating engineered cool-down zones and snow storms:**  
Patented processes of "chemical ice nucleation for weather modification" are creating severe weather whiplash scenarios.
- **Destroying the Earth's vital ozone layer:**  
Geoengineering particulates and associated microwave transmission atmospheric manipulation are decimating the ozone layer. This is allowing extremely dangerous levels of UVB and UVC radiation to reach Earth's surface.
- **Accelerating Forest devastation, die-off, and forest fire increases:**  
Completely disrupted rain cycles, extreme UV radiation, toxic heavy metal fallout saturation of soils, more dry lighting, and incendiary dusts (from fallout) coating foliage, all are the result of geoengineering.
- **Alarming honeybee die-off:**  
Peer reviewed science studies have now proven that massive aluminum contamination is killing bees. Again, the primary climate engineering element named in patents is aluminum.
- **Radically accelerating human degenerative and neurological diseases:**  
Alzheimer's, dementia, autism, ALS, COPD, asthma, allergies, bronchitis, lung cancer, heart attack (and countless other forms of disease) are directly associated with toxic atmospheric particulate pollution, exactly what climate engineering / solar radiation management programs create.
- **Contributing to unprecedented species die-offs:**  
We are now in the 6th great mass extinction on our planet with up to 300 species of plant, animal, and insect extinctions every single day. This is 15,000 times the background extinction rates.

HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS AND DATA PROVES THAT GLOBAL CLIMATE ENGINEERING PROGRAMS WERE FULLY DEPLOYED IMMEDIATELY AFTER WWII AND HAVE BEEN STEADILY RAMPED UP SINCE. NOT A SINGLE ENVIRONMENTAL OR HUMAN HEALTH IMPACT STUDY HAS EVER BEEN DONE TO DOCUMENT THE DEVASTATION BEING INFLICTED ON THE ENTIRE WEB OF LIFE FROM THE ONGOING ILLEGAL GEOENGINEERING ASSAULT.

Populations (and all life forms) around the world have been completely betrayed by the governments, agencies, and experts they have been trained to believe existed to protect them. The corporate media is also a primary accomplice in the ongoing climate engineering cover-up. Any and all entities / individuals that are in any way associated with the illegal geoengineering operations must be fully exposed. Once exposed, all such entities / individuals must be held legally and morally accountable for their part in the climate engineering atrocities.



Massive plumes of climate engineering particulates are being dispersed by jet aircraft all over the globe, this is not condensation.



Countless official documents exist which confirm the ongoing global climate engineering / weather warfare assault. The congressional document shown is only one example.

Investigate inarguable climate engineering facts and film footage at

## GeoEngineeringWatch.org

Please, help us to expose and halt the ongoing climate engineering insanity.





# All Thumbs Book Reviews



***The Medical-Pharmaceutical Killing Machine: Facing Facts Could Save Your Life***  
By Children's Health Defense  
Skyhorse Publishing

I may be old and slowing down a little, but I can still do some things that millennials and Generation Z cannot do. I can back up and look at the big picture from the perspective of personal experience and observation. I can see the major trends in American health over the last six decades. I've seen the advances in medical technology, surgical skill and countless new drugs and vaccines. If this is all it is usually cracked up to be, one would think Americans would be the picture of health, routinely living over one hundred years, able to see through walls and leap tall buildings. OK, maybe not. Not only has there been no discernible improvement, the opposite is true and dramatically so.

As Eisenhower warned us about the military-industrial complex, Children's Health Defense (CHD) warns us about the Medical-Pharmaceutical-Industrial complex, showing that death by medicine is far more common in the U.S. than many people realize. Let's race through just a few of the book's highlights.

According to *JAMA*, almost one out of four hospitalized adults is given an incorrect diagnosis that lands them in intensive care or the morgue. Polypharmacy (people on multiple drugs) significantly increases the risk of adverse events, including death. No matter, polypharmacy tripled between 1988 and 2010. A 2016 *US News & World Report* story confirmed that prescription drugs are the fourth leading cause of death. Meanwhile, multiple data sources show a sharp dive in American life expectancy.

When the Department of Defense led Operation Warp Speed, we saw medical matters openly fall under the purview of the military. With two very dangerous "industrial complexes" working together, what could possibly go wrong? Well, the Johnson & Johnson version of the shots has been recalled and AstraZeneca

pulled its version off the market. Meanwhile, the Pfizer and Moderna products remain despite Pfizer's own data emphatically showing that their version is not safe and effective. Pfizer is one of the most penalized pharmaceutical firms in the world, but their products continue to be heavily promoted. Mike Yeadon used to work for Pfizer and knows how it works. He has written extensively about the Covid scam; one of his points is that the extreme variability of vaccine batches cannot possibly be an accident.

