



AGENDA

LA MESA ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

A Regular Meeting on Monday, October 21, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

City Manager's Conference Room
8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Total Time – 15 Minutes)
Members of the public may address the Commission on subjects within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Unless such subjects are contained within this agenda, there can be no discussion or action by the Commission until a subsequent, publicly noticed meeting.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 16, 2019
5. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR
6. CITY STAFF UPDATES
7. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE (Andrea Beth Damsky)
Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) and regional program participation
8. DRAFT 2020 WORK PLAN (Andrea Beth Damsky)
9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE - Monday, November 18, 2019

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF LA MESA
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
6:00 PM, CITY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
8130 ALLISON AVENUE, LA MESA, CA 91942**

DRAFT MINUTES
September 16, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER (6:00 p.m.)
2. ROLL CALL (X indicates present)

Jim Stone, Chair	X
Andrea Beth Damsky, Vice-Chair	X
Stephen Grooms	X
Ashley Simmons	X
Trey McDonald	X
Ricky Williams	X
Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret	
Maggie Eggers (EDCO)	Excused absence
Joe Garuba (Helix Water District)	
Chardá Fontenot (La Mesa-Spring Valley School District)	X
Joe Britton (SDG&E)	Excused absence
Vacant (Helix Charter High School)	

Others present: Lyn Dedmon, Senior Management Analyst; Jenny Lybeck, Sustainability Analyst

Public: Mark Gracyk, Helix Water District

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 19, 2019
Action: Motion to approve minutes
Vote: 5-0-1
Ayes: Damsky, Grooms, Simmons, McDonald, Williams
Noes: None
Abstained: Stone
Absent:

5. CITY STAFF UPDATE (Jenny Lybeck)
 - a. DIY Energy and Sustainability Toolkit
Jenny Lybeck presented the toolkit and stated that they are available from the City and Helix Water District for two-week checkouts by online form but there is a waiting list.

- b. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) next steps
The City Council voted to join the regional JPA and that Councilmember Bill Baber would be the representative with Assistant City Manager Greg Humora as alternate.

6. REVIEW OF SUBCOMMITTEES (Andrea Beth Damsky)
The responsibilities and Commissioner involved in the different subcommittees was discussed.

Action:	Motion to dissolve the La Mesa Community Trees Subcommittee
Vote:	6-0-0
Ayes:	Stone, Damsky, Grooms, Simmons, McDonald, Williams
Noes:	None
Abstained:	
Absent:	

Action: Motion to add Stephen Grooms to the Community Garden Subcommittee to be supported by Andrea Beth Damsky
Vote: 6-0-0
Ayes: Stone, Damsky, Grooms, Simmons, McDonald, Williams
Noes: None
Abstained:
Absent:

Action: Motion to add Andrea Beth Damsky to the Green/Food Waste Recovery Subcommittee
Vote: 6-0-0
Ayes: Stone, Damsky, Grooms, Simmons, McDonald, Williams
Noes: None
Abstained:
Absent:

7. REVIEW AND UPDATES TO 2019 WORK PLAN (Jim Stone)

The current Commission Work Plan and its alignment with the subcommittees was discussed. Goal 1 regarding the Climate Action Plan (CAP) Subcommittee completed its first milestone related to the submission of the implementation plan to the City Council. Trey McDonald would lead the Subcommittee. Goal 4 regarding the chemical use policy was completed.

Action: Motion to roll Goal 5 regarding a tree canopy assessment into Goal 1 (CAP)
Vote: 6-0-0
Ayes: Stone, Damsky, Grooms, Simmons, McDonald, Williams
Noes: None
Abstained:
Absent:

8. DISCUSSION OF OCTOBER SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR (Jim Stone)

Jim Stone announced that he was resigning from the Commission after the October meeting and thought that the Commission should begin a dialog on the upcoming selection of Chair and Vice-Chair a month before the process. Andrea Beth Damsky and Stephen Grooms both expressed interest in the Chair position and Ricky Williams expressed interest in the Vice-Chair position.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Jim Stone thanked the Commission for their work.

Andrea Beth Damsky asked for an updated Commission roster to be provided. She also asked if they should have a speaker at a future meeting regarding a sand mine in Rancho San Diego. Lastly she applied to a Citizen's Water Academy and may bring future topics to the Commission. Ricky Williams stated that he was glad that the work plan was updated and that as goals are built they align with the Climate Action Plan.

Trey McDonald appreciates Jim Stone's work on the Commission and also recognized Robin Rivet's past work.

Stephen Grooms stated that Commissioners should be recognized for their work as volunteers. Jenny Lybeck asked if the Commission would want to do an environmental recognition program.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Prepared by:

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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

**Draft Work Plan
2020**

Goals should be consistent with the City’s goals:

- Safe Community
- Maintain a Financially Sound and Affordable City Government
- Continue to Improve High Quality Municipal Services
- Revitalize Neighborhoods and Corridors
- Enhanced Recreation and Quality of Life Opportunities
- Safe and Affordable Homes for All Current and Future Residents

Staffing Department: Public Works Department – Environmental Services Division

GOALS	DUE DATE	TRACKING MILESTONES	STATUS
1. Continue a subcommittee that will advise and assist the City with implementation of the Climate Action Plan.	Ongoing	Receive quarterly updates on progress	In progress
2. Review and advise on current City policies and ordinances and make recommendations for improvements to promote sustainability as needed.	Ongoing	Identify items as needed	In progress
3. Continue a subcommittee to advance community gardens by providing best practice examples and encouraging the city to develop a process for implementation.	Ongoing	1) Recommend updates to zoning ordinances 2) Report on possible school partnerships 3) Assist, facilitate and advise on any projects that may be implemented	In progress
4. Complete the City chemical use policy recommendations for presentation to the City Council.	6/30/19	Submit completed report to the City Council	Complete
5. Continue a subcommittee to explore issues regarding green/food waste recovery.	Ongoing	1) Host informational presentation 2) Progress updates	In progress