



## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA**

**7:00 PM - Monday, February 13, 2023**

*Telephone/Video Conference only*

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#### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION**

**1. Environmental Commission Minutes**

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of December 12, 2022.

**2. Reach Codes**

Discuss and provide a statement of support for reach code recommendations brought by City Staff.

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**3. Presentation from Community Climate Solutions**

Presentation by Lisa Altieri from Community Climate Solutions.

**4. Environmental Commission Work Plan****a. Tree Protection Ordinance**

Status update by staff.

**b. MWENDO**

Status update by staff.

**c. Other Work Plan Items**

Subcommittees to provide updates.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS****5. Environmental Commission Work Plan (Continued)****d. Electrification Information on EC Website**

Status update by staff, followed by a discussion.

**e. EV Fair**

Status update by staff, followed by a discussion.

**CITY STAFF UPDATES****COUNCIL MEETING ASSIGNMENTS****COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS****POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS****ADJOURNMENT****SPECIAL NOTICES TO PUBLIC**

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**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022, AT 7:00  
P.M. TELECONFERENCE**

**ESTABLISH QUORUM**

PRESENT: Chair Delagneau, Commissioner Teksler, Commissioner van Reis,  
Commissioner Humayun, Commissioner Weiden, Commissioner Lu

ABSENT: Vice Chair Hecht

ATTENDEES: Director Aida Fairman (Environmental Services and Utilities)  
Director Nick Zornes (Development Services)  
Tania Katbi (Sustainability Coordinator)  
Casey Leedom (Sustainability Coordinator)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Gary Hedden provided public comment.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION**

**1. Environmental Commission Minutes**

Approved minutes of the meeting of November 14, 2022.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Weiden, seconded by Commissioner Teksler, the Environmental Commission approved the minutes of the meeting of November 14, 2022.

The motion was approved (6-0) by the following vote:

AYES: Delagneau, Humayun, Teksler, van Reis, Weiden, Lu

NOES: None

ABSENT: Hecht

ABSTAIN: None

**2. Designate Chair Pro Tem**

Canceled meeting of January 9, 2023, in lieu of designating a Chair Pro Tem.

Action: Upon a motion by Chair Delagneau, seconded by Commissioner Humayun, the Environmental Commission canceled the meeting of January 9, 2023.

The motion was approved (6-0) by the following vote:

AYES: Delagneau, Humayun, Teksler, van Reis, Weiden, Lu

NOES: None

ABSENT: Hecht

ABSTAIN: None

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**3. Presentation on SB1383 Food Recovery Program**

Ciara Low from Joint Venture presented on Santa Clara County and the City of Los Altos'

Food Recovery Program. This was followed by questions and comments from Commissioners.

Public Comment

Gary Hedden and Sybil Cramer provided public comment.

4. **CPUC Net Energy Metering Solar Tariff**

Tania Katbi provided information on the CPUC update from the Net-Energy Metering Tariff (NEM 2.0) to the proposed Net Billing Tariff (NEM 3.0). This was followed by questions and comments from Commissioners.

Action: Upon a motion by Chair Delagneau, seconded by Commissioner Lu, the Environmental Commission voted to put the new CPUC Net Billing Tariff on the agenda for a future meeting.

The motion was approved (6-0) by the following vote:  
AYES: Delagneau, Humayun, Tekslar, van Reis, Weiden, Lu  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Hecht  
ABSTAIN: None

Public Comment

Gary Hedden provided public comment.

5. **Environmental Commission Work Plan**

a. **Reach Codes**

Tania Katbi provided a status update, followed by questions and comments from Commissioners.

b. **Tree Protection Ordinance**

Tania Katbi provided a status update, followed by questions and comments from Commissioners.

c. **MWENDO**

Tania Katbi provided a status update, followed by questions and comments from Commissioners.

d. **Other Work Plan Items**

Chair Delagneau and EC Subcommittees provided updates on various items from the workplan, followed by questions and comments from Commissioners.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

6. **Environmental Commission Work Plan (Continued)**

e. **Electrification Information on EC Website**

Tania Katbi provided a status update, followed by a discussion amongst the Commissioners.

f. **EV Fair**

The EV Fair Planning Committee provided an update on the status of the EV Fair, followed by a discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Commissioner Tekler left the meeting at 9:04pm.

