



**CITY COUNCIL and
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 6:00 PM
Arrillaga Family Recreation Center, Cypress Room
700 Alma Street, CA 94025**

6:00 P.M. SPECIAL BUSINESS

Mayor Carlton called the meeting at order at 6:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL

City Council present: Carlton, Cline (arrived at 6:12 p.m.), Keith, Ohtaki, Mueller

Commissioners present: Bedwell, Duriseti, Marshall, Martin, Slomiak

Commissioners absent: DeCardy and Smolke

Staff Present: City Manager Alex McIntyre, Assistant City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson, City Attorney Bill McClure, Public Works Director Jesse Quirion, Transportation Manager Nikki Nagaya, Environmental Programs Manager Heather Abrams, Environmental Programs Specialist Vanessa Marcadejas, Environmental Programs Specialist Sheena Ignacio, City Clerk Pamela Aguilar

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

The Council and Commission discussed the following topics:

1. Heritage Tree Ordinance

Commission Chair Marshall and Commissioner Slomiak discussed the heritage tree removal application and review process. Commissioner Bedwell discussed concerns with developers complying with heritage tree requirements.

2. Climate Action Plan

Commissioner Slomiak discussed the Council's goal of 27% greenhouse gas emissions reduction, feasibility studies and initiatives that the EQC can implement to help the City reach its goal. He also spoke about working in partnership with MenloSpark.

3. Water Resources and Policy

Commissioner Bedwell discussed the concept of water as a public resource, aggressive conservation, reuse, managing effective transfers, the aquifer as a source of water as a last resort and establishing criteria for evaluating requests for water.

4. Review of 2-Year Work Plan and other Environmentally-Related Areas of Interest

There was consensus among the Council and Commission to hold more joint meetings in the future.


ADJOURNMENT at 6:55 p.m.

Pamela Aguilar, City Clerk