



Climate Action Commission Meeting

Teleconference Meeting

Monday, September 12, 2022 6:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

Commission Members

Ken Britten

Gar House

Patrick Wall

Woody Fridae

David Springer

PLEASE NOTE – The numerical order of items on this agenda is for convenience of reference. Items may be taken out of order upon request of the Commission Members. Public comments time may be limited, and speakers will be asked to state their name.

Pledge

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time, any member of the public may address the Commission on matters, which are not listed on this agenda. Citizens should reserve their comments for matter listed on this agenda at the time the item is considered by the Commission. An exception is made for members of the public for whom it would create a hardship to stay until their item is heard. Those individuals may address the item after the public has spoken on issues that are not listed on the agenda. Presentations may be limited to accommodate all speakers within the time available. Public comments may also be continued to later in the meeting should the time allotted for public comment expire.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the consent calendar are considered routine and non-controversial, require no discussion, and are expected to have unanimous Council support and may be enacted by the City Council in one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. However, before the Commission votes on the motion to adopt, members of the Commission, staff, or the public may request that specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and action. Items(s) removed will be discussed later in the meeting as time permits.

- A. Resolution 2022-01 Making Findings and Determinations Under AB 361 for Continued Virtual Meetings

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Review Draft Work Plan
- B. Formation of working groups

ADJOURNMENT

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing agenda for the September 12, 2022 regular meeting of the Climate Action Commission was posted on the City of Winters website at www.cityofwinters.org and Commission Members were notified via e-mail of its' availability. A copy of the foregoing agenda was also posted on the outside public bulletin board at City Hall, 318 First Street on September 9, 2022, and made available to the public during normal business hours.

Ellena Branson

Ellena Branson, Deputy City Clerk



**CITY COUNCIL
STAFF REPORT**

TO: Climate Action Commission Members
DATE: September 12, 2022
FROM: Kathleen Salguero Trepa, City Manager
SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2022-01 Making Findings and Determinations Under AB 361 for Continued Virtual Meetings.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution No. 2022-01 Making Findings and Determinations Under AB 361 for Continued Virtual Meetings.

BACKGROUND:

AB 361 allows the City Council and all commissions, committees and other legislative bodies of the City of Winters to meet virtually or telephonically without meeting certain Brown Act posting requirements, identifying each teleconference location, requiring each teleconference location to be publicly accessible, or requiring a quorum of the legislative body to be physically present within the City. Virtual public meetings still require standard meeting agendas and notices and the ability for the public to provide public comment.

In order to continue virtual meetings when a state of emergency remains active, the legislative body must make findings every 30 days that 1) it has reconsidered the circumstances of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency and 2) either the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the public to meet safely in person, or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

DISCUSSION:

AB 361 allows virtual public meetings to continue through January 1, 2024, provided that:

1. The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; or
2. The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and determines or has determined by majority vote that as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

At its October 5, 2021 City Council meeting, Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-65 making the initial findings and determinations under AB 361 for continued virtual meetings under AB 361. Those conditions have not changed and continue to exist. Staff is recommending that the Climate Action Commission authorize remote teleconference meetings pursuant to the provisions of AB 361 by adoption of the attached Resolution.

A copy of AB 361 is available at

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB361.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 2022-01
2. Yolo County Health Officer's Memo Regarding Remote Public Meetings

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CLIMATE ACTION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTERS
MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS UNDER AB 361 FOR CONTINUED VIRTUAL
MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code § 54950 *et seq.*) generally requires local agencies meeting via teleconference, including through other virtual or electronic means, to provide public access at each location in which members of the legislative body are teleconferencing; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recently enacted Assembly Bill 361, Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021 (“AB 361”), which amended Government Code section 54953 to allow local agencies to meet fully virtually during a proclaimed state of emergency if state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued a proclamation declaring a state of emergency on March 4, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, pursuant to section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act, and this proclaimed state of emergency currently remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Commission of the City of Winters has considered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, state or local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Winters previously adopted Resolution No. 2021-65 on October 5, 2021, finding that the requisite conditions exist for the legislative bodies of the City to hold virtual meetings pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e); and

WHEREAS, according to the Yolo County Health Officer, the grounds for the social distancing recommendation include the unique characteristics of public governmental meetings, including the increased mixing associated with bringing together people from across the community, the need to enable those who are immunocompromised or unvaccinated to be able to safely continue to fully participate in public governmental meetings, and the challenges of ensuring compliance with safety requirements and recommendations at such meetings; and

WHEREAS, the continuation of virtual meetings will allow for full participation by members of the public until social distancing recommendations are lifted; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Commission of the City of Winters desires to continue to hold virtual meetings pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e); and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Climate Action Commission of the City of Winters as follows:

1. The above recitals and true and correct and shall be the findings of the Climate Action Commission of the City of Winters.
2. Consistent with the provisions of Government Code section 54953(e), the Climate Action Commission finds and determines that: (a) a state of emergency related to COVID-19 is currently in effect; and (b) state and local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing in connection with COVID-19. Based on such facts, findings and determinations, meetings of the Climate Action Commission will continue to be conducted remotely in compliance with AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e)(2).
3. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Climate Action Commission of the City of Winters held on September 12, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

, chair

ATTEST:

Kathleen Salguero Tropa, City Clerk



COUNTY OF YOLO

Health and Human Services Agency

Karen Larsen, LMFT
Director

Aimee Sisson, MD, MPH
Health Officer

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Date: January 4, 2022

To: All Yolo County Boards and Commissions

From: Dr. Aimee Sisson, Health Officer

Subject: Remote Public Meetings

On September 22, October 20, and November 20, 2021, I issued memoranda recommending remote meetings. The case rate in Yolo County has increased significantly since the November 20 memorandum, and the current case rate represents high community transmission. In the context of high community transmission, I recommend meetings be held remotely whenever possible. I am re-issuing the earlier memorandum with updated COVID-19 case rate data.

