



## CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE

Virtual Meeting

Albany, CA 94706

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

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### MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022, 7:00 PM

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Chen at 7:00pm.

Members Present: Committee Member Breeding, Committee Member Fisun, Committee Member Larson, Vice Chair Merchant, Committee Member Mira Venkatesh, Committee Member Peterson, Chair Chen

Members Absent: None.

The Chair read the Albany Land Acknowledgement Statement as adopted by the City Council per City of Albany Minute Action, November 15, 2021.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 15, 2021

**MOTION** by Committee Member Peterson, seconded by Committee Member Larson, to approve the December 15, 2021 minutes with a minor edit.

**AYES:** Committee Member Breeding, Committee Member Fisun, Committee Member Larson, Vice Chair Merchant, Committee Member Mira Venkatesh, Committee Member Peterson, Chair Chen

**NOES:** None.

**Absent:** None.

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

#### 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff and Committee member announcements, reports and updates of status of previous agenda items.

##### 4-1. Sustainability Events and Resources

Elizabeth Carrade provided an update on sustainability events and resources in the region.

##### 4-2. East Bay Community Energy Rate and Electricity Mix Change Update

Carrade provided an update: Based on preliminary numbers that reflect opt outs and opt downs due to the outreach the City and EBCE conducted, only a very small number of accounts have transitioned out of EBCE or to Bright Choice. The Committee will receive a more comprehensive update in the spring when opt out and opt down numbers more accurately reflect the rate transition.

##### 4-3. Update on City-Owned Electric Vehicle Charging

Carrade provided an update: The City of Albany Public Works Department will be presenting an update on implementation of the Capital Improvement Plan at a City Council meeting in February or March.



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### 5. PRESENTATIONS

#### 5-1. Advisory Body Reminders

Carrade provided a presentation with reminders for advisory body procedure and best practices.

#### 5-2. Advancing Equity Through Climate Action and Adaptation Projects

Johnny Menhennet provided a presentation on climate justice, climate resiliency, and equity and recommendations for how the Committee can incorporate these themes into 2022 projects and programs.

### 6. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

#### 6-1. 2021-2023 Climate Action Committee Work Plan

*Staff Recommendation: Discuss priority items to work on in 2022 from the 2021-2023 Climate Action Committee Work Plan.*

**MOTION** by Committee Member Peterson, seconded by Vice Chair Merchant, to extend the meeting to 9:30PM.

**AYES:** Committee Member Breeding, Committee Member Fisun, Committee Member Larson, Vice Chair Merchant, Committee Member Mira Venkatesh, Committee Member Peterson, Chair Chen

**NOES:** None.

**Absent:** Committee Member Breeding

**MOTION** by Committee Member Larson, seconded by Committee Member Peterson, to create a Zero Emission Transportation Subcommittee consisting of Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Peterson.

**AYES:** Committee Member Breeding, Committee Member Fisun, Committee Member Larson, Vice Chair Merchant, Committee Member Mira Venkatesh, Committee Member Peterson, Chair Chen

**NOES:** None.

**Absent:** None.

Public comment was received from Lucinda Young, Elaine Stelton, Peter Campbell, and Ed Crowley.

#### 6-2. Point-of-Sale Electrification Mandate Update and Discussion

Committee Member Peterson and Committee Member Mira Venkatesh provided an update on research conducted and action taken to date on the potential point-of-sale electrification pilot program.

Public comment was received from Peter Campbell, Lucinda Young, and Ed Crowley.

**MOTION** by Committee Member Merchant, seconded by Committee Member Peterson, to extend the meeting to 9:45PM.



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**AYES:** Committee Member Breeding, Committee Member Fisun, Committee Member Larson, Vice Chair Merchant, Committee Member Mira Venkatesh, Committee Member Peterson, Chair Chen

**NOES:** None.

**Absent:** None.

### 6-3. Subcommittee Updates

Point-of-Sale Electrification Mandate Subcommittee: Mira Venkatesh, Peterson  
NA

Engagement and Outreach Subcommittee: Fisun, Larson, Merchant  
Committee Member Merchant provided an update on upcoming engagement partnerships with Albany High School.

### 6-4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

**MOTION** to elect Committee Member Fisun as Chair of the Climate Action Committee.

**AYES:** Committee Member Breeding, Committee Member Fisun, Committee Member Larson, Vice Chair Merchant, Committee Member Mira Venkatesh, Committee Member Peterson, Chair Chen

**NOES:** None.

**Absent:** None.

**MOTION** to elect Committee Member Mira Venkatesh as Vice Chair of the Climate Action Committee.

**AYES:** Committee Member Breeding, Committee Member Fisun, Committee Member Larson, Vice Chair Merchant, Committee Member Mira Venkatesh, Committee Member Peterson, Chair Chen

**NOES:** None.

**Absent:** None.

## 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Committee members announced requests for future agenda items, including a presentation from the UC Village Residence Association, and subcommittee updates.

8. **NEXT MEETING:** February 16, 2022, 7:00pm

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:40PM.