



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

**June 10, 2026 - 6:00 PM
In Person/Virtual**

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AGENDA

ESTABLISH QUORUM

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SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Arbor Day Proclamation

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. **Meeting Minutes: Approve minutes of the regular meeting of April 8, 2026.**
2. **Approve the minutes from the April 27, 2026, General Plan Joint Study Session**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Joint Commission Meeting Debrief: Debrief and discuss the General Plan Study Session

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

There will be no discussion or action on Informational Items.

4. Memorandum: Residential Electrification Speaker Series Final Report

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, APRIL 8, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M. IN
PERSON AND TELECONFERENCE

ESTABLISHING QUORUM

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

ABSENT: None

ATTENDEES: Tania Katbi (Management Analyst II)

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

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

Approved minutes of the March 11, 2026, meeting.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Weiden, seconded by Chair van Reis, the Environmental Commission approved the meeting minutes.

The motion was approved (5-0) by the following vote:
AYES: Humayun, van Reis, De Guili, Nee and Weiden
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

2. 2026 Workplan: Finalize and Approve 2026 Workplan

Approved 2026 Workplan.

Action: Upon a motion by Chair van Reis, seconded by Commissioner Weiden, the Environmental Commission approved the 2026 Workplan.

The motion was approved (5-0) by the following vote:
AYES: Humayun, van Reis, De Guili, Nee and Weiden
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

3. Establish Ad-Hoc Subcommittee for Workplan Projects if necessary

No action was taken.

DISCUSSION ITEMS**4. Urban Forest & Ecosystem Health Update**

Staff and Commissioners discussed current updates and technical milestones related to the city's Urban Forest & Ecosystem Health project. No formal action was taken.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS**5. Reports from Council Meetings**

Commissioners shared updates from Council meetings.

6. Roundtable Progress Updates

Commissioners provided progress reports regarding their respective working pairs and assigned topic areas:

Group	Topic	Commissioner
Working Pair	Residential Home Electrification	Nee
Working Pair	Urban Forest	Humayun, van Reis
Working Pair	CAAP Review	Weiden, De Giuli

STAFF UPDATES

Staff shared operational and program updates with the Commission.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. CAL Water Update (Special Presentation) (Summer 2026)
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. California Native Plant Society (Special Presentation)

ADJOURNMENT

Chair van Reis adjourned the meeting at 7:24pm.



**CITY OF LOS ALTOS
JOINT PARC, SENIOR, LIBRARY, AND
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2026, 6:00 p.m.**

1 N. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos, CA

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Brittany Whitehill, Senior Planner, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no public comment.

DISCUSSION

1. Study Session - Comprehensive General Plan Update – Community Visioning and Guiding Principles

Discuss the community vision and guiding principles associated with Phase 1 of the Los Altos Comprehensive General Plan Update.

Andrew Hill from Dyett and Bhatia gave a presentation.

PARC COMMISSION

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Five PARC Commissioners were present and in person during the meeting. Vice Chair Ngyuen was absent.

The PARC Commissioners discussed the item.

LIBRARY COMMISSION

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Four Library Commissioners were present and in person during the meeting. Chair Morris was absent.

The Library Commissioners discussed the item.

SENIOR COMMISSION

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Three Senior Commissioners were present and in person during the meeting. Commissioner Basiji and Vice Chair Trapnell was absent.

The Senior Commissioners discussed the item.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Four Environmental Commissioners were present and in person during the meeting. Commissioner Hecht and Vice Chair Nee were absent.

The Environmental Commissioners discussed the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Senior Planner Brittany Whitehill opened the public comment period.

Laura Fay and Maria Bautista from the public spoke.

Senior Planner Brittany Whitehill closed the public comment period.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Senior Planner Brittany Whitehill shared methods for community members to share.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

The Meeting recording may be viewed via the following external website: <https://www.youtube.com/@CityofLosAltosCA>. The City of Los Altos does not own or operate YouTube. The video referenced on these minutes were live at the time the minutes were published.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 10, 2026

TO: Environmental Commission

FROM: Tania Katbi, Sustainability Division

SUBJECT: Residential Electrification Speaker Series – Final Report

BACKGROUND

Driven by the 2024 Environmental Commission Work Plan, the Sustainability Division, in partnership with Acterra, launched and delivered a three-part home electrification speaker series to provide education and awareness to Los Altos residents. The project aimed to reduce air pollution and improve public health by accelerating community-wide electrification. This initiative directly supports the City's 2022 Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) goal of carbon neutrality by 2035 by moving the needle on Strategy 2.2 (Incentivize All-Electric Retrofits) and Strategy 2.3 (Reduce or Eliminate Methane Gas Use in Existing Buildings).

