

TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Sustainability Committee Meeting
February 15, 2024
7:00 PM

Scott Elrod, Chair
Jason Saleh, Vice Chair
Rebecca Flynn, Secretary
Leslie Field, Member
Ronny Krashinsky, Member
Loverine Taylor, Member
Anita Wotiz, Member

REGULAR MEETING

NOTE: This meeting will be virtual only, with the Zoom coordinates specified below.

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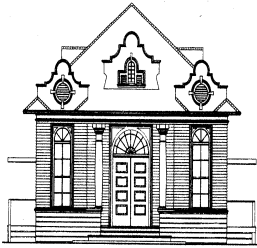
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- 1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
- 2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
Speakers' time is limited to two minutes.
- 3. INTRODUCTIONS**
- 4. PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. Meeting of January 18, 2024
- 6. OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. Cal Water smart water meter rollout
 - b. Greenwaste newsletter insert on Home Energy Analytics
 - c. Climate Action Plan 2030...reminder that March meeting will be devoted to comments on Climate Action Plans of San Mateo and Woodside
 - d. Review reach code summary for San Mateo County (from Jeff Aalfs)
 - e. Develop plan for Public Service Announcements following Greenwaste MRF tour
- 7. NEXT MEETING AND PROPOSED AGENDA TOPICS**
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**
The next regularly scheduled meeting date is March 21, 2024.

The Town of Portola Valley acknowledges the colonial history of this land we dwell upon—the unceded territory of the Ramaytush (rah-my-toosh) Ohlone, Tamien Nation, and Muwekma (mah-WEK-mah) Ohlone, who endured a human and cultural genocide that included removal from their lands and their sacred relationship to the land. Portola Valley recognizes that we profit from the commodification of land seized from indigenous peoples and now bear the ecological consequences. We seek to understand the impact of these legacies on all beings and to find ways to make repair.



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REGULAR MEETING
HISTORIC SCHOOLHOUSE– 765 PORTOLA RD. – PORTOLA VALLEY, CA

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

7 pm.

All committee members present except Loverine Taylor.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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4. PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rebecca Flynn- got two rebates today for her all-electric conversion-from PCE and CA Energy Smart Homes. Switch is On is looking for Ambassadors. Training introduction on Tuesday Jan 23 at 6:30-7:30 PM. Leslie Field, Armand Neukermans, and Brent Constantz are talking about geophysical innovations for climate change on Sunday February 4 at 11 am at Ladera Community Church after the service.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Meeting of November 16, 2023 - meeting minutes approved by all present

6. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Updates:

i. Cal Water smart water meter rollout

1. Jeff is the designated outreach with CalWater.

2. Rebecca to contact Jeff/Kari to find out if we need to help CalWater with outreach

ii. Greenwaste tour – Tues Jan 30, 2024 MRF 10-11:30 – Carpool plan by email.

iii. Greenwaste newsletter insert on Home Energy Analytics – Ronny contacted James at HEA. Waiting to hear back with a draft from HEA.

iv. Climate Action Plan 2030 –Ronny provided links to the SM and WD CAPs. Potential concern of the American Geophysical Union. To review the two CAPs on March meeting. Attempt to get some of the data from Brandi and intern.

v. Reach code opportunities – Jeff to speak with PCE. Rebecca to send around the email of the energy code upgrades being considered for future energy code. PCE has a list of reach codes that have been enacted to date. Leslie Field Barth is part of the American Geophysical Union to speak with legislators. The current energy code does not consider decarbonization, comfort, or indoor air quality. Passive House standard does consider embodied carbon and reduced operational carbon. Rebecca and Ronny to investigate further. Ronny to send out links for information about existing reach codes.

<https://www.peninsulacleanenergy.com/reach-codes/>

<https://bayareareachcodes.org/>

<https://www.localenergycodes.com/content/adopted-ordinances>

Current 2022 Building Energy Efficiency Standards:

<https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-energy-efficiency-standards/2022-building-energy-efficiency>

Proposed 2025 Building Energy Efficiency Standards:

<https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-energy-efficiency-standards/2025-building-energy-efficiency>

- b. Review ongoing effort to issue “Public Service Announcements” on PVForum
 - Sent out Leslie’s PSA on geoengineering last month. Follow up lecture on Feb. 4, 2024 at 11 am at Ladera Community Church
 - Anita to write up something on Instagram influencers with positive messages.
 - Rebecca to write up Why go electric? With solar and battery. Rebates available.
 - Visit to the Recycle center write up.
 - Update email with link to titles of existing PSAs.
 - Email about library loaner projects.
- c. Discussion of possible committee inputs to Town and/or County on permitting requirements for tiny homes on wheels. Ability to offer rent to own to allow for equity.
 - i. What jurisdiction is involved in the codes? Scott to look into the codes to determine what are the impediments.
- d. Update on conversion to non-Brown Act committee – we are no longer a Brown Act Committee. Currently will continue hybrid meeting at the schoolhouse and zoom. Prior to each agenda, we will determine if the meeting is in the schoolhouse or only on zoom.
- e. Review and update committee priorities for 2023:
 - i. Community education: Public Service Announcements to encourage greenhouse gas and water use reduction.
 - ii. Smart water meter usage with Cal Water: education and outreach
 - iii. Climate Action Plan
 - iv. Existing building stock electrification ordinances
 - v. Demonstration units – Induction stove top, backup power, smart meter gadgets
 - vi. Preparing for drought - including update to MWELo and drought sections on Town website

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