**CITY STAFF UPDATES**7. **City Staff Updates**

There were no city staff updates.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Commissioner Lu provided an update on the Lehigh Cement Plant and the County Board of Supervisors meeting. Commissioner Weiden provided information regarding submitting public comments for the County Board of Supervisors meeting. Chair Delagneau provided a comment about Commissioners attending upcoming Council meetings. Chair Delagneau provided information about an upcoming webinar to discuss state legislation.

**POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. EV Fair
2. Presentation on Reach Codes
3. Presentation on Tree Protection Ordinance
4. Presentation from Community Climate Solutions or BlocPower
5. Presentation from CPUC on Net Energy Metering Solar Tariff

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Delagneau adjourned the meeting at 9:24 P.M.



**MEETING DATE:** February 13, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Reach Codes

**PREPARED BY:** Casey Leedom, Sustainability Coordinator

**REVIEWED BY:** Aida Fairman, Director of Environmental Services and Utilities

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## **BACKGROUND**

On September 6, 2022, City Council accepted staff's recommendations to (1) complete a cost effectiveness study based on the recommendations of the Environmental Commission on Reach Codes, (2) refer the recommended Codes to the California Energy Commission (CEC) for comment, (3) affirm or re-adopt the existing Reach Codes to continue after 12/31/2022, and (4) direct staff to review what other peer and local agencies have adopted with regards to Reach Codes after the new State Codes take effect on 1/1/23.

On November 29, 2022, City Council adopted the updated California Building Standards Code (Title 24) with local amendments that included the previously existing Reach Codes. These will continue to be in effect for three years or until the new Reach Codes have been adopted.

## **STATUS UPDATE**

City Staff has completed the following tasks:

- Staff reviewed the Bay Area Model Reach Code, the existing Los Altos Reach Code, and the Reach Code recommendations presented by the Environmental Commission during the September 6, 2022, City Council meeting.
- Staff conducted research and compiled data on reach codes adopted in late 2022 in peer and local jurisdictions.
- Staff reviewed and gathered cost effectiveness studies relevant to Los Altos' Climate Zone based on the Reach Code recommendations presented by the Environmental Commission.
- Staff is finalizing a local cost analysis to determine electrification costs for a typical single-family home in Los Altos.

Staff has developed recommendations to present to the Environmental Commission for comment and approval. These recommendations are included in the following presentation.

After the Environmental Commission reviews the updated Reach Code recommendations, Staff will bring the recommendations to City Council in March 2023. Once the Reach Codes are formally adopted by Council, they will be submitted to the CEC for review.



**MEETING DATE:** February 13, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Presentation on Community Climate Solutions

**PREPARED BY:** Casey Leedom, Sustainability Coordinator

**REVIEWED BY:** Aida Fairman, Director of Environmental Services and Utilities

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**BACKGROUND**

Community Climate Solutions (CCS) is a local non-profit organization that provides a simple, easy, and fun engagement platform and program that empowers residents to take climate actions at home and beyond in the areas of transportation, home electrification, water conservation, energy efficiency, and waste reduction. The program helps identify easy, affordable actions that residents can take to make a difference, and as a result, most households see savings between \$1,000 and \$3,000/year while reducing their household climate impact. The CCS program is a low cost, effective strategy to engage the community and reduce residential emissions.

**STATUS UPDATE**

Lisa Altieri will provide a presentation on Community Climate Solutions, the services that the organization provides, and potential opportunities to directly engage Los Altos residents in climate actions.

**“The CCS Platform has everything our city needs to engage residents and make an impact.”**

- Rachel DiFranco, Sustainability Manager, City of Fremont, CA

## It’s time to empower residents on Climate Solutions

### CITIES ARE STEPPING UP.

Cities across the U.S. and beyond are looking for innovative ways to take action on climate change. Many initiatives focus on renewable energy, building codes, or city facilities. However, there is another opportunity for significant impact—engaging residents.

### YOUR RESIDENTS CARE.

According to Yale research, over 60% of Americans are worried about climate change and want to help, but don’t know what to do. In many cities, the percentage of concerned residents is even higher. The important news—they can now make a big difference.

