



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

**March 11, 2026 - 6:00 PM
In Person**

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AGENDA

ESTABLISH QUORUM

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ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. **Meeting Minutes: Approve minutes of the regular meeting of January 14, 2026.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. **Joint Council Meeting Debrief: The commission will debrief and discuss the feedback received from Council and make adjustments to the 2026 workplan as needed.**

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

STAFF UPDATES

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M. IN
PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE

ESTABLISHING QUORUM

PRESENT: Chair van Reis, Vice Chair Nee, Commissioner Humayun, Commissioner Hecht,
Commissioner Weiden, and Commissioner De Giuli

ABSENT: None

ATTENDEES: Tania Katbi (Management Analyst II)

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments provided by Jim Wing.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION**1. Environmental Commission Minutes**

Approved minutes of the November 12, 2025, meeting.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Hecht, seconded by Commissioner De Giuli, the Environmental Commission approved the meeting minutes with edits.

The motion was approved (5-0-1) by the following vote:

AYES: Hecht, Humayun, van Reis, Weiden and De Giuli

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Nee

DISCUSSION ITEMS**2. Receive Commission Updates**

Staff presented on the Commission Handbook and new updates.

3. Transportation Update

Commissioner Humayun provided a brief update on her research for a Community Shuttle Program.

4. Building Electrification Updates

The working group (Hecht and Nee) provided an update on the status of the FAR project. Staff provided updates on the Rebate Program and Speaker Series.

5. Review and approve 2026 Environmental Commission Workplan

Commissioners approved the 2026 Workplan pending additional guidance from Council on individual projects.

Public comment provided by Laura Fay and Andrea Wald.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

6. Reports from Council Meetings

Commissioners shared updates from Council meetings.

7. Roundtable Progress Updates

Commissioners shared project updates.

Group	Topic	Commissioner
Working Pair	Residential Home Electrification	Hecht, Nee
Working Pair	Urban Forest	van Reis, Humayun
Individual Work	Transportation	Humayun
Individual Work	Deconstruction	Humayun

STAFF UPDATES

Staff announced the following updates:

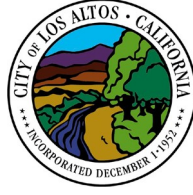
- Commissioner Lu has resigned from the Commission due to unforeseen personal reasons.
- The City underwent a restructuring in late 2025 after the resignation of Assistant City Manager, Nick Zornes, and the Sustainability Division is now housed in the City Manager's Office.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. CAL Water Update (Special Presentation)
2. GHG Inventory Follow-up (Staff)
3. Workplan Updates (All)
4. Artificial Turf Discussion (All)
5. Living Green Event Discussion (Humayun)
6. Native Grasses (van Reis) (Special Presentation)
7. Rainwater Harvesting (Lu) (Special Presentation)
8. CAAP Review Updates (Working Group)
9. Speaker Series Report Out (Staff)(June)

ADJOURNMENT

Chair van Reis adjourned the meeting at 8:54 pm.



Meeting Date: March 11, 2026

Subject: Joint Council Meeting Debrief

Prepared by: Tania Katbi, Management Analyst II

Background

On February 24, 2026, the Environmental Commission met with the City Council to review the proposed workplan. Council provided specific feedback, emphasizing a pragmatic approach to environmental policy. Council directed the Commission to focus on projects that align with City resources, stay within jurisdictional boundaries, and remain mindful of staff capacity.

Discussion

Following the joint meeting, a key policy question for the Commission is how to best organize and sequence the workplan to reflect Council's feedback. While the Commission may consider additional factors, the following criteria are some examples that ensure alignment with the feedback received during the joint meeting:

- Council direction: Items directly requested or prioritized by Council during the recent Workplan debrief.
- Departmental purview: Projects within the Commission's purview that do not infringe on the operations or jurisdictions of other City departments.
- Resource alignment: Items that can be supported within currently allocated budgets and existing staff capacity.

The Commission is asked to provide direction on the 2026 Workplan to ensure that the Commission's efforts are coordinated with City Council expectations and available staff resources.

2026 Los Altos Environmental Commission Work Plan

Focus Area	Goal	Project	Expected Completion	Priority Source	Status	Assignment	Notes
CAAP Management	Review CAAP priorities	Conduct a status review of the CAAP	Q2 2026	Power & Duties Item B	Not started	City Staff + Working Pair	Commission to conduct a status review of the CAAP to identify potential updates. This includes reassessing timelines, proposing goal/action edits, and adjusting priority levels to ensure the plan remains current.
Building Electrification	Accelerate electrification in homes, businesses, and travel	Create a prioritized list of monetary electrification incentives and programs to assist in determining future incentives	Q2 2026	<u>City Council Strategic Goal:</u> Environmental Sustainability, Public Safety CAAP Goals 2.3 & 2.4	In Progress	City Staff + Working Pair	Staff is executing the local rebate program for Heat Pumps that was a result of work from the 2025 workplan. Working pair to assist in developing a prioritized list of additional monetary rebates to determine future incentives.
		Non-monetary incentives for building electrification (FAR)	Q1 2026	CAAP Actions 2.3 & 2.4	In Progress	Working Pair	Continuation of 2025 research and recommendations. Requires a joint workplan approval from Council and the Planning Commission.
	Encourage energy conservation measures in homes and businesses	Identify and rank residential energy-saving actions to align energy-reduction goals with financial incentives.	TBD	CAAP item 2.1B	Not Started	City Staff + Working Pair	Explore existing home audit models / programs and evaluate the potential for linking audit results to future monetary incentives.
Green Community + Climate Risk	Sequester carbon and improve environmental and human health	Provide advisory support for the Urban Forest & Ecosystem Health Project	Q2 2026	<u>City Council Strategic Goal:</u> Environmental Sustainability, Public Safety CAAP Action 5.2 Supporting CAAP Actions 5.5, 6.1, 6.2	In Progress	City Staff + Working Pair	Continuation of 2025 workplan item (\$200k project funding approved). Commission to provide advisory support for staff-led research and assessments to ensure ecosystem health and urban forestry initiatives align with community goals.
	Support Public Environmental Health	Research and develop recommendations on synthetic surfaces	TBD	Council Direction CAAP Action 6.1C	Not started	City Staff + Working Pair	Review of regional data regarding synthetic surfaces (including artificial turf). Formal work will be initiated following review of the Sunnyvale study. Recommendations will prioritize alignment with the specific surfaces addressed in the study.

Transportation	Support shared mobility	Research ways the city can improve shared mobility in the city	Q2 2026	CAAP Actions 1.1 D & 1.3A	In Progress	Individual Commissioner	Continuation of 2025 commissioner research on increasing shared mobility in the city. Findings will be reviewed with staff to determine feasibility and next steps.
Resource Conservation	Reduce waste from demolition, construction and building materials	Research current policies on this topic and provide recommendations	Q2 2026	CAAP Action 3.1C	In Progress	Individual Commissioner	Continuation of 2025 research into regional deconstruction models. Findings will be reviewed with staff to determine next steps.
Community Engagement	Support Public Engagement	Participate in community outreach at events	Ongoing	CAAP Action 1.4A	Ongoing	City Staff + Commission	In coordination with City staff, Commissioners to attend tabling and outreach at local events to promote CAAP goals.