DISCUSSION

The following three events were delivered as part of the series:

1. Electrification 101 Workshop (Virtual)

The first session of the series covered a broad overview of home electrification topics.

- **Date:** October 22, 2025
- **Participation:** 38 attendees.
- **Key Insights:** Community interest was highly focused on actionable resources. The Q&A portion of the session revealed that attendees were primarily interested in asking specific questions about their own homes and individual scenarios.

2. Induction Demo & Tasting (In-Person)

Held at the Los Altos Community Center featuring Zaida's Kitchen, this event allowed residents to see exactly how induction technology works in real time while tasting the food prepared during the demonstration.

- **Date:** February 21, 2026
- **Participation:** 25 attendees.

- **Key Insights:** The event successfully reached its target audience, as pre-survey data showed that the vast majority of attendees currently rely on cooking gas appliances in their homes. Many participants expressed interest mixed with hesitation; however, firsthand conversations during the event indicated that seeing the technology in action alleviated those concerns and increased their comfort level with making the switch.

3. Heat Pump Webinar (Virtual)

This technical workshop focused specifically on residential space conditioning and heat pump water heaters, partnering with EmeraldEco to provide installer expertise.

- **Date:** May 6, 2026
- **Participation:** 34 attendees.
- **Key Insights:** Partnering with EmeraldEco provided the technical installer expertise necessary to address complex, property-specific questions from homeowners. The discussion revealed that although interest in heat pumps is high, there is hesitation around electrical panel capacity, contractor coordination, and upfront costs.

The speaker series successfully engaged the community, providing valuable insights into motivations and identifying clear paths for future program planning:

- Pre-event surveys indicated that the majority of registrants already had a positive outlook on electrification and were actively planning home upgrades. Rather than needing persuasion on the benefits of switching, attendees sought specific technical details and resources to initiate their projects. This highlights that while continued education and awareness remain essential to accelerating building electrification, it is equally necessary to provide targeted resources that help ready-to-act residents navigate the specific scenarios of their individual projects.
- For highly personal home upgrades like induction cooking, resident hesitation is often rooted in deeply personal preferences or past negative experiences with older technology. Seeing the technology in action and experiencing results directly helps build community comfort, demonstrating that interactive demonstrations are highly effective tools for shifting perspectives and increasing confidence.



Electrification 101 Workshop

October 22, 2025, 6 pm - 7 pm

Online

Induction Demo and Tasting

February 21, 2026, 11 am-12 pm

In-person

Heat Pump Webinar

May 6, 2026, 6 pm-7 pm

Online

Sponsored by the City of Los Altos Sustainability Division

Los Altos Contract Event Report: Electrification 101 Workshop, Induction Demo + Tasting, and Heat Pump Webinar

Registration Numbers:

Electrification 101 Workshop 10/22/25	Induction Demo and Tasting 2/21/26	Heat Pump Webinar 5/6/26
• Total Registrations: 82 • Los Altos Registrations: ~15 (estimate) • Virtual Attendees: 38	• Total Registrations: 48 • Los Altos Registrations: 48 • Attendees: 25	• Total Registrations: 85 • Los Altos Registrations: 15 • Virtual Attendees: 34
TOTALS		
Total Registrations: 215 Los Altos Registrants: 78 Attendees: 97		

Introduction

At the beginning of the contract scoping, Acterra had a goal of having 25 attendees at each of the Los Altos workshops. We're excited to report that we exceeded our goal with a total of 97 attendees throughout all three events. The first event in the contract was the Electrification 101 Workshop, which received the highest number of registrations and attendees.

The second event was the only in-person event, the Induction Demo and Tasting Event with Zaida's Kitchen, which was very engaging with the audience and was well-received. This event had nearly sold out registrations. Residents had a great time trying the vegan versions of Oaxacan dishes while learning about the benefits of induction cooking.

Finally, the last event was the Heat Pump Webinar, an online workshop for residents to learn about Heat Pump HVAC Systems and Heat Pump Water Heaters. There were similar registration and attendee numbers for both online events, pointing to a pattern in registrations to actual attendees (40-46% attendance).