**40-60%** of Climate Action Plan emissions come from just **4** basic household activities residents do every day—



ELECTRICITY



HOME HEATING



WASTE



TRANSPORTATION

**Where residents NOW have options to take action, lower their impact, save money - AND help your city meet climate goals.**

## Introducing Community Climate Solutions

### DRIVING RESIDENTIAL ENGAGEMENT ON CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

Community Climate Solutions provides a simple, easy, and fun engagement platform and program that empowers residents to take climate actions at home and beyond. There are many easy, affordable actions that everyone can take to make a difference. And the savings are tangible—most households will save between \$1,000 and \$3,000/year while reducing their household climate impact.





**Community Climate Solutions provides an easy, cost effective way to engage residents and accelerate emissions reductions.**

### with Community Climate Solutions:

**YOUR RESIDENTS ARE EMPOWERED TO:**

- Learn about solutions
- Take action
- Save money

**YOUR SUSTAINABILITY TEAM HAS A LOW-COST, PLUG AND PLAY PLATFORM TO:**

- Include residents in your climate goals and initiatives
- Target a significant source of city emissions
- Build a more sustainable, resilient community

## What Makes Community Climate Solutions Unique



**ROBUST CARBON ANALYTICS ENGINE**  
with data customized for each user so residents can see the true impact and savings from actions.



**SIMPLE, FUN PLATFORM**  
that makes it easy to learn to take climate actions, track progress, and save money



**SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT**  
with built-in features for residents to work in teams, share tips, and celebrate wins



**CUSTOM PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT**  
local branding and custom engagement programs with dashboards and data reporting to track progress

**“It’s a Fitbit for Sustainability”**

—James Keene, former City Manager, City of Palo Alto

# COMMUNITY CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

Building a safe, healthy future

Agenda Item 3.

Empowering residents to take action on climate change and build more resilient communities



# The Power of Policy + Engagement

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## Electrifying Transportation

install EV charging stations,  
require charging infrastructure  
on new buildings

## Electrifying Households

Streamline solar and heat pump  
permitting process, require  
electrification on new buildings or  
large remodels

73% of Californians are worried about global warming

Yale Program on Climate Change Communication



Yale Climate Opinion Maps 2021

73%



# Community Engagement

## What Works



Easy to use information for residents to learn about solutions and find resources for taking action



Events & Activities - EV ride & drive, composting classes, etc.



Empowering community leaders and existing social groups



Community Based Social Marketing highlighting solutions



Provide or connect residents with incentives and financing options



Educate local contractors ex: heat pump technology

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# RESILIENT CENTRAL COAST

EVERYDAY  
OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR LOCAL  
CLIMATE ACTION

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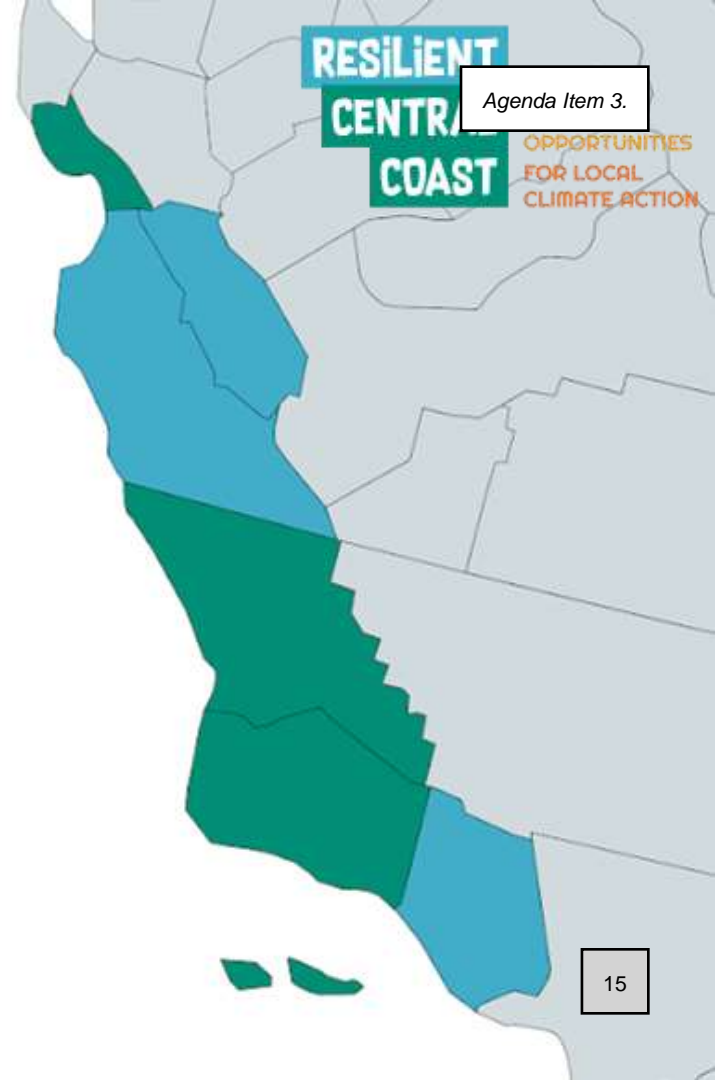
Santa Cruz County:  
**[resilientsantacruzcounty.org](https://resilientsantacruzcounty.org)**



