Sustainability Commission

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Sustainability Commission Two-Year Priority Projects and Focus



Powers and Functions:

To fulfill their mission, the Commission may involve itself in the following activities:

- Monitor and update the CAP based upon quantified metrics to measure and evaluate mitigated impacts and community benefits.
- Suggest recommendations, review, and monitor the City's General Plan Environmental Resources/Sustainability Element and its intersections with the CAP.
- Advise the City Council how to strategically accelerate Cupertino's progress towards sustainability and recommend priorities to promote continued regional leadership in sustainability.
- Periodically **review policies** governing specific practices and programs, such as greenhouse gas emissions
 reduction, water conservation, renewable energy, energy efficiency, materials management, and urban forestry.
 Illustrative examples include creation of infrastructure for low emissions vehicles, installation of renewable energy or
 energy efficiency technologies, drafting of water conservation or waste reduction policies, delivery of habitat
 restoration and conservation programs, design and roll-out of pollution prevention campaigns, etc.
- Make recommendations regarding the allocation of funds for infrastructure and technology improvements to elevate
 operational performance of City facilities, businesses, educational institutions and homes by reducing costs, improving
 public health, and serving community needs.
- Accept public input on the subject areas noted above and advise the City Council on ways to drive community
 awareness, behavior change, education and participation in City programs modeled upon the field's
 best practices.
- Review and make recommendations to the City Council on **Federal, State and regional policies** related to sustainability that have the potential to impact City Council's goals and policies.
- Pursue any other activity or scope that may be deemed appropriate and necessary by the City Council.

Discuss and prioritize key sustainability projects and focus efforts over the next two years.

- Clarifying questions what topics do you need more details about?
- 2. Open discussion/suggestions What topics do you want to add to the list? (limit 2 per person)
- 3. Update voting sheet Write your peers suggestions on your voting sheet.
- 4. Prioritize Circle your top **8 topics** for the next two years.

Regional Sustainability Meetings



Suggested Regional Groups

Agency	Frequency	Time/Date	Location
VTA (Bike/Ped Advisory Comm)	Monthly	First or second Wednesday 6:30 pm	Virtual or San Jose
Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission	Bi-monthly	Fourth Thursday 5:30 pm	Virtual or Morgan Hill
SVCE (Board meeting)	Monthly	Second Wednesday 6:30 pm	Virtual or Cupertino
Valley Water (Supply and demand management committee)	10x/year	Various Mondays 10:00 am	Virtual or San Jose
Regional Water Board	Monthly	Second Wednesday - 9:00 a.m.	Virtual or Oakland

Valley Transit Authority (Bike and Ped)

The BPAC advises the Board on funding and planning issues for bicycle and pedestrian projects. It also serves as the countywide bicycle advisory committee for Santa Clara County.

The Committee generally meets on the Wednesday following the first Thursday at 6:30 pm



Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission

All of south bay area

Topics include:

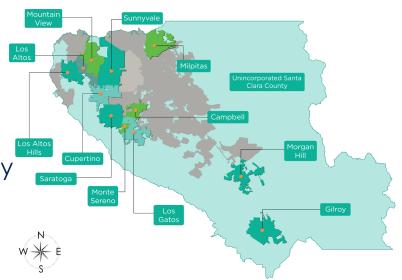
- Waste reduction program advocacy, education and outreach programs
- Proper waste disposal resources
- Waste sorting
- Waste laws

Generally meets on the second Wednesday of each month, but many are canceled.

Silicon Valley Clean Energy (Board)

13 Jurisdictions in the South Bay Topics include:

- Building energy efficiency and electrification
- EV and EV charging
- Solar, wind, thermal, hydro energy sources
- Electricity bill rates
 Generally meets on the second
 Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Zoom optional.



Valley Water (Supply and Demand Committee)

Water district (Palo Alto to Gilroy) Topics include:

- Water supply to meet current and future water usage/Water sources
- Water conservation programs and policies
- Artificial turf
- Water bills

Generally, the fourth Monday. Many meetings are canceled.



Regional Water Board

Greater Bay Area Topics include:

- Water pollution prevention programs
- Water quality
- Water rights
- Financial assistance
- Drinking water

The second Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.



Discuss and volunteer to attend regional meetings to increase awareness of external sustainability efforts and opportunities

- Clarifying questions what meetings do you need more details about?
- 2. Open discussion— are there other meetings you think should be included?
- 3. Volunteer- This is an optional commitment