



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes Sustainability Commission

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

7:00 PM

Online and Redwood Conference Room,
City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale,
CA 94086

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nabhan called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Redwood Conference Room (Room 140) at City Hall.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Nabhan led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Chair Jeffery Nabhan
Vice Chair Kristina Pistone
Commissioner Madeline Chang
Commissioner Colin Ford
Commissioner Cortney Jansen
Commissioner Douglas Kunz
Commissioner Richard Parenteau

Council Liaison - Councilmember Cisneros arrived online at 7:20 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

STUDY SESSION

[26-0216](#) Solid Waste Program Updates

Bailey Hall, Interim Solid Waste Division Manager, and Deepti Jain, Solid Waste Environmental Programs Manager, provided an update on Zero Waste Programs and SMaRT® Station updates in Sunnyvale. Commissioners asked clarifying questions, and staff provided answers.

Chair Nabhan opened public comment at 7:58 p.m.

AJ asked questions regarding delays to the Smart Station upgrade beyond the originally anticipated six-month timeline, whether electrical supply issues for processing units had been resolved, and whether special protective coatings were specified for HVAC equipment given the facility environment. AJ also inquired about dust collection systems for shredders included in the upgrade, the methodology used to calculate the reported \$1,600 to \$18,000 cost savings from reusable dishware, and clarification on whether commodity sales are handled by City staff or contractors and how contracts account for fluctuating market prices. Christina Raby, Environmental Engineering Coordinator, stated that staff would provide responses to AJ's questions via email following the meeting.

Chair Nabhan closed public comment at 8:02 p.m.

PRESENTATION

[26-0218](#) PRESENTATION - Youth Group Updates

Commissioner Chang coordinated a Commissioner presentation on youth group updates. Youth representatives from the Fremont Unified High School District (FUSHD) provided updates on the FUSHD Climate Collective, and youth from Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action (SVYCA) shared updates on initiatives led by SVYCA. Commissioners asked clarifying questions, which FUSHD and SVCYA members addressed.

Chair Nabhan opened public comment at 9:04 p.m.

No public comment.

Chair Nabhan closed public comment at 9:04 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

[26-0219](#) Approve the Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2025

Chair Nabhan opened public comment at 9:05 p.m.

No public comment.

Chair Nabhan closed public comment at 9:05 p.m.

Commissioner Kunz requested a friendly amendment to correct the recorded outcome of the first vote under Item 25-1073, Discussion of Potential Council Priority Project Ideas, from “the motion carried” to “the motion failed,” which staff accepted. Commissioner Parenteau moved, and Commissioner Kunz seconded, the motion to approve the consent calendar as amended.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Nabhan
Vice Chair Pistone
Commissioner Chang
Commissioner Ford
Commissioner Jansen
Commissioner Kunz
Commissioner Parenteau

No: 0

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Parenteau shared information on a website called “No Carbon Fuel” and highlighted “ProactiveTalk.org” as resources for students and the public to stay informed on climate and sustainability initiatives and data.

Commissioner Jansen recommended the PBS film Giants Rising, which explores redwood forests through cultural and scientific perspectives. Commissioner Jansen referenced a KQED forum featuring Judith Enck of Beyond Plastics, and expressed interest in Sunnyvale exploring a dark sky ordinance similar to Mountain View’s efforts.

Councilmember Cisneros provided updates on upcoming City Council items relevant to the Commission. Councilmember Cisneros thanked Commissioners, staff, presenters, and members of the public for their participation and contributions in the meeting.

Vice Chair Pistone highlighted a National Academy of Sciences workshop called “Accelerating Climate Progress with AI: from Science to Action” on climate progress

and artificial intelligence and recommended listening to the sessions.

-Staff Comments

Ms. Raby reported on previous and upcoming events.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

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Updated Annual Work Plan January 2026

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.