San Luis Obispo County:  
**[resilientSLO.org](https://resilientSLO.org)**



Santa Barbara County:  
**[climateresilientSBC.org](https://climateresilientSBC.org)**





# Climate Smart San José





# CCS Platform: Climate Smart Challenge

# CLIMATE SMART CHALLENGE - GOGREEN TEAM

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## 1. Join Your Team



## 2. Discover Your Impact



## 3. Learn About Solutions

- Home energy
- Transportation
- Food and waste
- Water conservation
- Emergency Preparedness & Community resilience

## 4. Create a Plan and Take Actions



Join the Fremont Green Challenge to  
reduce your impact, save money and help  
create a cleaner, healthier future!

JOIN THE CHALLENGE

WHY JOIN? →



**2,500**

HOUSEHOLDS BY DECEMBER  
2022 PARTICIPATION GOAL



**1,500**

TONS OF CO<sub>2</sub> BY DECEMBER  
2022 REDUCTION GOAL

TOP COMMUNITY GROUP

**Thornton Jr. High School - Fremont  
Green Challenge**

TOP TEAM

**green goobers**



Join the Cleaner Contra Costa Challenge  
to create a cleaner, healthier community  
and save money!

[JOIN THE CHALLENGE](#)

[WHY JOIN? →](#)



**5,500**

HOUSEHOLDS BY DECEMBER  
2023 PARTICIPATION GOAL



**1,500**

TONS OF CO<sub>2</sub> BY DECEMBER  
2023 REDUCTION GOAL

TOP COMMUNITY GROUP

**Campolindo High School**

TOP TEAM

**Jackman Living Earth 20-21**



New Account

**Welcome to your dashboard!** It's easy to get started. Just 3 simple steps:



COMPLETE YOUR PROFILE



CHOOSE ACTIONS

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS/COMMUNITY



## How do you get around?

Transportation has the highest impact in most households.

### Select ALL the ways people in your household get around

If you walk, bike, skateboard or unicycle, your miles are carbon free! So no need to report them here.



Make sure to select all the options that apply above.

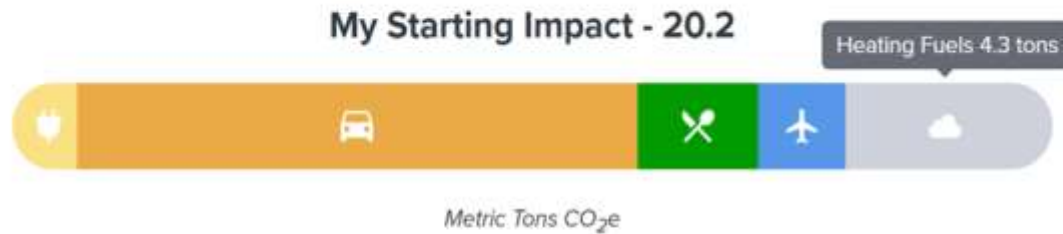
Tell us about the cars in your household



# Advanced Calculator

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Personalized action recommendations, custom estimates on impact and savings and progress tracking.