In light of the ongoing public health emergency related to COVID-19 and the high level of community transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19, the Yolo County Public Health Officer recommends that public bodies continue to meet remotely to the extent possible. Board and Commissions can utilize the provisions of newly enacted AB 361 to maintain remote meetings under the Ralph M. Brown Act and similar laws.

Among other reasons, the grounds for the remote meeting recommendation include:

- The continued threat of COVID-19 to the community. As of January 4, 2022, the case rate is 32.3 cases per 100,000 residents per day. This case rate is considered “High” under the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) framework for assessing community COVID-19 transmission; and
- The unique characteristics of public governmental meetings, including the increased mixing associated with bringing together people from across the community, the need to enable those who are immunocompromised or unvaccinated to be able to safely continue to fully participate in public governmental meetings, and the challenges of ensuring compliance with safety requirements and recommendations at such meetings.

Meetings that cannot feasibly be held virtually should be held outdoors when possible, or indoors only in small groups with face coverings, maximal physical distance between participants, use of a portable HEPA filter (unless comparable filtration is provided through facility HVAC systems), and shortened meeting times.

Davis

600 A Street
Davis, CA 95616
Mental Health (530) 757-5530

West Sacramento

500 Jefferson Boulevard
West Sacramento, CA 95605
Service Center (916) 375-6200
Mental Health (916) 375-6350
Public Health (916) 375-6380

Winters

111 East Grant Avenue
Winters, CA 95694
Service Center (530) 406-4444

Woodland

25 & 137 N. Cottonwood Street
Woodland, CA 95695
Service Center (530) 661-2750
Mental Health (530) 666-8630
Public Health (530) 666-8645

This recommendation is based upon current conditions and available protective measures. The Public Health Officer will continue to evaluate this recommendation on an ongoing basis and will communicate when there is no longer such a recommendation with respect to meetings for public bodies.

DRAFT CAP WORK PLAN

8/26/22 David Springer and Ken Britten

Winters Climate Action Commission Charter (adopted 7/20/21)

Mission

The City of Winters Climate Action Commission is an advisory body to the Winters City Council dedicated to promote and guide the implementation of the Winters Climate Action Plan in order to combat climate change and reduce greenhouse gases to build a more livable and sustainable community.

Membership and structure

The five members will be chosen by the City Council, after being recruited from the City and nearby areas by a public application process, and should inclusively represent all parts of the city. Members will serve renewable, staggered three-year terms. Staggering will be achieved by varying the terms of the founding members. The Commission shall select its chair and vice chair/secretary from among its members. Members will have a diversity of experience and expertise. If possible technical expertise should include agricultural or horticultural, scientific, engineering, and cultural. Members will include students, seniors and representatives from communities of color. The WCAC will have a representative on the City of Winters Design Review Committee. Also, the WCAC will have liaisons from the City Council, the Winters Planning Commission, the Winters Putah Creek Committee, the Hispanic Advisory Committee, the Winters Senior Commission on Aging. We expect that a member of the WCAC will attend meetings of the Yolo County Climate Compact.

Duties

- Inform the city and other partners about current regulations and relevant science
- Suggest climate-informed projects, project modifications, and project alternatives
- Identify funding opportunities for climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts
- Seek input from residents via meetings and surveys to guide actions
- Coordinate education and outreach to all communities in the city
- Work with local businesses to make their operations more climate-friendly

Work Flow

- 1) Discuss and assign priorities to areas of effort. These will be guided by the WCAP, but not tied to its sections in a one-to-one manner, since many actions cut across those divisions.
- 2) Form ad-hoc working groups for each active area. These will include two WCAC members and, where appropriate, outside volunteers or subject matter experts. These will meet independently of the scheduled WCAC meetings, and will draft policies or proposed actions for consideration by the WCAC.
- 3) The WCAC will amend these proposals, guided by input from City staff. Where significant action is proposed, the WCAC and/or staff will present the proposals to the City Council for discussion, modification, or adoption.

Focus Areas for Climate Action

- Identify grant funding opportunities to support development of infrastructure that will increase resilience and reduce carbon emissions*
- Public information dissemination and community engagement*
 - Purpose
 - Convey the urgency of responding to climate change
 - Provide information on incentives, rebates, and low interest financing
 - Identify opportunities for personal and public participation
 - Provide information about activities related to the CAP and CAC meetings
 - Social media resources
 - City Facebook
 - Next Door Winters
 - Winters Community Info and Tips
 - My Hometown Winters
 - Winters 411
 - Op Ed articles in the Express
 - Utility bill inserts? Web pages?
 - Public forums such as joint community workshops
 - Presentations to the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, and other civic organizations
- GHG reduction goal setting, benchmarking, and quantification
- Review city policies and recommend General Plan amendments
 - Housing element
 - EIR updates
 - Public Facilities Master Plans and Capital Improvement Program
 - Circulation Plan
 - Bicycle Master Plan
 - Putah Creek Nature Park Master Plan

* I suggest we set these as two high-priority and establish those working groups at our next meeting. We can then write this work plan more specifically. If you think this is a good idea, I will draft a second version embodying that assumption, and have it ready for adoption if we get that far.

Coordination with other public entities

- City of Winters Natural Resources Commission
- City of Winters Hispanic Advisory Commission
- Winters Joint Unified School District
- Yolo County Climate Action Commission
- Yolo Climate Change Compact
- City of Davis Climate Action and Adaptation Plan proceedings
- Valley Clean Energy

Some of these liasons already exist through dual memberships (e.g., YCCAC, WNRC), and others will be established as needed for a particular focus area or proposal.