Tracking Link Results from Eventbrite (# of Clicks)

Electrification 101	Induction Demo + Tasting	Heat Pump Webinar
• Patch: 17 • Facebook: 4 • Instagram: 290 • LinkedIn: 10 • Reddit: 185 • Nextdoor: 5 • Ecohaps: 64 • Calendar: 44 • Partners: 2 • Fall Appeal: 93	• Patch: 7 • Facebook: 5 • FB/IG Paid Ads: 87 • LinkedIn: 0 • Reddit: 24 • Nextdoor: 0 • Ecohaps: 20 • Calendar: 35 • LATownCrier: 9	• Patch: 0 • Facebook: 0 • FB/IG Paid Ads: 323 • LinkedIn: 0 • Reddit: 0 • Nextdoor: 0 • Ecohaps: 80 • Calendar: 14 • Advocacy Blast: 41 • FFBSV: 2

TOTALS	
Patch:	24
Facebook:	9
Instagram:	290
FB/IG: Paid Ads:	410
Reddit	209
Nextdoor:	5
Ecohaps:	164
Calendar:	93
Partners:	2

Fall Appeal:	93
LA Town Crier:	9
FFBSV:	2
Advocacy Blast:	41

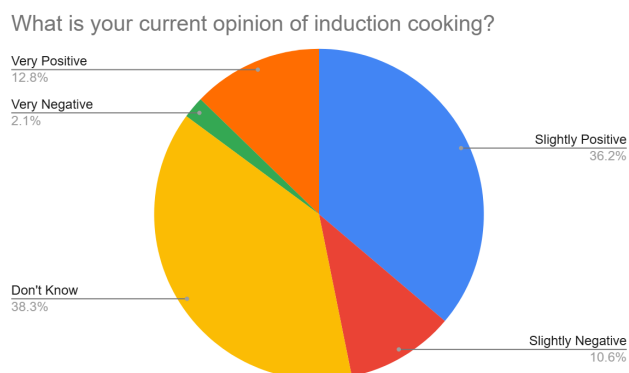
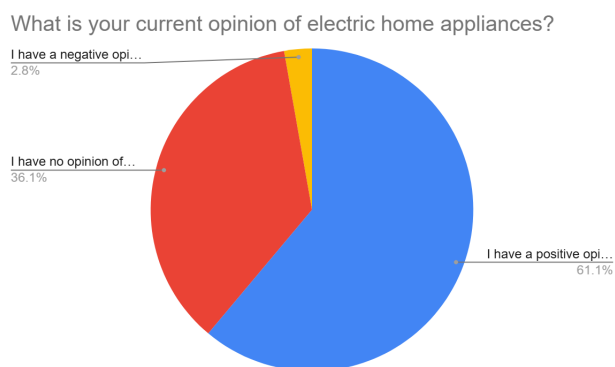
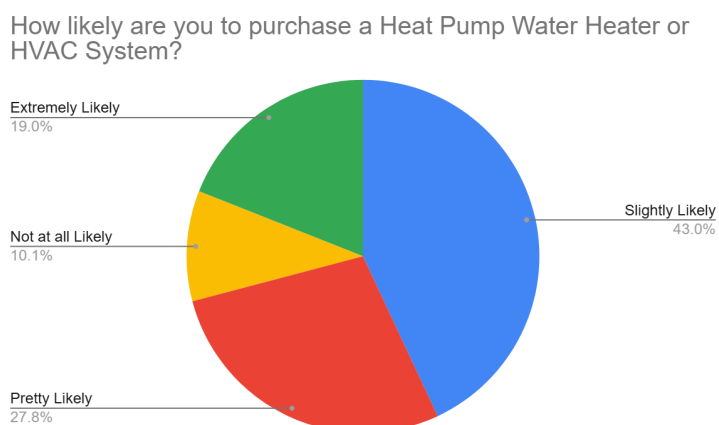
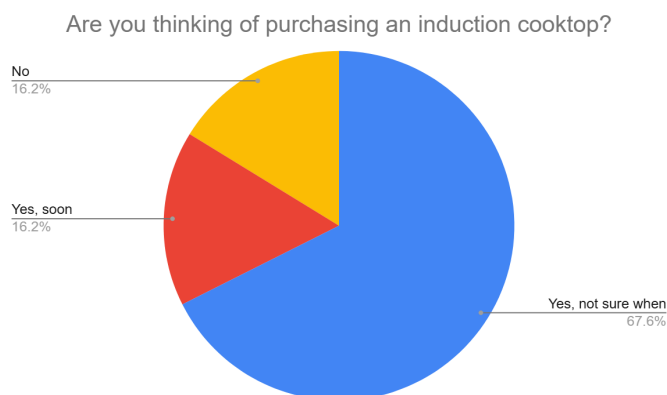
Note that some tracking links are marked as 0 due to changes in tracking link preferences and analysis; some tracking links were removed or added between events and thus didn't exist to garner any clicks.