**CONGRATS!** YOU'VE  
REACHED THE PLUGGED IN  
LEVEL! ?

# Take action to make a difference

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☰ Action Categories

🔗 Recommended Actions



Be Energy Smart



Clean Energy Home



Shift Your Ride



Eat Green & Waste Less



Be Water Wise



Community & Learning



Resilience

Filters

GETTING STARTED

HANGING OUT AT HOME

THE BIG ACTIONS

YOUTH FRIENDLY

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# Make a Meal Plan

Did you know the average American throws away more than 200 pounds of food every year, costing the average household of four \$1,800? That's a lot of food and money to throw out! And food waste creates methane, a powerful greenhouse gas. The great news - it's easy to reduce food waste and save money by creating a meal plan!

[VIEW DISCUSSION](#)

[+ CREATE POST](#)

Your Impact **1170** points

[SHARE](#)

UPFRONT COST

\$0 - \$0

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TIME COMMITMENT

0.5 hours

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RESOURCE SAVINGS

ANNUAL SAVINGS

\$1170

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I/We will reduce  cups of food waste a week.

## Introduction

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Studies show that Americans today waste 50% more food than we did in the 1970s. While this is clearly going in the wrong direction, it also means we have a big opportunity to improve! Just a few easy changes can make a big difference.

It all starts with a bit of planning. By taking just a bit of time to make a weekly meal plan based on your favorite foods before you shop, you'll streamline your shopping and cooking - and save time, money and food.

Why is this important? Right now, about 8% of global greenhouse gas emissions come from food waste. Reducing your household food waste by making a meal plan helps eliminate some of those emissions, and means that the land, water and energy that produced your food will go to good use.



**1 Think about what you eat**

**2 Make a plan**

**3 Use your plan and enjoy the benefits!**

**4 Figure out how much food you're saving**

## PROGRAMS

### QuitCarbon - create a plan to electrify your home

Electrifying your home's fossil fuel appliances (especially water heater and furnace) is the single most impactful thing you can do to reduce your family's carbon pollution and fight climate change.

But quitting carbon ain't easy! You need a plan, and someone by your side. QuitCarbon™ is excited to write you a free Quittin' Plan!

*Currently serving the San Francisco Bay Area. All outside of current service area will be put on a waitlist.*

## REBATE/CREDIT

### Home Energy Score

Learn your home energy score to start saving big!

## FINANCING

### Residential Energy Efficiency Loan

You can receive affordable Residential Energy Efficiency Loan (REEL) financing for your energy efficiency projects. Start your project today with 5 simple steps!

## REBATE/CREDIT

### BayREN Home+

Cash rebates for home energy improvements

## REBATE/CREDIT

### Heat Pump Water Heater Rebate

Rebate for installing a new electric heat pump water heater.

# My Progress



**36,390**

TOTAL POINTS ⓘ



**22/12**

NEW/PREVIOUS  
ACTIONS  
COMPLETED



**\$3,060**

SAVINGS/YR



9.9 TONS/YR REDUCED ⓘ  
**WAY TO GO!**



**CONGRATS! YOU'VE  
REACHED THE PLUGGED IN  
LEVEL!** ⓘ





## Cool Champs

The most awesome team!

Team Rank #4

Welcome Team Leader! Here are a few tips to get started:

[INVITE TEAM MEMBERS](#)

### Team progress



**36,390**  
TOTAL POINTS



**22/12**  
NEW/PREVIOUS  
ACTIONS  
COMPLETED



**\$3,060**  
DOLLARS SAVED

### My posts

[Create post](#)

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Jen & Joe's House

06/12/2019

[Cool Champs](#)

#### EV Ride and Drive event

Hi all, looking for volunteers for the upcoming EV Ride & Drive event! Please contact Joanne if you can make it.

National Drive Electric Week



[Comment](#)

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Write a comment...