My favorite Michael Crichton quote appears in this book: "Historically, the claim of consensus has been the first refuge of scoundrels; it is a way to avoid debate by claiming that the matter is already settled. . . . Let's be clear; the work of science has nothing whatever to do with consensus. Consensus is the business of politics. . . . There is no such thing as consensus science. If it's consensus, it isn't science. If it's science, it isn't consensus. Period." However, if you don't conform to consensus, you are a "conspiracy theorist," "anti-vaxxer" or "virus-denier"—words that stop all critical thinking in its tracks. Until terms like these are tossed into the dustbin of history, we have little hope of anything better than the status quo.

Elsewhere in *Killing Machine*, you can read about how euthanasia is growing in popularity. If you are having a bad day and want to hit the "off" switch, your good friends in the medical community are increasingly ready and eager to help you out with that—for a modest fee.

It sounds like I'm suggesting a certain intentionality behind death by medicine, but it is a stretch to believe that any one of these things is an accident. All this and much more laid out in the book cannot be just examples of bungling and incompetence. The powerful medical industry has been weaponized against us. I'm seeing more and more books and popular podcasters exposing this problem. The last line of the book is the best (spoiler alert): "[A]nything is possible when you leave hopelessness behind." Do not comply. My thumb is UP. Review by Tim Boyd

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# All Thumbs Book Reviews



***Informed Dissent: Children Vaccine Risks***

and

***Informed Dissent: Covid-19 mRNA***

***Vaccine Risks***

**Compiled & self-published by Paula Orloff**

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Historic days of profound, collective significance often have the effect of imprinting themselves on the mind. Years later, one can still recall where one was when hearing the news. The shock waves reverberate somewhere deeper than the mundane day-to-day. Shocking us on a cellular level, our soul sits up and pays attention. I remember the ordinary sun-filled weekday when my mom drove up the driveway and got out of her minivan with a bewildered expression on her face. I started to hum "It's the end of the world as we know it," the classic R.E.M. hit from the '90s, and she burst out laughing. It was March 2020, and our world was inexplicably, irrevocably altered. Suddenly, we were all remembering reading *1984* in high school. War was suddenly peace. Every subsequent day seemed to bring a new, surreal and noxious event until we found ourselves acquiescing to atrocities such as squeezing toddlers into masks and worse. Five years later, we seem to be recovering at various rates from our plunge into dystopia. Some people still wear masks. You glance at them, internally shaking your head. The true volume of the damage done is hard to measure.

If you pull the curtain back, you find yourself inundated with facts and data that anger and sadden. Retired teacher and parent Paula Orloff has produced two copious compilations of quotes from books, memes, television interviews, news articles, social media posts and documentaries to give us a concise snapshot of what is really going on. Other than her brief introduction to each volume, there is no original prose. Rather, these are notebooks of Orloff's research; anyone could find this information for themselves, but Orloff has gone to the trouble of collecting and

organizing it. Most of the quotes are from the past two decades (around 2005 or later). The books she references will be familiar to those who have been searching for the truth for some time.

In *Informed Dissent: Children Vaccine Risks*, Orloff lists quotations in a bullet-point format that counter the well-rehearsed but patently false platitude that vaccines are "safe and effective." Chapters organize the quotes into sections on topics such as flawed testing processes, censorship, adverse effects and ingredients. One helpful chapter goes through the issues associated with each commonly administered childhood vaccine in alphabetical order, from Chickenpox (Varicella) to Smallpox. The appendices list the resources cited so that the curious reader can continue their educational journey. *Informed Dissent: Covid-19 mRNA Vaccine Risks* follows the same model. Sources include RFK, Jr., Steve Kirsch, Stephanie Seneff, Peter McCullough, Joseph Mercola and Robert Malone.

Orloff's collections can introduce less informed readers to palatable tidbits, remind more informed readers of things they have forgotten, or be given to someone who might be open to questioning the childhood vaccine schedule but is hesitant to read a more serious, studied volume. Someone who is just beginning to realize that their default worldview is false, might want to know more after flipping through the pages reading a few powerful quotes.

As we move further away from the strange experiences of 2020–2022, we continue to process their meaning. Some are still experiencing visceral effects such as vaccine injuries, death of a loved one, job loss or familial ostracism. While Orloff's compilations may seem unassuming, they can help us preserve this historical milieu for the future. These events were a travesty, a premeditated crime against humanity, a psychological operation and perhaps (we hope not) a rehearsal. Whatever it was to each of us, it is never to be forgotten.

