



City of Davis
Climate and Environmental Justice Commission Meeting Minutes
23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, CA 95616
November 24, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Jordan Blough, Jacob Byrne, Jim Cramer,
Ann Trump Daniel, Jessica Murray

Commissioners Absent: Alana Gamage, Sara Moore

Council Liaisons Present: Donna Neville

Staff Present: Stan Gryczko, Assistant City Manager
Sam Blacklock, Climate Action & Resilience Program
Manager

1. Call to Order & Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Byrne at 6:03 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

J Murray moved, seconded by J Blough to approve the agenda. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

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

- S Blacklock noted that Yolo County is currently seeking members for its Climate Action Commission. It was also announced that A Gamage had resigned from the Climate and Environmental Justice Commission to pursue a new opportunity.

4. Public Comment

- Alan Hirsch. Expressed support for current food donation services ongoing in the community. Observed that there is a need for enforcement for tree regulations within the City.

5. Consent Calendar

A. Commission Minutes (October 28, 2025)

J Murray moved, seconded by J Cramer, to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

6. Regular Items

A. Presentation: General Plan Update.

M Stark and T Eng gave a presentation to the Commission on the City's General Plan Update (GPU), with a focus on the portions of the GPU on environmental justice and climate change.

Discussion of the Commission included:

- To look at disadvantaged communities from a population perspective in addition to census tract data. It was noted that it could be helpful to use comparison data within the City of Davis as a reference point for the analysis in addition to the Yolo County comparisons. The General Plan team noted that census tract data tends to be more robust, but population data can be analyzed in addition. Also, there are state requirements for utilizing either a state or county-level data set for this purpose.
- In response to questions from the Commission, Councilmember Neville clarified that the City Council has not determined how specifically to incorporate Environmental Justice into the General Plan but there is a desire to ensure that it is meaningful.
- It was noted that it would be helpful to add a level of prioritization to the hazards listed in the analysis.
- It was noted that a focus on the rental community would be beneficial for this analysis as there is often a higher percentage of renters in low-income areas and a need for building improvements.
- How best to align the General Plan and the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) with an observation that the General Plan could establish high-level priorities and the CAAP could focus on implementation of those priorities.

When opened for public comment, three comments were received:

- Alan Hirsch. Observed that there is a need for adding enforcement to all regulations. Noted that there are social justice issues to consider when looking at where environmental and pollution hazards are and who they affect.
- Chris Granger. Observed that Davis is a unique community with considerations such as a need for building retrofits and tree canopy protection. Supports an integrated format for incorporating Environmental Justice in the General Plan.
- River B. Expressed support for including a Tribal engagement element into the General Plan and observed that there may be opportunities for co-management and stewardship programs.

At the close of the discussion, the Commission made the following motion:

J Blough moved, seconded by J Cramer, to state that the CEJC recommends that City Council utilize a hybrid approach for integrating Environmental Justice into the General Plan. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Blough, Byrne, Cramer, Daniel, Murray

NOES: None
ABSENT: Gamage, Moore

B. Presentation: State of the Urban Forest.

C Murphy gave a presentation summarizing the annual report on the state of the urban forest as part of the implementation efforts for the Urban Forest Management Plan.

Discussion of the Commission included:

- Clarifying questions regarding what the current community outreach strategies are. Staff clarified that these are typically event-based and working with partner organizations. Additionally, there were clarifying questions about tree inventory and program needs. Staff noted that there is not a current up-to-date tree inventory and that this information, once updated, can help inform future budget needs.
- It was noted that a focus on outreach is useful for the Urban Forest program and that the graphs/charts shared in the annual report can be helpful for informational pamphlets.
- Highlighted the need for urban forest management, particularly in terms of climate change and safety. Noted that it could be helpful for the City to work with Tree Davis to identify varied funding sources.
- Feedback provided that it could be helpful to conduct outreach at local schools.
- Setting short- and long-term goals for the tree canopy inventory. Staff noted that there may be resourcing challenges and the tree canopy data is not always up to date.

When opened for public comment, three comments were received:

- Yael Franco. Expressed appreciation for City staff and report. Emphasized the need for an urban forest within the City and the benefits that it provides.
- Anya McCann. Observed that the Urban Forest team is making progress but that challenges remain. Highlighted the need for looking into funding strategy opportunities.
- Alan Hirsch. Noted that good progress has been made and emphasized the importance of public participation. Noted that there was a need for enforcement and for tracking of the tree inventory.

No action was taken on this item.

C. Commission Business: Establishment of Commission Subcommittee.

This item began after 8:00pm and did not receive a majority of the Commission for the item to proceed so it was tabled for a future meeting.

7. Long Range Calendar

This item began after 8:00pm and received unanimous support of the Commission for the item to proceed. S Gryczko reviewed the 2026 Long Range Calendar.

Discussion of the Commission included:

- Noted that the CAAP update can take place either in January or at a later date, depending on staff readiness and ability to provide a more detailed report.
- Recommended adding a future General Plan Update to the calendar.
- Recommended adding the topic of forming a subcommittee for public engagement and outreach to a future agenda.

When opened for public comment, one comments was received:

- Alan Hirsch. Proposed that an enforcement for tree regulations discussion should be put on a future CEJC agenda.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:23 p.m.