



AGENDA
COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019
6:00 PM
CITY COMMUNITY ROOM
420 CAPITOLA AVENUE, CAPITOLA, CA 95010

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioners: Cathlin Atchison, Jacques Bertrand, Michelle Beritzhoff-Law, Meredith Keet, Peter Wilk

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS *(No action may be taken)*

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of February 27, 2019

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Introduction of new commissioner Meredith Keet
2. Amend the 2019 meeting schedule
3. Review of Commission Work Plan

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

ADJOURNMENT to August 14, 2019

Notice: The Commission on the Environment meets quarterly (February, May, August, November) at 6:00 PM in the Community Room located at 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola.

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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DRAFT MINUTES
Commission on the Environment
Regular Meeting
February 27, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioners Present: Cathlin Atchison, Jacques Bertrand, Michelle Beritzhoff-Law

Commissioners Absent: Peter Wilk

City Staff Present: Steve Jesberg, Danielle Uharriet

WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

OTHER BUSINESS

1. The minutes of October 24, 2018 were approved

2. Introduction of new commissioner Michelle Beritzhoff-Law

Michelle Beritzhoff-Law commented that she is a Project Director at FishWise, developing and implementing sustainable seafood programs. Michelle has degrees in Aquatic Biology and Marine Science; and has worked for the fisheries in New Zealand.

3. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Cathlin Atchison was unanimously elected Chair (Bertrand/Beritzhoff-Law)

Michelle Beritzhoff-Law was unanimously elected Vice-Chair (Bertrand/Atchison)

4. Presentation – PureWater Soquel Project

Barbara Graves, community advocate and Dr. Tom LaHue, Soquel Creek Water District, President of the Board, presented a project overview of the PureWater Soquel groundwater replenishment and seawater intrusion prevention project. The project involves taking already treated municipal wastewater from the City of Santa Cruz, purifying it through advanced water purification methods, replenishing the basin through recharge wells, and creating a seawater barrier. The District has approved the EIR for the project and is moving forward seeking funding and finalizing the project details. Barbara Graves stated there is a goal of community advocates to organize a public forum of scientific experts to discuss the project. At the January 24, 2019 City Council meeting, the council supported the water district's grant application to help fund the project. Barbara Graves requested the Commission's support by endorsing the project. The Commission unanimously supported the PureWater Soquel Project.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Native Milkweed Campaign
- Meeting schedule changes

ADJOURNMENT to a Regular meeting on May 8, 2019

Approved at the meeting of May 8, 2019

Danielle Uharriet
Environmental Projects Manager

**CITY OF CAPITOLA
COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

Agenda Report

Meeting Date: May 8, 2019

Agenda Item: 2

Amended 2019 Meeting Schedule

For 2019 it is proposed that the Commission on the Environment meet quarterly. The schedule has been amended so that meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month, except February, previously held on the fourth Wednesday.

Meeting Schedule:

February 27, 2019

May 8, 2019

August 14, 2019

November 13, 2019

**CITY OF CAPITOLA
COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

Agenda Report

Meeting Date: May 8, 2019

Agenda Item: 3

Subject: 2019-2020 Work Plan

In previous years the COE has developed work plans to identify topics, projects, and strategies that would be the basis of advice and recommendations to the City Council on policy matters relating to sustainability, environmental protection, and resource enhancement which benefit the City of Capitola.

Utilizing the list of work items from previous years and developing new work items, the commission should focus on prioritizing the work items, identify realistic goals, and discuss strategies for competing items.

Previous work items:

- ♦ Soquel Creek/Peery Park Riparian Restoration - 75% complete
Continue to work on plan implementation and maintenance
- ♦ Native Milkweed Campaign
Update information and post on city website
- ♦ Climate Action Plan Assistance
Consult with Community Development Department to identify specific reduction measures for ongoing or potential implementation
- ♦ EV promotion
Increase charging station locations
- ♦ HERO promotion
How to promote the HERO energy saving program
- ♦ Restaurant ordinance informational guide/leaflet
Develop an informational guide for distribution to restaurants regarding Capitola regulations
- ♦ 4Cs Central Coast Climate Collaborative

New work items:

- ♦ Sustainability Guidance for Events in Capitola (example: Wharf-to-Wharf)
How to provide guidance to organizations/groups that put events on in Capitola regarding:
 - Reducing waste
 - Eliminating single use plastics with the aim of reducing plastic waste blowing onto the beach and into the sea
 - Sustainable water use