Review by Jennifer Grafiada, NTP

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**Fires and Explosions:** Fatalities and serious injuries have been caused by smart meter fires and explosions. Following fire incidents, hundreds of thousands of smart meters have been recalled in Saskatchewan, Pennsylvania, Arizona, Florida, Oregon, and elsewhere. In early 2015, electrical surges caused hundreds of smart meters to explode off of the walls in Stockton and Capitola, California.



## “Smart” Meter Radiation is a Serious Risk to Our Health.

**Cancer & RF Radiation.** The World Health Organization (WHO) states that radio frequency (RF) electromagnetic fields (EMF) from non-ionizing radiation-emitting devices (such as “smart” meters, cell phones, and wi-fi) are a **Class 2B possible cancer causing agent** in the same category as lead, DDT, and chloroform. Studies show DNA breaks and damage.

**“Smart” meters pulse RF radiation** up to 190,000 times/ day at levels hundreds of times stronger than that which have been found to cause serious health problems. **Children, pregnant women, seniors, those with immune deficiencies, medical conditions, pacemakers and implants are especially at risk.**

**Upon installation of smart meters and infrastructure,** some people report headaches, ringing ears, dizziness, breathing problems, insomnia, nausea, cognitive problems, memory loss, muscle spasms, rashes, heart problems, and even seizures. Some have had to abandon their homes. Electro-Hypersensitivity (EHS) can be caused (and worsened) by exposure.

**Time bomb.** Peer-reviewed science confirms many harmful effects of EMF emitting technologies like smart meters. At first, the dangers of smoking and asbestos were ignored. Many illnesses, like cancer, take years to develop. **Will you allow the utilities to put your family's health at risk?**

**“Adverse neurological effects** have been reported in people who sustain close proximity to wireless meters, especially under 10 feet,” say 54 experts in 20 countries, including Joel Moskowitz of UC Berkeley School of Public Health and David Carpenter, Director, University of Albany NY Institute for Health and the Environment.



## WHAT CAN WE DO?

- Inform elected officials that you oppose smart meters—hold them accountable.

- Organize a public meeting or panel discussion on the subject.

- Refuse together with your community. There is power in numbers.

- Take direct action to block deployments and have smart meters removed.

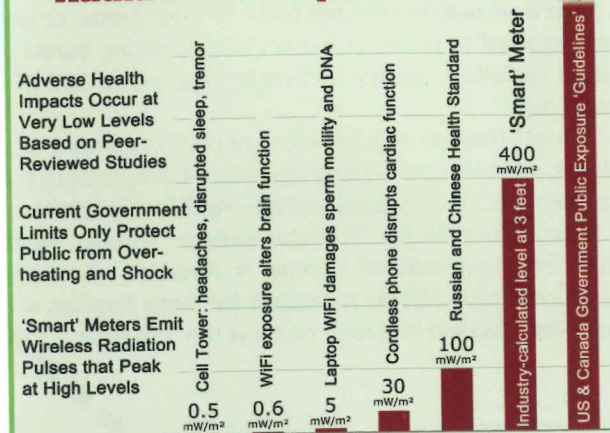
### If you have an analog meter:

- Send a certified letter to utility refusing consent.
- Secure analog meters behind locked gates or lock box.
- Do not allow installers on your property. Call police if they trespass. Form a neighborhood watch.
- Tell them “You are trespassing, Get off my property, I prohibit installation of the digital meter.”
- Don't agree to illegal ‘opt out’ fees. We never opted in!

### If you have a “smart” meter:

- Revoke consent by certified letter (samples on our website). Set a deadline for removal.
- Insist on written confirmation that replacement meters are “electromechanical analogs with no electronics.”
- When utilities refuse to remove unauthorized “smart” meters, people are buying analog meters online and having them installed. **It can be dangerous to swap an electric meter if you don't know what you are doing.**
- In the event of a disconnect, be prepared to speak out to the local council, the community, and the media. Report service cuts and other abuses to us.
- Get it in writing! Keep copies of all correspondence. Avoid circular conversations. Ask for a supervisor. **Insist on an analog meter for no charge. Don't back down.**
- Don't give up your power or your rights—assume the utility company is being deceptive.

