



City of Davis
Climate and Environmental Justice Commission Meeting Minutes
23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, CA 95616
August 25, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Jacob Byrne, Ann Daniel, Alana Gamage, Sara Moore, Jessica Murray

Commissioners Absent: Jordan Blough, Jim Cramer

Council Liaisons Present: Donna Neville

Staff Present: Stan Gryczko, Assistant City Manager
Adrienne Heinig, Deputy Director
John McNerney, Ecological Resources Program Manager
Jonathon Milanese, Environmental Program Specialist
Sherry Kimura, Water Quality Compliance Specialist

1. Call to Order & Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Byrne at 6:01 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

A Daniel moved, seconded by J Byrne to approve the agenda. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Byrne, Daniel, Gamage, Moore, Murray
NOES: None
ABSENT: Blough, Cramer

3. Swearing in of New Commissioners

Commissioners Moore and Murray were ceremonially sworn in. Both provided some brief background on their interest in the Commission's focus.

4. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Council Liaisons:

- S Gryczko announced a special meeting that will be held with a number of commissions, including Climate and Environmental Justice, on October 8 to discuss amendments to Measure R/J//D. He also reminded the Commissioners to submit applications to staff should they be interested in participating in the General Plan Update Committee.
- Vice-Mayor Neville welcomed the new commissioners.

5. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

6. Regular Items

A. Presentation: Integrated Pest Management Annual Report (For 2023 & 2024

John McNerney, Ecological Resources Program Manager, presented the

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) annual reports for fiscal years 2023 and 2024. The City's Environmental Compliance Specialist focused on IPM, Jon Milanese, was also present. The report included summaries of all integrated pest management activities performed by City staff on City property, including biological, cultural, mechanical and chemical methods.

Discussion of the Commission included:

- Appreciation for the public outreach and education efforts of the program.
- Acknowledgement of the importance of balancing multiple uses and benefits from the City's outdoor stormwater utility infrastructure.
- An overview of the City's annual grazing programs, currently in the third year of operation, including the positive outcomes of the grazing and lessons learned by staff from challenges.
- In response to a question about how the Public Works Utilities & Operations Department understands the focus of the climate and environmental justice commission, and how it relates to the IPM program, staff responded that all department actions are with environmental justice and climate readiness in mind, as environmental resources are finite, and require careful stewardship.
- When asked how the Commission could support the development of the department's understanding to climate and environmental justice and further the goals, staff responded that the engagement of the commission in education and outreach in the community is extremely important to the City in achieving climate and environmental goals.
- Appreciation for the City's proactive approach to pest management, and taking the time to educate the public on the slower-acting IPM efforts that can be very effective and much safer to use.

No public comment was received, and no formal action was taken on this item.

B. Presentation: Public Health Goals and Annual Water Quality Report

Sherry Kimura, Water Quality Compliance Specialist, presented the annual Water Quality Report for 2024, and the Public Health Goals report for 2025, covering fiscal years 2022 through 2024.

Discussion of the Commission included:

- Clarification that drinking water sampling is provided by a contract lab, and a brief overview of the Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) as it relates to quality control for those samples.
- Clarification that the City has nine active wells that can produce drinking water, however not all the wells are used all the time, as the City runs a conjunctive-use system that includes surface water.
- Delineation of the different regulatory agencies that have purview over drinking water standards.
- When asked about options for the City when water rights are curtailed during drought to procure additional water supplies, staff responded

that water purchases are done by the Woodland Davis Clean Water Agency (WDCWA), which supplies surface water to Woodland, Davis and UC Davis.

- Background on what the decision was made at the construction of the regional water plant not to fluoridate the surface water.
- In response to a question about how water quality relates to the focus of the climate and environmental justice commission, staff responded that the City strives to ensure everyone in Davis has access to drinking water, and seeks to find opportunities to improve system operations when other larger construction projects are underway throughout town.
- Appreciation for the Water Quality Report with suggestions on improving readability for the community members without a technical background.
- The suggestion to include additional outreach about water quality facts on social media and in the Greener Davis Newsletter.

No formal action was taken on this item. When opened for public comment, one comment was received:

- John Johnston: Former member of the Natural Resource Commission, retired emeritus faculty of civil engineering in water quality. Provided kudos to staff on the work to provide safe drinking water, indicated no qualms in drinking the water as a resident. Recommended improvements to the Water Quality Report, including:
 - Moving away from providing ranges of concentrations and including more of a risk calculation based on the contaminate of concern being measured.
 - More clearly defining public exposure to be helpful to understand for the lay public.

C. Commission Business: Proposed Special Meeting

S Gryczko introduced the request to hold a special meeting of the Commission on September 29, to hear an item related to the City's zoning requirements, specifically related to parking lot shade. The meeting would be in addition to the regular monthly meeting on September 22.

Discussion of the Commission included:

- The importance of the topic to the community.
- That quorum would be possible based on current commissioner schedules.

At the close of the discussion, J Byrne moved, seconded by S Moore, to hold a special meeting of the Climate and Environmental Justice Commission on September 29, 2025. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Byrne, Daniel, Gamage, Moore, Murray
NOES: None
ABSENT: Blough, Cramer

When opened for public comment, one comment was received:

- John Johnston: Former member of the Natural Resource Commission. Indicated that work had been done by the Natural Resources Commission on parking lot shade previously, related to solar panels and trees, as well as proper tree planting, and was enthusiastic the topic was being discussed in relation to the zoning ordinance.

7. Long Range Calendar

J Byrne introduced the Long Range Calendar, the format of which was reviewed quickly by staff for the benefit of the new commissioners. A Gamage proposed a future item related to how each department articulates priorities and goals around climate environmental justice, including some possible templates for departments to follow in communicating with the Commission. The possibility of forming a subcommittee to produce potential questions or ideas was discussed. Staff indicated they would look for an upcoming meeting with an opening for that item. The Commission also discussed returning to the Environmental Justice Framework item at a future meeting.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:52 p.m.