



CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE

City Hall Council Chambers
1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA
Wednesday, January 18, 2023

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023, 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

Members Present: Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Lieberman,
Committee Member Meldgin, Vice Chair Mohammed, Chair Fisun

Members Absent: Committee Member Hodges

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:

November 16, 2022

MOTION by Committee Member Larson, seconded by Committee Member Meldgin, to approve the November 16, 2022 minutes.

AYES: Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Meldgin, Vice Chair Mohammed, Chair Fisun

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Hodges

Abstain: Committee Member Lieberman

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was received from Nick Peterson and Jeremiah Pinguelo.

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 upcoming sustainability events and available resources.

4-2. Introduction of new Climate Action Committee Members

Dan Lieberman provided a brief personal introduction.

4-3. Update on Street Tree Management Plan Phase I: Street Tree Inventory

Carrade provided an update on the status of the City's street tree inventory, which will ultimately inform the Street Tree Management Plan, for which the planning process will likely begin in the next few months.



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4-4. Update on Multifamily Electric Vehicle Charger Pilot Program

Michelle Plouse provided an update on the three projects being installed as part of the Multifamily Electric Vehicle Charger Pilot Program.

4-5. Application for Advisory Body Positions Open

www.albanyca.org/government/boards-commissions-committees

Carrade reminded members of the public that the City is still accepting applications for various advisory bodies to the City Council.

Public comment was received from Jeremiah Pinguelo.

5. PRESENTATIONS

None.

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

6-1. Presentation from Rewiring America

Rahul Young, Director of Local Engagement from Rewiring America, provided a presentation on Rewiring America's mission and goals for electrifying vehicles and appliances.

Public comment was received from Nick Peterson, Jeremiah Pinguelo, and Lucinda Young.

MOTION by Committee Member Larson, seconded by Committee Member Mohammed, to recommend that the Mayor and each Council member join Rewiring America's Mayors and Municipal Leaders for Electrification Coalition.

AYES: Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Lieberman, Vice Chair Mohammed, Chair Fisun

NOES: Committee Member Meldgin

Absent: Committee Member Hodges

6-2. Heat Pump Rebate Program

Plouse provided a presentation consisting of an update on the ongoing heat pump rebate program. Due to dwindling funds, staff recommended that the Committee recommend that Council appropriate an additional \$65,000 for the heat pump rebate program, increase the rebate program contractor signing bonus to \$750, and make the TECH program eligible for the rebate program contractor signing bonus.

Public comment was received from Nick Peterson, Lucinda Young, and Jeremiah Pinguelo.



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MOTION by Committee Member Mohammed, seconded by Committee Member Larson, to recommend that Council appropriate an additional \$65,000 for the heat pump rebate program, increase the rebate program contractor signing bonus to \$750, and make contractors who register for the TECH program eligible for the signing bonus.

AYES: Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Lieberman, Committee Member Meldgin, Vice Chair Mohammed, Chair Fisun

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Hodges

6-3. Subcommittee Updates

Student Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee

Chair Fisun and Vice Chair Mohammed provided an update on their efforts to increase access to climate literacy in the schools. They talked to the AUSD School Board and the Board supports high schoolers teaching climate literacy lessons to elementary schoolers.

Zero Emission Transportation Subcommittee

Committee Member Larson provided an update on the subcommittee's efforts to prioritize the actions listed in the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and propose subcommittee projects to the larger Committee based on that.

Home Electrification Mandate Subcommittee

None.

Public comment was received from Nick Peterson, and Jeremiah Pinguelo.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Committee members announced requests for future agenda items, including a presentation on community outreach and engagement efforts related to sustainability programs, and electricity ratemaking.

Public comment was received from Nick Peterson, Jeremiah Pinguelo, and Lucinda Young.

MOTION by Committee Member Meldgin, seconded by Committee Member Larson, to extend the meeting to 9:10PM.

AYES: Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Lieberman, Committee Member Meldgin, Vice Chair Mohammed, Chair Fisun

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Hodges

Committee Member Lieberman announced to the Committee that East Bay Community Energy is now offering new net energy metering billing options.



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8. **NEXT MEETING:** February 15, 2023

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03PM.