

# City of Capitola

## Commission on the Environment

### Regular Meeting Agenda

### Wednesday, October 15, 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

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#### 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. August 20, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Review and approve minutes.

#### 6. General Business

##### A. Soquel Creek and Noble Gulch Maintenance

Recommended Action: Discuss potential native plant restoration and fish habitat improvement projects for Soquel Creek and Noble Gulch.

#### 7. Items for Future Agenda

#### 8. Adjournment

Next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2025.

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**1. Call to Order and Roll Call** – Chair Beritzhoff-Law called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

Commissioners Present: Michelle Beritzhoff-Law, Michael Maroney, Dennis Norton, Mayor Clarke

Absent: Scott Rohlf

City Staff Present: Erika Senyk (Environmental Projects Manager)

**2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda**

None.

**3. Public Oral and Written Communications**

Commissioner Rohlf provided written communications on General Business Item 6A in advance of the meeting, to be taken into consideration by the Commission during discussions.

Brookvale Terrace residents spoke about their 9 planting areas that were funded partly through the City's previous ESHA Planting Reimbursement Program and requested that the Commission consider supporting future funding opportunities for residents to plant and maintain vital riparian habitat areas.

**4. Staff Comments**

Staff provided an update that the September COE meeting agenda will be published next week.

**5. July 16, 2025 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes**

Recommended Action: Review and approve minutes.

**Motion to approve the July 16, 2025 minutes:** Commissioner Norton

**Seconded:** Vice Chair Maroney

**Motion passed 4-0-1 (Commissioner Rohlf Absent)**

**6. General Business**

**A. Soquel Creek and Noble Gulch Maintenance**

Recommended Action: Discuss potential projects related to Soquel Creek and Noble Gulch maintenance and identify funding opportunities.

Erika Senyk, Environmental Projects Manager, provided an overview of current City uses for

the Green Building Funds.

The Commission considered potential grant opportunities and local groups that the City could partner with to gather more volunteers for native plant restoration projects in riparian corridors. The Commission also considered incentivizing local businesses to support this work to improve local riparian habitats and water quality.

The Commission continued the item to the regular September COE meeting and requested that staff invite Don Alley, the City's contracted fisheries biologist, to attend the next meeting.

## 7. Items for Future Agenda

1. Discuss potential native plant restoration and fish habitat improvement projects for Soquel Creek and Noble Gulch.
2. Review the proposed areas for volunteer planting projects at the Park at Rispin Mansion.
3. Review the City's proposed uses for Measure Q funds.
4. Review and provide feedback on the City's Climate Action Plan updates and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan.

## 8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm to the next Regular Meeting of the Commission on the Environment on September 17, 2025.

**ATTEST:**

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Erika Senyk, Environmental Projects Manager

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Michelle Beritzhoff-Law, Chair