

Environmental Quality Commission



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 7/16/2025
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Teleconference and
City Hall Downtown Conference Room, 1st Floor
701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. CA 94025

A. Call To Order

Chair McKenna called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Angiel, Hedley, Hernandez, Hill, Kissel, Chair McKenna,
Absent: Vice Chair Meyer
Staff: Sustainability Manager Rachael Londer

C. Public Comment

None.

D. Regular Business

D1. Approve the June 18, 2025, Environmental Quality Commission meeting minutes (Attachment)

ACTION: Motion and second (Hill/ Hedley), to approve the June 18, 2025, Environmental Quality Commission meeting minutes with updates to item D1., passed 6-0-1 (Meyer absent).

D2. Report out on strategies to reduce vehicle miles traveled by the Transportation Ad Hoc Subcommittee (Attachment)

Chair McKenna made a presentation.

The Commission received clarification on the vehicle miles traveled (VMT) measurement.

- Sally Cole spoke on concerns related to the recommended strategies to reduce VMT.
- Katherine Dumont spoke in support of the recommended strategies to reduce VMT.
- Jocelyn Anaya Galvan spoke in support of the recommended strategies to reduce VMT.
- Brian Schmidt spoke in support of the work of the Complete Streets Commission and the recommended strategies to reduce VMT.
- Hanna Hedley spoke in support of bike lanes on El Camino Real.
- Kevin Rennie spoke in support of the recommended strategies to reduce VMT.
- Meredith Bergin Bailey spoke in support of the recommended strategies to reduce VMT.
- Ken Kersher spoke in support of bike lanes on El Camino and the recommended strategies to reduce VMT.
- Adina Levin spoke in support of public transit and the recommended strategies to reduce VMT.

The Commission discussed the goals of the Transportation Ad Hoc Subcommittee, working with and

overlapping with other commissions, metrics used to determine VMT and potential activities that could reduce VMT.

D3. Discuss Environmental Quality Commission 2025-2026 work plan (Attachment)

Chair McKenna introduced the item.

- Brian Schmidt spoke on concerns related to Menlo Park reaching carbon neutrality by 2030.
- Katherine Dumont spoke on concerns related to green waste.
- Adina Levin spoke in support of the Environmental Quality Commission 2025-2026 work plan.

The Commission discussed adding potential topics and subcommittees to the work plan and prioritized:

- Community engagement across stakeholders
- Community solar and microgrid
- Calculating emissions reductions for proposed efforts
- Building energy savings ordinance and building performance standards
- Discuss City efforts related to Senate Bill 1383 to reduce organic waste
- Matching rebates
- Heat resiliency
- Fossil fuel divestment
- Affordable food
- Environment Justice Element implementation

E. Reports and Announcements

E1. Reports and announcements from staff and Commissioners

Commissioner Kissel spoke on concerns related to new legislation.

Chair McKenna reported out on the Extreme Heat Summit Aug. 17, the Bay Area Air District Climate Action Plan public comment period and the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act.

Sustainability Manager Rachael Londer reported out on the next Environmental Quality Commission meeting at Belle Haven Community Campus Aug. 20, City Council first reading of local code amendments Aug. 12 and a meeting with the Facilities Director of Menlo Park City School District.

G. Adjournment

Chair McKenna adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Management Analyst II Liz Tapia

Minutes approved at the August 20, 2025 Environmental Quality Commission meeting.