# COMMUNITY CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

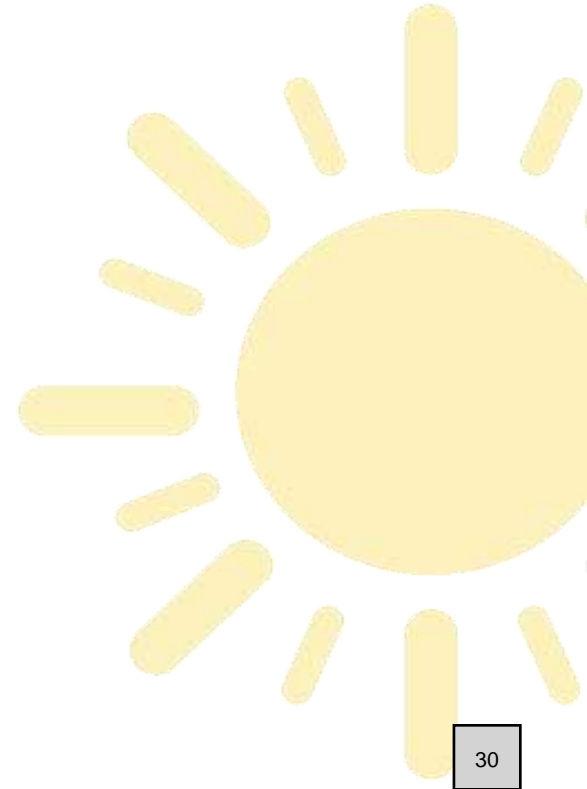
Building a safe, healthy future

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Lisa Altieri

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**MEETING DATE:** February 13, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Tree Protection Ordinance

**PREPARED BY:** Casey Leedom, Sustainability Coordinator

**REVIEWED BY:** Aida Fairman, Director of Environmental Services and Utilities

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**BACKGROUND**

The City’s Tree Protection Ordinance (Los Altos Municipal Code Chapter 11.08) provides regulations regarding the removal of certain trees within the City of Los Altos. The Ordinance was last updated in 2007. The City also has an existing Street Tree Planting List that regulates which trees may be planted in the public right-of-way.

On May 24, 2022, the Los Altos City Council directed the Environmental Commission and City staff to evaluate the existing Tree Protection Ordinance and provide recommendations for an updated ordinance.

Staff met internally with the Development Services Department to learn about the processes and procedures of Tree Removal Permits and researched neighboring jurisdictions’ policies on protected trees. Staff presented initial recommendations on the Tree Protection Ordinance to the Environmental Commission Subcommittee on November 2, 2022.

To inform this update, City staff reached out to three certified arborists for fee proposals to provide technical recommendations related to tree species, tree replacement ratios, and prioritization of protected trees. The Arborist will also provide technical input on an updated Street Tree Planting List and a Replacement Tree Planting List.

**STATUS UPDATE**

Staff reviewed arborist proposals and selected a consulting firm to provide technical and policy recommendations to inform the update of the City’s Tree Protection Ordinance and Street Tree Planting List, and to create a Private Tree Planting List for replacement trees. City staff are meeting with the consultant this week to kick off the project, assess the current implementation process for the tree protection ordinance, and review goals for the updated ordinance. The consultant will continue their work over the following weeks. City staff will bring updated recommendations to the Environmental Commission Subcommittee before bringing them to the Environmental Commission in March or April of 2023.



**MEETING DATE:** February 13, 2023

**SUBJECT:** MWENDO

**PREPARED BY:** Casey Leedom, Sustainability Coordinator

**REVIEWED BY:** Aida Fairman, Director of Environmental Services and Utilities

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## **BACKGROUND**

In 2015, the Santa Clara County Water Efficient New Development Task Force (“Task Force”) was formed to develop a Model Water Efficient New Development Ordinance to be adopted by jurisdictions in Santa Clara County to ensure that new developments are to be water efficient in order to extend the region’s water supplies. In September 2018, the Santa Clara Valley Water District, on behalf of the Task Force, procured the technical assistance of a qualified sustainability consulting firm to finalize the Model Water Efficient New Development Ordinance, with input from Task Force representatives, the California Building Standards Commission, and the California Energy Commission.

City Staff met in November 2022 with the EC subcommittee, Valley Water, and their contractor, Green Evolution, to get up to speed on MWENDO. City Staff also met internally with the Planning Division to review specific measures within the Ordinance.

## **STATUS UPDATE**

Green Evolution is currently working on updating the Model Ordinance based on the recent California Building Standards Code cycle and will provide it to jurisdictions upon completion. Staff will review the updated ordinance and meet internally to discuss any critical changes. Staff will then move forward with additional research, meetings with the EC subcommittee and Planning and Building Divisions, and recommendations.





