

City of Capitola

Commission on the Environment Meeting Minutes

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 – Chair Beritzhoff-Law called the meeting to order at 6:17pm.

Commissioners Present: Michelle Beritzhoff-Law, Michael Maroney, Dennis Norton, Scott Rohlf

Absent: Mayor Clarke

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

Sheryl Coulston, a Brookvale Terrace resident, inquired about additional City programs or funding opportunities to support ongoing Soquel Creek and Noble Gulch native plant restoration projects.

4. Staff Comments

Staff provided an update on the drafted MOU agreement between the City and the Natural History Museum to provide volunteer opportunities for planting projects at the Park at the Rispin Mansion.

5. June 18, 2025 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Review and approve minutes.

Motion to approve the June 18, 2025 minutes: Vice Chair Maroney

Seconded: Commissioner Rohlf

Motion passed 4-0-1

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.

GreenWaste Recovery personnel gave a presentation covering GreenWaste's collection services and provided a summary of community outreach efforts within the City. GreenWaste received and responded to questions from the Commission and members of the public.

7. Items for Future Agenda

1. Pursue projects related to Soquel Creek and Noble Gulch maintenance and identify funding opportunities.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm to the next Regular Meeting of the Commission on the Environment on August 20, 2025.

ATTEST:

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Erika Senyk, Environmental Projects Manager

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Michelle Beritzhoff-Law, Chair