## “Smart” Meter Wireless Radiation Comparison



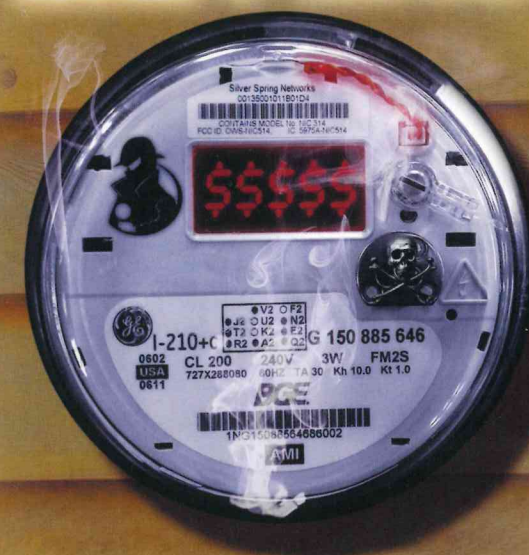
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Toll-Free Hotline 888 965-6435

**For more info,** copies of this brochure, FAQ, DVD's, EMF meters, organizing support and advice, and to donate or volunteer **please contact us**



# “SMART” METERS



**Costing You Money. Risking Your Health, Privacy and Safety.**

## What is a “Smart” Meter?

**An electronic utility meter that:**

- Allows utilities, governments, and third parties the ability to **spy on your home life**
- Emits wireless microwave radiation and dirty electricity that cause health problems
- Can catch fire, explode and damage appliances
- Typically increases utility bills

Communities worldwide are rejecting “smart” meters, ordering safety recalls, and restoring analogs. However, utilities continue to mislead the public and install without a mandate, using coercion, extortion and propaganda to achieve their aims.

**VERIFY!** Thousands of published and peer-reviewed scientific papers show environmental and human health damage from microwave radiation. To learn more and reduce your risk, go to: [StopSmartMeters.org](http://StopSmartMeters.org) (warning: You and your community have the right to safety, health and privacy. Did you know? Neither smart meters nor “opt out” fees are required by law.)





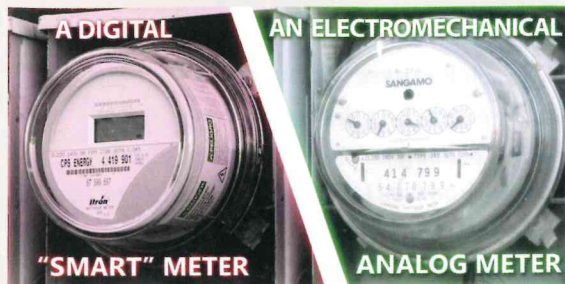
- ## Smart Meters are *NOT* Green.

## Types of “Smart” Meters:

**“Radio Off” Digital Meters** can still be surveillance devices, cause “dirty electricity” and health problems, overcharge and burn. Utilities may turn radio “on.”

## Know the Difference

**Bottom Line: If it's plastic and electronic, refuse it.** Demand a "non-electronic electromechanical analog." Beware "Trojan Horse" meters that resemble analogs. An FCC number = wireless. Use an EMF Meter from Stop Smart Meters! to be sure. Discounted Meters, advice, and support available at: **[StopSmartMeters.org/store](http://StopSmartMeters.org/store)**



## *The Path of Your Privacy:* **How an AMI “SMART” METER MESH NETWORK really works**

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- An illustration of a young child with blonde hair sleeping peacefully in a bed. The child is holding a brown teddy bear. The bed has a white pillow and a blue blanket. To the left of the bed, there is a vertical grey structure, possibly a lamp or part of the bed frame, with a lightning bolt symbol on it. Concentric red circles emanate from this structure, representing electromagnetic waves. A red arrow points towards the bottom left corner of the image.

**Smart Meters: A Double-Edged Sword**

It's odd, but recently I can't get to sleep.

Hmm, why do I have a headache?

**YOUR HOME**

**10 NSA**

No need for warrants!

**8 3rd PARTY DATA ANALYST**

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"Utilities and governments realize that smart meters and their networks can be attacked. Perhaps the most critical finding of Pike Research's analysis is that end-to-end protection of private and commercial usage data is impossible."  
—pikeresearch.com

**7 HACKERS**

**THIEVES**

Nobody's home at #19!

Let's shut down the power grid!

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**APPLIANCE MANUFACTURER**

**MARKETERS**

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Selling people's private data is the perfect new revenue stream

#18's occupants are using an old dishwasher. Let's send them an e-mail with a coupon for a new one!

government agencies including the NSA and others suddenly have access to your lifestyle data without needing a warrant.

**"A so-called 'Smart Grid' that is as vulnerable as what we've got is not smart at all, it's a really really stupid grid."**

-James Woolsey, former CIA Director, 2011

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