

City of Capitola

Commission on the Environment

Regular Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, July 16, 2025 – 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. June 18th, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Review and approve minutes.

6. General Business

A. GreenWaste Recovery Presentation

Recommended Action: Receive a presentation from GreenWaste Recovery representatives on waste collection and community outreach procedures within the City of Capitola.

7. Items for Future Agenda

8. Adjournment

Next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2025.

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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accommodate individuals with environmental sensitivities, attendees are requested to refrain from wearing perfumes and other scented products.

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- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call** – Chair Beritzhoff-Law called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.
Commissioners Present: Michelle Beritzhoff-Law, Michael Maroney, Mayor Clarke, Dennis Norton, Scott Rohlf
Absent: None
City Staff Present: Erika Senyk (Environmental Projects Manager)
 - 2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda**
No additions or deletions to the agenda.
 - 3. Public Oral and Written Communications**
None.
 - 4. Staff Comments**
Staff provided a summary of the National Trails Day volunteer event at the Rispin Mansion on Saturday, June 7th, 2025.
 - 5. May 28, 2025 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes**
Recommended Action: Review and approve minutes.

Motion to approve the May 28, 2025 minutes: Commissioner Norton
Seconded: Vice Chair Maroney
Motion passed 5-0-0
 - 6. General Business**

A. GreenWaste Recovery Presentation

Recommended Action: Discuss the opportunity for GreenWaste Recovery representatives to provide a presentation at a future COE meeting and identify priority topics for discussion.

Erika Senyk, Environmental Projects Manager, presented the staff report.

The Commission directed for staff to invite GreenWaste Recovery representatives to present

at the regular July 16th, 2025 Commission on the Environment Meeting and requested the following topics be addressed during the presentation:

1. What are the current community outreach and education efforts that GreenWaste is undertaking, which are already outlined in the franchise agreement with the City?
2. What additional community outreach services does GreenWaste provide that the City is not currently leveraging? Is GreenWaste providing these services in other jurisdictions?
3. What are the common challenges that GreenWaste encounters as a hauler?
4. Overview of the Food Waste Diversion program and the environmental benefits this program provides.
5. Could GreenWaste assist the City in creating visual aids, such as a computer magnet for our residents' refrigerators, which serves as an easily accessible reminder of "what goes where"?

B. The Monte Foundation Fireworks 2025

Recommended Action: Provide feedback on the proposed annual Monte Foundation Fireworks Extravaganza event.

Erika Senyk, Environmental Projects Manager, presented the staff report.

The Commission discussed the potential environmental impacts of the annual Monte Foundation Fireworks show and provided the following recommendation:

The COE recommends that City Council progress towards future Monte Foundation Firework Extravaganza events that reduce marine wildlife disturbance impacts and address public noise pollution concerns, while considering the cultural significance of this event.

7. Items for Future Agenda

1. Invite Natural History Museum staff to attend a future COE meeting and discuss potential volunteer planting projects at the Rispin Mansion.
2. Discuss the City's vulnerability to coastal flooding as part of the review of the City's Climate Action Plan updates and the Sea Level Rise Adaption Plan.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm to the next Regular Meeting of the Commission on the Environment on July 16th, 2025.

ATTEST:

Erika Senyk, Environmental Projects Manager

Michelle Beritzhoff-Law, Chair