

City of Capitola

Commission on the Environment

Regular Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 – 6:00 PM



Capitola City Hall, Community Room
420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010

Chair: Michelle Beritzhoff-Law

Vice-Chair: Michael Maroney

Commissioners: Mayor Clarke, Dennis Norton, Scott Rohlf

Staff Representative: Erika Senyk

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

3. Public Oral and Written Communications

The Chair may announce and set time limits at the beginning of each agenda item. The Committee Members may not discuss Oral Communications to any significant degree but may request issues raised be placed on a future agenda.

4. Staff Comments

5. January 21, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Review and approve minutes.

6. General Business

A. 2026 COE Workplan

Recommended Action: Discuss and approve a list of COE goals for calendar year 2026.

7. Items for Future Agenda

8. Adjournment

Next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2026.

Agenda and Agenda Packet Materials: The Commission on the Environment Agenda is available on the City's website: www.cityofcapitola.org/ on Friday prior to the Wednesday meeting. If you need additional information, please contact the Public Works Department at (831) 475-7300.

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 – 5:30 PM



Capitola City Hall, Community Room
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Chair: Michelle Beritzhoff-Law

Vice Chair: Michael Maroney

Commissioners: Council Member Clarke, Dennis Norton, Scott Rohlf

Staff Representative: Jessica Kahn

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- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call** – Chair Beritzhoff-Law called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.
Commissioners Present: Michelle Beritzhoff-Law, Michael Maroney, Council Member Clarke, Dennis Norton, Scott Rohlf
Absent: None
City Staff Present: Jessica Kahn (Public Works Director)

- 2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda**
None.

- 3. Public Oral and Written Communications**
Brookvale Terrace residents Katy Guernsey and Sheryl Coulston spoke about an upcoming informational event on native pollinator plants and plans for a Mid-County Senior Center plant giveaway in May.

- 4. Staff Comments**
None.

- 5. December 17, 2025 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes**
Recommended Action: Review and approve minutes.

Motion to approve the December 17, 2025 minutes: Council Member Clarke
Seconded: Vice Chair Maroney
Motion passed 5-0-0

- 6. General Business**

- A. Offshore Oil Drilling**

Recommended Action: Receive a presentation on the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's proposed 11th National Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Leasing Draft Program.

Dan Haifley and Katie Thompson of Save Our Shores presented on BOEM's offshore oil and gas program and the status of 27 coastal ordinances regulating or prohibiting onshore oil

support facilities. The presenters also responded to questions from the Commission and the public.

B. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Recommended Action: Select a Chair and Vice Chair to serve a one-year term for 2026.

Motion to select Commissioner Beritzhoff-Law as Chair of the Commission on the Environment for calendar year 2026: Council Member Clarke

Seconded: Commissioner Norton

Motion passed 5-0-0

Motion to select Commissioner Maroney as Vice Chair of the Commission on the Environment for calendar year 2026: Chair Beritzhoff-Law

Seconded: Commissioner Rohlf

Motion passed 5-0-0

7. Items for Future Agenda

1. 2026 Calendar Year Goal Setting

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 PM to the next Regular Meeting of the Commission on the Environment on February 18, 2026.

ATTEST:

Erika Senyk, Environmental Projects Manager

Michelle Beritzhoff-Law, Chair

Capitola Commission on the Environment

Agenda Report



Meeting: February 18, 2026

From: Public Works Department

Topic: 2026 COE Workplan

Recommended Action: Discuss and approve a list of COE goals for calendar year 2026.

Background/Discussion: At the beginning of each calendar year, the Commission on the Environment discusses and approves a workplan or list of goals for the Commission to address by the end of that calendar year. The workplan is used to help inform Commission discussion topics and intended outcomes, meeting structure, and items for future agendas.

In April of 2025, the Commission approved the following workplan for calendar year 2025. The goals were ranked in order of priority for the COE to accomplish, with number one being the highest priority.

Commission on the Environment 2025 Workplan

1. Support the update of the City's Climate Action Plan goals at COE meetings.
2. Pursue projects related to Soquel Creek and Noble Gulch maintenance and identify funding opportunities.
3. Investigate the City's needs for managing recycling and waste; and identify if and how statewide programs can help to address those needs.
4. Support City staff in advancements for improving water quality and associated projects.

The Commission is to review the 2025 workplan and discuss potential new goals or initiatives for the remainder of calendar year 2026.

Report Prepared By: Erika Senyk, Environmental Projects Manager