



DRAFT MINUTES
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
Thursday, April 16, 2026

At 4:00 p.m. Chair Hansen called the Regular Sustainability Commission meeting to order at the Quinlan Conference Room, 10185 North Stelling Road and via teleconference; and Teleconference Location pursuant to Government Code section 54953(b)(2); 160 Quiet Grove, Irvine, CA 92618.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Susan Hansen, Vice Chair Alexander Fung (participated virtually) and Commissioners Jack Carter, Sonali Padgaonkar, and Conny Yang (arrived at 4:15 p.m.). Absent: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Subject: January 15, 2026 Sustainability Commission minutes
Recommended Action: Approve January 15, 2026 minutes

MOTION: Padgaonkar moved and Carter seconded to approve January 15, 2026 minutes. The motion passed with the following vote: Ayes: Hansen, Fung, Carter, Padgaonkar. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Yang.

POSTPONEMENTS — None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Nazeem Noorden shared results about recent tabling and Home Energy Tour organized by the Citizen Climate Lobby and Rotary Club of Cupertino.

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

Sustainability Specialist Victoria Morin reported on the Block Leader presentation, the Active Transportation Plan, Creek Cleanup, Cherry Blossom Festival, Fremont Unified Earth Day, and Environmental Day.

Commissioner Padgaonkar reported on her attendance at the Cupertino Earth and Arbor Day Festival.

Chair Hansen reported on the Cupertino Earth and Arbor Day Festival.

Commissioner Carter reported on Cupertino Earth and Arbor Day Festival.

Chair Hansen reported on the Mayor's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS — None

NEW BUSINESS

2. Subject: Chair and Vice Chair Elections
Recommended Action: Elect a chair and vice chair for the 2026 Sustainability Commission.

Written Communications included a staff presentation.

Sustainability Specialist Victoria Morin introduced the item.

Chair Hansen opened the public comment period and, seeing no one, closed the public comment period.

MOTION: Padgaonkar moved and Carter seconded to elect Vice Chair Fung as Chair. The motion passed with the following vote. Ayes: Hansen, Carter, Padgaonkar. Noes: None. Abstain: Fung. Absent: Yang.

MOTION: Padgaonkar moved and Hansen seconded to elect Commissioner Carter as Vice Chair. The motion passed with the following vote: Ayes: Fung, Hansen, Carter, Padgaonkar, Yang. Noes: None. Abstain: Carter. Absent: None.

3. Subject: Receive presentation and provide input on the development of the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027 Capital Improvement Programs and Five-year Plan as related to Sustainability projects
Recommended Action: Discuss and provide input on the 2026-2028 Capital Improvement Programs and Five-year Plan.

Written Communications for this item included a staff presentation.

Capital Improvement Programs Manager Susan Michael gave a presentation.

Commissioners asked questions which staff responded to.

Commissioner Hansen opened the public comment period and, seeing no one, closed the public comment period.

4. Subject: Form a Sustainability Subcommittee for waste diversion education training program.

Recommended Action: Appoint two members to form a subcommittee to assist staff with building out a new waste diversion community training program currently under development, specifically:

1. Attend at least 2 planning meetings with staff
 2. Attend at least 3 program meetings
 3. Provide an update at a Regular Sustainability Commission meeting
- Sustainability Specialist Victoria Morin introduced the item.

Written Communications for this item included a staff presentation.

Sustainability Specialist Victoria Morin gave a presentation.

Commissioners asked questions which staff responded to.

Commissioner Hansen opened the public comment period and the following people spoke:

- Emma spoke about waste education and outreach in schools.

Commissioner Hansen closed the public comment period.

MOTION: Hansen moved and Carter seconded to elect Commissioner Yang and Commissioner Padgaonkar to the subcommittee to assist staff with building out a new waste diversion community training program currently under development, specifically:

1. Attend at least 2 planning meetings with staff
2. Attend at least 3 program meetings
3. Provide an update at a Regular Sustainability Commission meeting

The motion passed with the following vote: Ayes: Fung, Carter, Hansen, Padgaonkar, Yang. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

5. Subject: Receive presentation about current processes and best practices for recovering building materials during demolition or as part of construction projects

Recommended Action: Receive presentation about the processes and best practices for recovering building materials during demolition or as part of construction projects.

Written Communications for this item included a staff presentation.

Environmental Programs and Sustainability Manager Ursula Syrova gave a presentation.

Commissioners asked questions which staff responded to.

Sustainability Specialist Victoria Morin opened the public comment period and, seeing no one, closed the public comment period.

Commissioners received the presentation.

FUTURE AGENDA SETTING – None

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:17 p.m. Commissioner Hansen adjourned the Regular Sustainability Commission meeting.

Minutes prepared by:

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