

City of Capitola Commission on the Environment Meeting Minutes

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: Council Member Clarke, Dennis Norton, Scott Rohlf

Staff Representative: Erika Senyk

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- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call** – Chair Beritzhoff-Law called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.
Commissioners Present: Michelle Beritzhoff-Law, Michael Maroney, Council Member Clarke, Scott Rohlf
Absent: Dennis Norton
City Staff Present: Erika Senyk (Environmental Projects Manager)
 - 2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda**
None.
 - 3. Public Oral and Written Communications**
None.
 - 4. Staff Comments**
Staff provided updates on topics such as the City's Climate Action Plan RFP, a State Coastal Conservancy Grant to support resiliency planning for Esplanade Park, the City's Clean Community Designation Program award, a T-Mobile Hometown Grant opportunity, BOEM's Offshore Drilling proposal, State regulations for plastic carryout bags, a potential stormwater infrastructure improvement planning project through a collaboration with the Regional Climate Project Working Group, and new Water Quality Monitoring signs at Capitola Beach entrances in coordination with the Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Department.
 - 5. January 21, 2026 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes**
Recommended Action: Review and approve minutes.

Motion to approve the January 21, 2026 minutes: Council Member Clarke
Seconded: Vice Chair Maroney
Motion passed 4-0-1 (Commissioner Norton Absent)
 - 6. General Business**
 - A. 2026 COE Workplan**
Recommended Action: Discuss and approve a list of COE goals for calendar year 2026.

The Commission discussed their goals for 2026 and approved the following workplan:

COE Goals for 2026:

1. **Support the update of the City's Climate Action Plan goals at COE meetings.**
2. **Provide support and guidance to City staff on environmental improvement projects (e.g., Rispin Riparian Corridor) and relevant funding opportunities.**
3. **Increase and improve public awareness of environmental management and compliance efforts.**

Motion to approve the list of COE goals for calendar year 2026: Council Member Clarke

Seconded: Vice Chair Maroney

Motion passed 4-0-1 (Commissioner Norton Absent)

7. Items for Future Agenda

1. T-Mobile Hometown Grant & The Park at Rispin Mansion improvements
2. Carryout bag ordinance updates

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM to the next Regular Meeting of the Commission on the Environment on March 18, 2026.

ATTEST:



Erika Senyk, Environmental Projects Manager



Michelle Beritzhoff-Law, Chair