



City of Buena Park

MINUTES CLIMATE ACTION COMMISSION JUNE 16, 2025

1A. CALL TO ORDER

The Climate Action Commission met on June 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, CA.

1B. ROLL CALL **PRESENT:** Schooner, Singhal, James, Figueroa, Bendinelli
STAFF: Lotus Thai, Sustainability Manager
Elizabeth Genera, Recording Secretary

1C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. COMMUNICATIONS

This is a portion of the meeting set aside to invite public comments regarding any matter within the jurisdiction of the Climate Action Commission. Public comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes for each speaker.

2A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

****M/S/P – Singhal/Figueroa* – Approval of meeting minutes May 6, 2025

4. OLD BUSINESS – No items.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5A. Review and Discuss Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Draft – *Presented by Lotus Thai, Sustainability Manager*

The Climate Action Commission was given a draft copy of the City of Buena Park Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) to review. The City's CAAP plan is in accordance with State goals and generated from the community meeting/webinar overview held in January. Lotus Thia and Commissioners went over the draft to identify any corrections and/or changes, suggestions and comments.

The Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) lays out a roadmap to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, prepare for climate related risks such as heat and drought. The CAAP will create a future where all Buena Park residents, regardless of background, income, or geographical location, can live in a safe, healthy environment.

While the City has already established a strong foundation of sustainable initiatives, the development of this Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) affirms the City's commitment to taking deliberate and impactful climate action.

This CAAP aligns with California's ambitious GHG reduction mandates and outlines a clear path toward meeting the City's emissions targets for 2030 and 2045:

- By 2030, the City will reduce community-wide GHG emissions by 107,278 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents (MT CO₂e), consistent with the goals of California Senate Bill 32.
- By 2045, the City will reduce community-wide GHG emissions by 258,333 MT CO₂e, consistent with the goals of California Assembly Bill 1279.

Commissioner Bendinelli commented that there be goals for 2035 and 2040 milestone goals as well, as 15 years seems long to measure progress. Lotus will meet with the consultant to see if it possible build in 5 year targets.

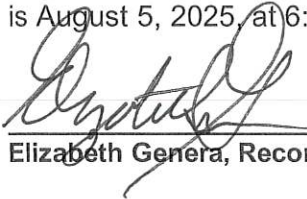
Chair Schooner suggested that the online plan include reference to Senate Bills.

A website will be created for the CAAP; at this time, the draft copy of CAAP is on the main page of the City's website, it is open for public comment until July 31, 2025. Staff and CAAP consultants will present City Council for approval in the upcoming months.

6. CITY/STAFF UPDATES, INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Schooner thanked Commissioners for attending the Bee Sanctuary. There is no meeting in July. A presentation on City trees and the current tree policy will be discussed at the meeting in August. Commissioners would like to review the current tree policy before the next meeting. Lotus would like the Commission to take a guided tour of the Bowerman Landfill in Irvine.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting is August 5, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.



Elizabeth Genera, Recording Secretary



Climate Action Commission Chair