



## AGENDA + MEETING MINUTES Climate Action Task Force Meeting

October 10, 2023 at 1:30 pm  
City Hall | Planning Conference Room 107 + Virtual

### 1:30 – 1:45 pm Good News in Climate

- Jonathon: Seymour Center had successful Climate Solutions Block Party with new climate exhibits
- Val: Governor signed into law [AB 253](#) requiring the reporting and verification of statewide greenhouse gas emissions by large businesses doing business in CA; [City has been reporting emissions and climate risk to CDP](#) since 2018.
- Phil: BCycle stats indicate high uptake in first months; [SB 410](#) requires Public Utilities Commission to set a reasonable average and maximum target energization time periods; UCSC released [plan to electrify campus](#)
- Sahm: Stanford [agreement](#) between major solar developers, conservation groups, agricultural organizations, environmental and environmental justice groups, and tribal entities to advance large-scale U.S. solar development while championing land conservation and supporting local community interests
- Jacki: [DOE finds energy jobs have increased in 95% of US counties](#)
- Grace: City is launching an Induction Cooktop Loaner Program with SC Libraries to launch at end of the month
- Pauline (online): [What Can I do about Climate event](#) at London Nelson Center had 90 people visit and 22 organizations; great tabling at Seymour Center event; providing upcoming [EN ROADS training](#)
- Jenny (online): just received solar PV permit and got in under NEM 2.0. Congrats

### 1:45 – 2:15 pm Building Electrification Reach Code Presentation

- TW presented Reach Code details; Task Force members provided feedback/questions
- [Planning Commission on 10/19 at 7 pm](#) – see agenda report, draft ordinance (clean and redlined), and cost effectiveness studies; **we welcome your participation to show support during public comment**
- [City Council](#) First Hearing on 11/14 (time TBD), second hearing on 11/28; **we welcome your participation to show support during public comment**
- Incentives: [The Switch is On](#) is the definite source for updated rebate, credits and other incentives for electrification; the [City's Electrification policy page](#) will be updated with that link.
- For existing building electrification, City is considering promoting [Quit Carbon](#) – **try it and let us know what you think.**

### 2:15 – 2:30 pm Climate Action Plan 2030 Update

- Updates on City 3 year WorkPlan progress – see slides 27 and 28 in the [CAP 2030 Adoption Deck](#).
- Updates on City's tracking metrics for GHG emissions reductions

Discussion on increasing effectiveness/utility of Task Force

- Reminder on objective: to assist the City in implementing its climate plans
- TW to discuss extending meeting time with Mayor to 90 minutes
- TW will provide background and/or any advance materials possible to Task Force
- Task Force indicates desire to engage in Transportation issues which are under the purview of the [Transportation and Public Works Commission](#) and Public Works staff

Other Announcements:

- Between October 9 and 23, the City is circulating its draft application to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing Grant Program for a project entitled, *Preserving and Promoting Housing Affordability and Climate Resilience in Front Line Communities of Santa Cruz, CA*. We encourage you to [review the application](#) and please make a **public comment at the link provided by COB on 10/23!**
- CARB Greenzones for Municipal Fleet Elect and Charging (\$3M) in prep due 10/30
- *Regional Adaptation for Climate Resilience of Monterey Bay Coastal Communities* project's Notice of Interest (\$75M with \$5-8M for City), has been selected to submit a full application to the NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge due 2/13/24.
- [USDA Urban Greening grant](#) for trees landed \$1M
- [Trades Day](#) at Civic on 11/15

**2 pm Wrap up**