



## La Mesa Environmental Sustainability Commission Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date: January 24, 2022, 6:00 p.m.  
Location: Virtual Meeting

Present: X Chair Damsky  
X Vice Chair Williams  
Commissioner Bourton  
X Commissioner Grooms  
Commissioner Lonjaret  
  
X Commissioner Britton  
X Commissioner Garuba  
Commissioner Rodriguez  
X Commissioner Sarria

Staff X Environmental Program Manager Ego

This meeting was conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with Government Code Section 54953, as amended by Assembly Bill 361, in relation to the COVID-19 State of Emergency and recommended social distancing measures.

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### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Andrea Beth Damsky called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

#### 1.1 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### 2. **PRESENTATION**

### 3. **ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

### 4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)**

### 5. **CONFLICT DISCLOSURES**

### 6. **CURRENT BUSINESS**

**6.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Andrea Beth Damsky requested the letter the Commission sent to the Council CAP Subcommittee be added to the minutes.

**Moved by** Vice Chair Williams

**Seconded by** Commissioner Grooms

To vote on approving the minutes from the December 20, 2021  
Environmental Sustainability Commission Regular Meeting

**Approved**

**6.2 DISCUSSION OF THE 2023 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

Hilary Ego provided an update that the letter the Commission approved at their December meeting was given to the Council CAP Subcommittee. The Council CAP Subcommittee has met three times and finalized recommendations that will be presented to City Council on January 25th. The three recommendations are to use the 2018 Climate Action Plan (CAP) and complete a compressive update for the 2023 CAP Update, the second is to release a RFP and hire a consultant to complete the CAP update, and the third is to add an additional \$50,000 from the General Fund to fund the CAP update.

**6.3 REQUEST BY WORK PLAN AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION TO VOTE ON APPROVING THE 2022 WORK PLAN**

Hilary Ego provided an update that she met with City Staff, Work Plan ad hoc Subcommittee, and Decarbonization ad hoc Subcommittee to adjust the verbiage in Goal 4: Building Electrification, to ensure it is included in the Work Plan when presented to City Council. The recommended edits include presenting to Council at a later date about building electrification in La Mesa and at that time receive further Council direction with guidance on building electrification.

Ricky Williams commented that the intent of this goal doesn't change and that the work the Commission does is at the discretion of the Council. ultimately this still meets what we are trying to get across in Goal 4.

Andrea Beth Damsky commented to change the verbiage to "trade unions" in Goal 4.

Hilary Ego commented that the work plan was emailed to all the Commissioners and did not receive additional edits. Hilary then guided the review of the 2022 Work Plan goals and key actions with the Commissioners to finalize the Work Plan.

**Moved by** Commissioner Grooms  
**Seconded by** Vice Chair Williams

**Approved**

**6.4 DISCUSSION OF AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE: DECARBONIZATION**

Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret and Michael Bourton were absent from the Commission meeting and were not present to provide an update.

Hilary commented that Stephen Grooms had asked to be on the Decarbonization ad hoc subcommittee at the last meeting, but since the Commission has two vacancies there could only be two Commissioners on an ad hoc subcommittee now. Hilary commented that she continues to participate in the discussions and review of the County's Regional Decarbonization Framework, Jean-Guillaume has been doing research on other cities' efforts, and Michael Bourton has been summarizing Title 24 and building electrification requirements from the State.

**6.5 DISCUSSION OF THE SCHEDULED FEBRUARY REGULAR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING**

Andrea Beth Damsky commented that the February meeting falls on a holiday, President's Day, and requested if the Commissioners will attend. Stephen, Ricky, and Andrea Beth stated they can attend and will therefore keep the meeting as regularly scheduled.

**7. STAFF AND COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Hilary Ego introduced the City's new CivicSpark Fellow, Alexa Kerr, who provided an introduction on her background, strengths, and projects she will be working on. Hilary provided an update on the January 25th City Council items related to the Climate Action Plan, Senate Bill 1383 implementation for the organic waste rollout, edible food recovery, and ordinance, submitted an application for the SANDAG iCommute Go by Bike mini grant, electric vehicle charging stations at MacArthur Park nearing completion, tree planting delays with Urban Corps due to COVID-19 and staff and the Urban Forest Management Plan, and the San Diego Community Power Phase 3 residential rollout in March 2022.

Sebastian Sarria offered to give a presentation to the Environmental Sustainability Commission at their February meeting and will be presenting to City Council on February 22, 2022 and described the residential rollout for residential customers and for customers with rooftop solar.

Joe Britton commented that last year SDG&E committed to net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045 and they are now conducting a study on how to achieve this commitment. The study will be completed in the Spring and SDG&E would like to present to the Commission once completed.

Ricky commented he was glad the 2022 Work Plan was approved and is excited to listen to the January 25th Council meeting to hear about the CAP items.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Andrea Beth Damsky adjourned the meeting at 7:02 PM.