



Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2025 – 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:07 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Muñoz, Serena, Aulman, Bellows, Perrin

Absent: Cazares, Frankenbach, Whitaker

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None. One community member in attendance to listen.

MEMBER REPORTS

This is an opportunity for members of the Committee to report on relevant activities or topics related to the Committee's charge.

- Dick - interested in another landfill tour; shared info on Bend, OR electrification initiative and encourages members to review items we shared
- Mark - continued interest in CAP progress webpage, wants to recruit an ad-hoc subcommittee to continue reviewing the webpage
- Adelita and Catalina - interested in Coastal Cleanup and next Green Drinks event at end of August, talked through logistics and promotion
- General interest in writing regular Op-Eds in the Daily Democrat
- General interest in a 2026 follow-up community input event led by the SAC; prepare updates for those in attendance, particularly on the items that were of importance at the SAC's previous community input event
- Adelita - update on SACOG Mobility Zones and their upcoming decision. Woodland zone is still in consideration.

- Craig - asks staff to investigate a "sustainability housing fund" to help lower-income folks and/or essential workers live closer to workplace
- Jake - reminder that members can email staff, Chair to request items on future agendas
- Mark - asks staff if the City intends to reinstitute a "Green Team" internally (yes, with additional staff resource coming on before end of year)

STAFF REPORTS

- General questions about sustainability? Refer to staff via Spencer. Examples include "mow and sow," LED lightbulbs, etc.
- Formal ordinance recommendation requires an agendized vote, otherwise work with Spencer and Department Heads on questions, ideas, etc.
- Yolo County Regional Resilience Collaborative workshop meeting invite to SAC members
- Woodland Bike Loop progress update - first sign produced
- Yolobus transfer point trending towards near Fifth and Main St.
- Interest in future informational presentations or conversations with YoloTD, WM, and/or Yolo Central Landfill

BUSINESS ITEMS

SUBJECT: Next Steps for the SAC

RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION: Staff recommends that the SAC discuss and recommend their preferred path forward as an advisory group.

Staff walks through the Woodland Climate Action Plan (CAP) and what areas might be impactful topics for possible ad-hoc subcommittees, organized by categories of the CAP:

Energy

E-3: Comprehensive Building Efficiency (Education)

E-6: Renewable Energy Generation & Procurement

Transportation & Land Use

T/LU-2: Infill Development, Redevelopment, and Repurposing

T/LU-5: Increased Mass Transit Use, Walking, and Bicycling (comment from Adelita, reminding about connection to possible SACOG Mobility Zone designation)

T/LU-7: Increased Use of Alternative-Fuel Vehicles

Urban Forest & Open Space

Heat Island, Transit, and Equity connection (connection to Woodland Tree Foundation survey of location "suitability")

Water & Solid Waste

W/W-2: Solid Waste Reduction and Waste Processing Improvements (specific discussion about proper waste sorting)

Public Involvement

PI-1: Citizen-Led Outreach

Municipal Operations

MO-3: Increased Energy Efficiency and Use of Renewable Energy (update on City considering PPA buyout or continuing "lease" of solar arrays)

- Discussion of proactive "what projects are in the pipeline" / "what are our collective goals" with grant and resources research
- Discussion of how diverse and numerous sustainability funding sources can be (State agencies, nonprofit, federal, etc.)
- Tentative discussion of the following ad-hoc groups:
 - Public involvement / outreach?
 - Policy research / grants?
 - Urban forest and trees?
 - Discussion of possible need for additional committee structure
 - Reflection that SAC hasn't done too much except for community outreach in the recent past
 - Discussion of how (and if) existing SAC Work Plan directly supports the CAP

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.