



**Climate Action Subcommittee  
Meeting Minutes - Draft**

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Wednesday, February 5, 2025

4:00 PM

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**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Fleming called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Present: (3) Councilmember Okrepkie, Councilmember Banuelos,  
Chair Fleming

Absent: (0)

**2. REMOTE PARTICIPATION UNDER AB 2449 (IF NEEDED)**

None.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3.1** September 4, 2024 - Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

The September 4, 2024 regular meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Duane DeWitt shared a park equity study map and tree canopies.

**5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Peter Martin, Deputy Director - Water Resources, reported on the City of Santa Rosa's participation in Sonoma Clean Power's heat pump electrification program.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**6.1** TRESS - EXISTING CODES, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES

Staff will provide the Climate Action Subcommittee with an overview of the existing City codes, City policies and procedures related to the planting and maintenance of trees on private property, public right of way, and city owned property. The Subcommittee may discuss this item and give direction to staff.

Jessica Jones, Deputy Director - Planning, Planning & Economic Development, Cleve Gurney, Deputy Director - Development Services, Planning & Economic Development, and Jen Santos, Deputy Director - Parks, Recreation and Parks, presented and answered Subcommittee Member questions.

Pam McClainspoke regarding arborists reports for heritage trees with the caution of using arborists that would also serve as the tree cutter and the cost of appeals.

Michael spoke regarding ReLeaf Santa Rosa and education around benefits of having more trees.

Derek Knowles spoke regarding ReLeaf Santa Rosa, keeping Santa Rosa's ecosystem healthy, and the challenges that are faced to do so.

Duane DeWitt spoke regarding ReLeaf Santa Rosa, Forrest Unlimited's work along Roseland creek, and looking for additional funding for help with trees and tree maintenance.

Spring Maxfield spoke regarding funding that could have been used for improvement of tree canopies throughout Santa Rosa.

## **7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **7.1 UPCOMING MEETINGS LIST - FEBRUARY 2025**

Peter Martin, Deputy Director - Water Resources, presented the upcoming meetings list.

Duane DeWitt spoke regarding Forrest Unlimited and their desire to perform neighborhood activities. Shared that they also have leftover tree plantings, and suggested the City look into purchasing those for help in the replanting of trees.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Fleming adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m. The next Climate Action Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.