



**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025, AT 6:30 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET, SOUTH PASADENA, CA 91030

ROLL CALL:

Chair	Emily Ng
Vice Chair	Michael Siegel
Commissioner	Michael Noe
Commissioner	Alex Rajewski
Commissioner	Margaret Yi

ABSENT:

Commissioner	Liam R. de Villa Bourke
Commissioner	Casey Law

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair	Emily Ng
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PUBLIC COMMENT

1. GENERAL (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

In Person Public Comments:

Angelo Gladding shared concerns regarding the staff recommendations to the ordinance, expressing how it would take away protection from most of the City's trees and making it much easier for them to be cut down without oversight. Additionally expressed concern that the prior Special Meeting had not been properly calendared and that the process for approval of the amended tree ordinance remained unclear.

Zoom Public Comments:
None.

PRESENTATION

2. SB1383 IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE & ATHENS DEMONSTRATION

Environmental Services & Sustainability Manager Arpy Kasparian, along with Athens Services' Government Affairs team, provided an update on SB 1383 implementation, including the City's transition to a three-stream waste collection system, the new curbside

bulky item pickup program, a “what goes where” sorting demonstration, and an overview of container deliveries beginning in September.

In Person Public Comments:
None.

Zoom Public Comments:
Mark Gee proposed that Athens host a public/open hour at the new Irwindale MRF to build trust in the recycling process.

ACTION

3. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED FY 25-26 WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission review and approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Water Conservation Program.

In Person Public Comments:
None.

Zoom Public Comments:

Mark Gee suggested considering higher water rates to encourage conservation.

COMMISSION ACTIONS AND MOTION

A motion was made by Vice Chair Siegel, seconded by Commissioner Rajewski to approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Water Conservation Program with the five new rebate adjustments. The motion carried 5-0-2, by the following vote:

AYES: Ng, Siegel, Noe, Rajewski, Yi
NOES: None.
ABSENT: De Villa Bourke, Law
ABSTAINED: None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 27, 2025 NREC MEETING

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission review and approve the May 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Rajewski, seconded by Vice Chair Siegel and approved by roll call vote for the approval of the May 27, 2025 NREC Meeting Minutes. The motion carried 5-0-2, by the following vote:

AYES: Ng, Siegel, Noe, Rajewski, Yi

NOES: None.

ABSENT: De Villa Bourke, Law

ABSTAINED: None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 7, 2025 NREC SPECIAL MEETING

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission review and approve the July 7, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes.

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Rajewski, seconded by Vice Chair Siegel and approved by roll call vote for the approval of the July 7, 2025 NREC Special Meeting Minutes. The motion carried 5-0-2, by the following vote:

AYES: Ng, Siegel, Noe, Rajewski, Yi

NOES: None.

ABSENT: De Villa Bourke, Law

ABSTAINED: None.

COMMUNICATIONS

6. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS

Council member Cacciotti shared updates on upcoming hazardous waste events and Santa Monica conservancy funding and projects. Additionally provided an update on the council decision regarding 4th of July fireworks and urges this commission to advocate for a hybrid drone/fireworks show for 2026.

7. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

None.

8. STAFF LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS

None.

9. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Free Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collection Event
August 23, 9am-3pm, 900 South Fremont Ave. Alhambra
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events
(www.cleanla.lacounty.gov/hhw)
- LA County Smart Gardening Workshops & Webinars
(www.cleanla.lacounty.gov/smartgardening)
- MWD Turf Removal + CA Native Landscape Webinars
(www.greengardensgroup.com/turf-transformation)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters, Chair Ng adjourned the meeting of the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission at 8:51P.M. PT to the next Regular Commission meeting scheduled for September 23, 2025.

Signed by:

Danielle Garcia

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Respectfully submitted:

Danielle Garcia

Staff Liaison, Water Conservation Management Analyst

APPROVED:

Signed by:

Casey Law

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Casey Law
Commissioner

Approved at Commission Meeting: **September 23, 2025 Natural Resources & Environmental Commission Meeting**