



City of Davis
Climate and Environmental Justice Commission Meeting Minutes
23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, CA 95616
January 26, 2026
6:00 p.m.

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

Commissioners Absent: Sara Moore

Council Liaisons Present: None

Staff Present: Sam Blacklock, Climate Action & Resilience Program
Manager
Adrienne Heinig, Deputy Director

1. Call to Order & Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Byrne at 6:06 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

AYES: Blough, Byrne, Cramer, Daniel, Murray

NOES: None

ABSENT: Moore

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

- S Blacklock noted that the Zero Emission Vehicle Action Plan, a collaborative effort with Yolo County and other local jurisdictions, currently has a community survey open until the end of January. The survey is designed to understand community needs related to Zero Emission Vehicles planning.

4. Public Comment

- Richard McCann. Expressed an interest in receiving an update about the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and current progress, specifically noting the voluntary actions outlined within the Building Energy and Design actions. Also noted that there is value with reviewing new developments to evaluate alignment with the CAAP.
- Adrienne McGraw. Resident of Village Homes joined by Tim McNeil. Informed the Commission that Village Homes is having a 50th anniversary celebration. This involves a commemorative poster, collaboration with UC Davis for a display on campus that runs through April 26th and a documentary screening on February 21st. Noted that Village Homes was designed with sustainability features in mind.

5. Consent Calendar

A. Commission Minutes (November 24, 2025)

J Murray moved, seconded by J Cramer, to approve the consent calendar.

Motion passed by the following vote:

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

6. Regular Items

A. Presentation: Water Supplies and Legislation Update.

D Calciano gave a presentation to the Commission on city water supplies as well as a summary of current and upcoming water efficiency legislation.

Discussion of the Commission included:

- Clarification that required mapping of commercial landscape areas would be identified as a collaborative effort between the state and city.
- In response to a question about conflicts between upcoming legislation to eliminate irrigation of non-functional turf and expansion of the urban forest, staff noted that there are some exceptions in the non-functional turf legislation for tree care and that trees are a special consideration in the legislation.
- In response to a question about types of water that are utilized for irrigation in the community, staff clarified that greywater (water from sinks and laundry systems) is currently allowed for landscape systems and noted that there were barriers to using recycled water from the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Staff clarified that there is ongoing work with parks and schools for preparing for the non-functional turf legislation. It was also noted that the legislation does not apply to functional turf areas, which comprise a large percentage of those landscapes. Additionally, it was noted that school districts are not subject to city code and report to the state.
- In response to a question about Aquifer Storage and Recovery, staff noted that feasibility testing is ongoing at two sites.
- Commissioners expressed appreciation for the report from staff as it provided a clear update on complex issues.
- In response to a question about enforcement water waste, staff noted that there are current enforcement options within city code.
- Feedback provided that AquaHawk notifications for renters, in addition to property owners, could be a beneficial way for people to monitor water usage.
- It was observed that utilizing water efficiency strategies and data to evaluate Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) alignment and prioritization could be a useful approach for CAAP implementation.
- There was a discussion about water use in multifamily buildings. It was noted that new multifamily properties are required to have individual sub-meters, but the city does not operate those meters.
- Staff noted that 80% of the water bill in the city is volumetric, meaning that utilizing less water results in larger savings on water utility rates than some other jurisdictions.

When opened for public comment, one comment was received:

- Ming: Appreciates detail provided on the water legislation bills and expressed support for freedom to make landscaping choices.

No action was taken on this item.

B. Commission Business: Designation of Chair and Vice Chair.

S Blacklock provided a brief outline to the Commission on the process for selecting a Chair and Vice Chair for the 2026 term.

Discussion of the Commission included:

- Commissioners thanked J Byrne for his service as Chair, particularly noting that it was a unique time to serve as he was the first Chair for the newly formed the Climate and Environmental Justice Commission.
- Commissioners decided to postpone the vote for Vice Chair until February.

J Cramer moved, seconded by J Byrne, to nominate J Blough as Chair for the 2026 term. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

No public comment was received.

7. Long Range Calendar

S Blacklock reviewed the upcoming topics on the 2026 Long Range Calendar.

Discussion of the Commission included:

- Moving the Solid Waste Annual Report from February to a later date to enable more time for the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Implementation Annual Report in February.
- There was interest from the Commission for adding an overview of Greener Davis outreach as an informational topic for a future date.

No public comment was received, and no action was taken.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:31 p.m.