**MEETING DATE:** February 13, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Environmental Commission Work Plan

**PREPARED BY:** Casey Leedom, Sustainability Coordinator

**REVIEWED BY:** Aida Fairman, Director of Environmental Services and Utilities

**BACKGROUND**

The Environmental Commission Work Plan is intended to focus the Commission’s agenda items and align them with City Council priorities, and to serve as a roadmap for projects and actions, as appropriate, during the 2022/23 year. The Commission will review the targets, projects, and status updates at each of its monthly meetings and review its priorities every three to six months.

At the Environmental Commission’s regular meeting on August 8, 2022, the Commissioners discussed prioritization of the Commission’s Work Plan items upon request by staff and put forth the following priorities (listed in order) for review by staff. City staff have updated “EV Fair” to Priority #5 and “Greening City Operations” to Priority #6.

- 1. Reach Codes
- 2. Tree Preservation Guidelines
- 3. Water Conservation (MWENDO), Implementation of CAAP priorities
- 4. Update Environmental Webpage on City website
- 5. EV Fair
- 6. Greening City Operations
- 7. Assist staff with Outreach and Education Effort
- 8. Single Use Plastics
- 9. Gas-Powered Off-Road Engines

The prioritization of the tasks in the Work Plan and target dates will be updated by staff as needed.

**STATUS UPDATE**

City Staff are primarily focusing current efforts on the first three items listed above.

Subcommittees to provide updates on recent work related to the work plan.



**MEETING DATE:** February 13, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Environmental Commission Website - Electrification

**PREPARED BY:** Casey Leedom, Sustainability Coordinator

**REVIEWED BY:** Aida Fairman, Director of Environmental Services and Utilities

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## **BACKGROUND**

The “Energy” section of the Environmental Commission webpage is meant to be a resource and guide for residents looking to electrify their homes and install solar panels and battery storage. Among other benefits, building electrification is a crucial step towards meeting the City’s climate goal of carbon neutrality by 2035.

City staff worked with Commissioners to update the Environmental Commission webpage to provide new sections specific to residential building electrification and solar energy. Staff and Commissioners completed multiple rounds of review to ensure the information provided on the website is accurate and easy to digest.

## **STAFF UPDATE**

The “Building Electrification Resource Page” and “Residential Solar Resource Page” have been published on the Environmental Commission website at the following links:

[Building Electrification Resource Page](#)

[Residential Solar Resource Page](#)

Information regarding the new sites was published in the Los Altos Town Crier on 1/25/2023 and in the City Manager’s Weekly Update on 1/30/2023.

## **DISCUSSION**

Commission to discuss additional strategies for publicizing the electrification website.



**MEETING DATE:** February 13, 2023

**SUBJECT:** EV Fair

**PREPARED BY:** Casey Leedom, Sustainability Coordinator

**REVIEWED BY:** Aida Fairman, Director of Environmental Services and Utilities

**BACKGROUND**

**Goal 1.4A of the Climate Action and Adaptation (CAAP) Plan** recommends the following:

- Develop a yearly EV fair with participation from local dealerships and owners.
- Develop a map of the city charging network and available dedicated parking spaces.
- Create a webinar series on EV ownership.
- Promote all available incentive programs and encourage their use.

The goal is to increase education and awareness of available EV resources and incentive programs.

**STATUS UPDATE**

City staff have continued to meet with the EV Fair Planning Committee (Sybil Cramer – Silicon Valley Chapter of Electric Vehicle Association, Suresh Venkatraman – GreenTown, and Commissioner Van Reis) to establish elements of the fair and coordinate next steps.

The event will be held at the Los Altos Community Center on June 3, 2023, from 10 am to 2 pm. The plan is to incorporate a ‘meet and greet’ model where EV owners will display their vehicles. Attendees can chat with EV owners, ask questions, and explore different features of the vehicles. There will be E-bikes on display, as well as informational booths and exhibits.

The Committee plans to send out notifications to informational booth vendors and EV owners in the next month.

The Committee plans to advertise the event through multiple platforms: Main Street and South Los Altos banners, webpage, Town Crier, GreenTown Newsletter, social media, City Manager Weekly Update, school newsletters, neighboring jurisdictions’ newsletters, and informational fliers.

Staff will bring a more detailed update to the Environmental Commission in March.

**DISCUSSION**

1. Environmental Commission / City of Los Altos Booth
2. Event Names:

- a. Destination Electric
- b. Electrify Your Ride
- c. The EV Everything Extravaganza
- d. The Los Altos Ultimate EV Expo