Tracking Link Results

Marketing strategy between events was different, but some things to point out are that the majority of clicks for all three events largely came from **Facebook** and **Instagram**, including free social media posts, a Facebook Event, and paid ads. Despite having a large variety of tracking links for the Electrification 101 Event, similar click rates and tickets sold were seen between the Electrification Workshop and the Heat Pump Webinar. **Acterra's Eco Happenings Newsletter** and **Acterra's Event Calendar** also received a large amount of clicks, and have the highest ratio of page visits to tickets sold.

Registration Pre-Survey Results

While the survey questions differ slightly from each other due to changes in form structure and questions of interest, there is good data to compare between events. For example, questions about interest in purchasing climate-friendly house appliances showed that the majority of registrants were already interested in purchasing, but wanted additional information or wanted an in-person experience to make a better-informed decision. Furthermore, there was a majority-positive opinion of induction cooking and electric appliances overall (slightly more negative opinion of induction, often due to past experiences with electric stove tops rather than induction).



Post-Event Survey Responses

Post-Survey Comments:

What was your favorite aspect of the presentation?

Electrification 101	Induction Demo + Tasting	Heat Pump Webinar
<i>"Good overview of electrification and things to think about. The reference sheet with links to resources was great!"</i>	<i>"Eating the food! and seeing the demo--observing the induction cooktop being used and its benefits (faster boiling time, precise temperature adjustments) was very helpful."</i> <i>"It was well-organized."</i>	<i>"Personal experience (Mike Salameh) and Installer perspective (Emerald Eco)."</i> <i>"Specifics regarding expectations re AC outdoor tie into Heat Pump system. Can't have one without the other."</i>

What aspect(s) of the event needed the most improvement?

Electrification 101	Induction Demo + Tasting	Heat Pump Webinar
	<i>"It's hard to observe cooking from a room with no riser or overhead camera. It was also a little challenging to hear the chef's commentary."</i> <i>"Maybe have a display nearby with video of the cooking from a different angle, so that people can see better what is happening on the cooking island."</i>	<i>"The presentation was about heat pumps in general. Perhaps I'm further along in my journey towards electrification. I have solar, I have an EV, and I use induction cooktops. I was hoping to get more specifics about Heat Pump brands. Perhaps, Acterra should consider making Heat Pump Water Heater and Heat Pump Space Conditioning SEPARATE presentations. Thank You."</i>

Summary and Recommendations

Electrification 101 Workshop

The Workshop was very successful in covering a wide range of topics in home electrification. Something to improve upon for the next events is to include a pre-event question in registration if they are a resident of Los Altos. People were most interested in the hyperlinks and resources given throughout the presentation and included in the post-event email. Reserving the last

third of the event for a question-and-answer session was also a helpful tool since most attendees had questions specific to their home and appliance setup.



Induction Demo + Tasting



Our in-person workshop was very popular, particularly in encouraging residents of Los Altos to attend. The tickets were sold out, and several people were on the waitlist.

Another thing to note was the improvements in event space setup. It was a great space in the community center, but it was difficult for all the attendees to see

the cooking demo properly. Some suggestions for improvement would be either to place the cooking demonstration in the middle of the space so that people could gather around, or include a bird's-eye POV of the cooking setup and project that onto a larger screen. Finally, there was a great giveaway opportunity offered, but few people were even aware of this. This means that most attendees were interested in attending solely for the purpose of learning (and perhaps the free food), but this also means that components of the event were not well publicized – perhaps more people would have joined the waitlist if they knew of the opportunity. Something we could be doing a better job of is highlighting the giveaway more in the Eventbrite description, graphics, and reminder emails.

Heat Pump Webinar

With the partnership of EmeraldEco, our last event was a success. EmeraldEco's expertise helped answer lots of questions during the question-and-answer session.



Something to note is that both workshops (Heat pumps webinar and electrification 101) covered more than one appliance, and we received feedback from an attendee on the heat pump webinar that focusing on one appliance at a time would be better.