



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

6:00 PM - Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Via Video Conference and In Person

IN-PERSON PARTICIPATION: Members of the public may participate in-person at the Los Altos Community Center in the Sequoia Room located at 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos, CA.

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Correspondence must be received by 2:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting to ensure distribution prior to the meeting. Comments provided after 2:00 p.m. will be distributed the following day and included with public comment in the Environmental Commission packet.

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PLEASE NOTE: Commissioner Hecht will participate in the meeting via videoconference from the site listed below. The meeting agenda will be posted at the videoconference site, which is accessible to the public. Anyone wishing to address the Commission from the videoconference site will be provided with an opportunity to do so.

Location: 295 Fountain Ave, Tahoe City, CA 96145

AGENDA

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Members of the audience may bring to the Commission's attention any item that is not on the agenda. The Commission Chair will announce the time speakers will be granted before comments begin. Please be advised that, by law, the Planning Commission is unable to discuss or take action on issues presented during the Public Comment Period. According to State Law (also known as "The Brown Act") items must first be noted on the agenda before any discussion or action.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. **Meeting Minutes:** Approve minutes of the regular meeting of February 12, 2025.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. **Ecosystem Restoration Presentation:** Dr. Rick Lanman, MD will be presenting his recommendations for the development of the urban forest with an ecological lens.
3. **Electrification Event (EV Fair):** Receive updates from Vice Chair van Reis on the 2025 event.
4. **2025 Workplan:** Commissioners will continue the discussion on the 2025 workplan and subcommittees.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

STAFF UPDATES

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. SVCE Update
2. CAL Water Update
3. GHG Inventory Follow-up
4. SB 1046
5. Urban Forest Management Presentation

ADJOURNMENT

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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M. IN
PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE

ESTABLISHING QUORUM

PRESENT: Chair Humayun, Vice Chair van Reis, Commissioner Hecht (Virtual),
Commissioner Weiden, and Commissioner Lu

ABSENT: Commissioner Nee

ATTENDEES: Tania Katbi (Management Analyst II)

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. **Environmental Commission Minutes**

Approved minutes of the January 8, 2025, meeting.

Action: Upon a motion by Chair Humayun, seconded by Commissioner Hecht, the Environmental Commission approved the meeting minutes.

The motion was approved (5-0) by the following vote:

AYES: Hecht, Humayun, Weiden, van Reis, Lu

NOES: None

ABSENT: Nee

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. **SB 1046**

Staff provided a presentation on State legislation on precheck out plastic bags followed by questions and discussions from commissioners.

Commissioners recommended conducting more researching by reaching out to MTWS and other cities to understand their current approach.

3. **Joint Council Meeting Debrief**

The commission debriefed on the Joint Council meeting. The Commissioners recommended the following actions:

- To gather commissioner feedback regarding the Council Joint for the Chair to compile and share that feedback with the Council Liaison
- Summarize and send a response to the Council for confirmation, subject to approval by the Council Liaison (CL).
- Discuss and determine the next steps at March meeting.
- Form subcommittees based on research conducted by working pairs.

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1	Group	Topic	Commissioner
2	Working Pair	Urban Forest	Lu, van Reis
3	Working Pair	Reach Codes	Weiden, Hecht
4	Individual Work	Electrification Event	van Reis
5	Individual Work	Transporation	Humayun
6	Individual Work	Deconstruction	Humayun
7	Individual Work	Electrification Incentives	Nee
8	Commission Liaisons	Planning	Humayun
9	Commission Liaisons	CSC	Lu

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS AND COMMENTS

4. **Council Meetings**

Commissioners shared updates from Council meetings.

5. **Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

- a. **Building Electrification**
- b. **Dark Skies / Bird Safety**

STAFF UPDATES

Staff provided updates to the commission.

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ADJOURNMENT

Chair Humayan adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm.

Electrification Working Pair Update

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Proposed Electrification Working Group Suggested Goals

Develop recommendations to support and accelerate building electrification in Los Altos through policy, incentives, community engagement, and the Los Altos the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP).

- **Policy** – Research and propose electrification ordinances and guidelines for new construction and major remodels, evaluating options such as REACH Codes, NOx ordinances and building incentives.
- **Incentives** – Identify and recommend city-sponsored and third-party incentives that encourage the electrification of new and existing homes (monetary and non-monetary).
- **Community Engagement** – Expand education on electrification benefits and available incentives through public engagement, workshops, and collaboration with local organizations.
- **Climate Action and Adaptation Plan** – Work with city staff and sustainability partners to ensure effective notification and execution of electrification initiatives, aligning with evolving state, county, SVCE, BAAQMD programs and efforts.

