

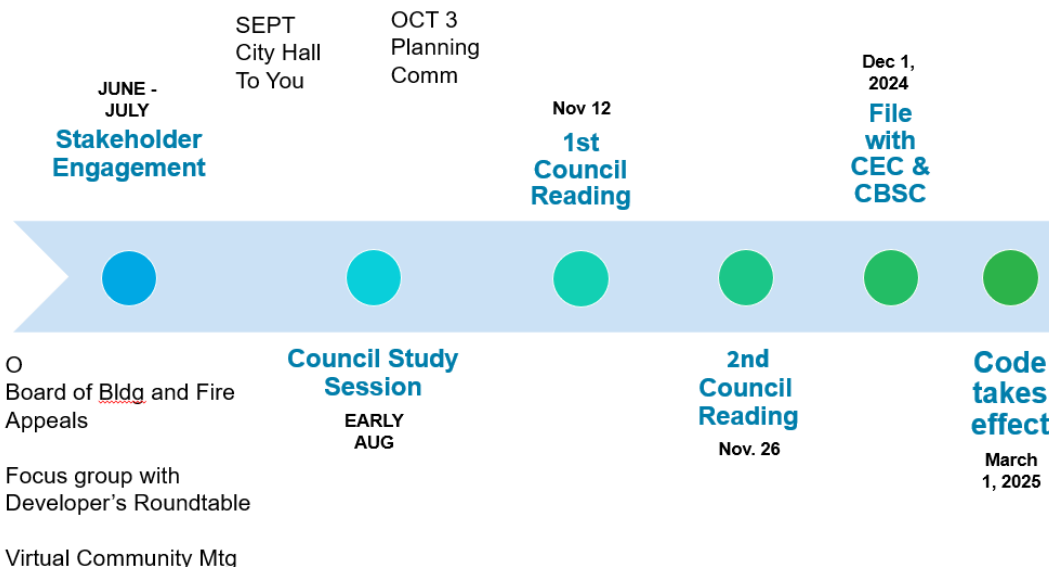


## AGENDA + MTG MINUTES - Climate Action Task Force Meeting

April 11, 2024 at 1:30 – 3 pm  
 City Hall | Redwood Conference Room + Virtual

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

- Earth Day 4/20 in Abbott Square; climate action program with local youths will be tabling; see mayor’s column in Sentinel. Sallie performing.
- Sahm: CA vehicle emissions standards to continue; RMI report showed that smart land use planning will have as much climate benefit as our stretch state policies around transportation
- Phil: WC Vision and one lane/one way denial was a disappointment; excited to see a number of state level climate policies moving through the legislature (e.g., AB 2560, AB 2563, SB 5164, AB 2243, AB 2530 and AB 2181
- Pauline: Described the Interfaith Climate event at Temple Beth El
- Jackie: Obtained permit for first CO2 removal project in marine systems
- Sallie: Will be out for a few meetings towards the end of the year (unless time can be changed).
- Tiffany: OPC grant submitted; 2 grants in progress (Muni Bldg Decarb Plan with CEC and PGE for HW microgrid)
- Tentative Timeline for Ex. Bldg Electrification policy development:



### **1:45 – 2:10 pm Housekeeping + Committee Updates**

- Service time period; pls confirm your ability to stay thru Dec. 31, 2024.
- Reminder: SC Like Me survey due 4/14
- Active Transportation Plan advisory body (Phil/Val)?
- Resilience Advisories:
  - Living Shorelines advisory committee - begins in June (Jonathon)
  - Consultant Contract award at City Council on 4/30
  - LHMP / Adaptation Plan consultant selection in progress
  - WC Vision
- Environmental Justice? (Ayo?)
- Engagement (Amanda/Tiffany):
  - Climate focused City Hall to You in Sept/planning meetings to be scheduled with subcommittee after Earth Day winds up.
  - Discussion about possible locations and format for the event including considering art museums, providing refreshments, and considering goals/audience.

### **2:10 – 2:35 pm Update on research on Climate advisory bodies**

- Tiffany shared research from other 19 other jurisdictions and the opinions of 39 existing commission and committee members on this topic.
- Other jurisdictions range widely in the type of climate advisory body, how often and how long they meet, their purpose, what topics they address and whether they are subject to the Brown Act.
- Existing Commission and committee members were asked in a survey to share opinions on three potential climate advisory body formats. Of the nearly 60% of committee and commissions members responding, there is a strong preference for options 1 and 3. The initial staff recommendation is to implement options 1 and 3.
  - 1) integrating sustainability and resiliency in every committee and commission structure
  - 2) restructuring the Task Force into a more formal advisory body to address select sustainability and resiliency topics
  - 3) creating a "super" committee comprised of members from various existing committees and commissions to address select sustainability and resiliency topics
- It was clear training is needed on this topic by existing committee and commissioners; staff will be providing training at each over the summer
- Other feedback from CATF members:
  - Emphasis that sustainability and resiliency are cross cutting issues
  - Combination of options 1 and 3 accomplish formalizing inclusion of climate and equity into city advisory work
  - A super commission should meet quarterly at the most
  - Concern expressed that limiting to committee or commission members (i.e., super committee), would not benefit from expertise of folks who have

background on sustainability/resiliency issues (although it was acknowledged that some do actually have that expertise)

- Suggestion that the mayor meet 1-2 times per year in a roundtable format with chairs of every committee/commission specifically on this topic
- Concern expressed over (a) Brown Act and (b) new district system creating elected bias toward neighborhood preferences vs. good of city overall with respect to these topics.
- Next step: Review research and CATF feedback with Mayor on May 10.

**2:35 – 3 pm Update on Gas Leaf Blower Regulation Ordinance**

- Reviewed progress to date on ordinance development, outreach and engagement findings and timeline. See/listen to the April 2<sup>nd</sup> [Health in All Policies council committee meeting](#). Implementation date moved from Oct. 1, 2024 to Jan 1, 2025.
- Outstanding question is around exemptions to the ban on the use of gas leaf blowers: 8 ac or larger?
- First ordinance reading on May 28, 2024; second reading on June 11, 2024

Upcoming Milestones:

April, 14, 2024 SC Like Me Demographics survey → [please respond!](#)  
April 20, 2024 Earth Day  
May 28, 2024 Gas Leaf Blower rules at City Council (ordinance first reading)  
June 25, 2024 Monterey Bay Regional Climate Project Working Group at City Council

**Next Meeting:**  
June 13, 2024

**3:05 Wrap up**

