

Environmental Quality Commission



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 4/15/2026
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Teleconference and
City Hall Downtown Conference Room, 1st Floor
701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

A. Call To Order

Chair McKenna called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Angiel, Hedley, Hernandez, Hill, Kissel (Remote – Brown Act), McKenna
Absent: Meyer
Staff: Sustainability Manager Rachael Londer, Management Analyst II Liz Tapia

C. Public Comment

- Brian Schmidt spoke on concerns related to Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) and Silicon Valley Clean Energy meetings and Association for Energy Affordability (AEA) electrification programs.

D. Regular Business

D1. Recognize outgoing Commissioners

Chair McKenna introduced the item.

The Commission discussed their appreciation for the outgoing commissioners work throughout their time on the Environmental Quality Commission.

D2. Approve the March 18, 2026, Environmental Quality Commission meeting minutes (Attachment)

ACTION: The action on this item is invalid, and the item is continued to the next meeting.

D3. Update on Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (Attachment)

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Brandon Bond made the presentation (Attachment)

The Commission received clarification on hazards in the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding, plan approval, public outreach, current plan expiration and timeline.

- Brian Schmidt spoke in support of adding wildfire smoke, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and resiliency to the LHMP.

The Commission discussed wildfire smoke response, outreach and engagement, resilience and

recovery, incorporating LHMP into the Urban Forest Management Plan, creating an adaptation subcommittee and community engagement.

E. Reports and Announcements

E1. Reports and announcements from staff and Commissioners

Sustainability Manager Rachael Londer reported out on the Mayor's tree planting April 23, PCE community feedback forum May 4, Housing Resource Fair May 16 and City facility solar installations completed in April and community celebration of project at Menlo Park Library June 1.

Management Analyst II Liz Tapia reported out on the Love Our Earth Festival April 25 and the electric vehicle and e-bike voucher program launching.

Commissioner Hernandez reported out on five electric vehicle (EV) chargers at Kelly Park and solar panels.

- Brian Schmidt reported out on the Love Our Earth Festival and emissions saved with solar panels.

F. Informational items

F1. 2025-26 Environmental Quality Commission work plan (Attachment)

G. Adjournment

Chair McKenna adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Management Analyst II Liz Tapia

Minutes approved at the June 20, 2026 Environmental Quality Commission meeting.

2026 San Mateo County

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Together Forward



Why Mitigate?

- **Mitigation** is any sustainable action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from future disaster events and their effects.
- **Breaks the cycle** of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage.
- **Long-term solutions** that reduce the impact of future disasters.



San Mateo County 2026 Hazards List



● Earthquake

● Drought

● Landslide

● Severe Weather

● Wildfire

● Tsunami

● Sea Level Rise

● Dam Failure



PREVIOUS MITIGATION PROJECTS



Chrysler Pump Station

- Elevated two feet above the FEMA 100-year base flood
- Three new larger pumps
- Ability to discharge a 100-year flood rain event



Emergency Well & Storage

- 1500 gallons per minute
- Includes disinfection equipment





Outreach & Engagement

- Which natural hazards have you experienced in your community?
- Which natural hazards do you believe pose the greatest risks to your community? How concerned are you about these hazards affecting your home and business?
- What mitigation ideas do you believe should be a top priority for your community? (e.g. Drainage and flood control; Wildfire reductions; Road and bridge updates; Seismic retrofitting;)
- What mitigation ideas can the community action better support vulnerable populations?





Thank you



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