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RMCP Committee Meeting Notice

Resource Management and Climate Protection Committee (RMCP)

Meeting Location:

155 Bovet Rd. - Ground Floor Conference Room
San Mateo CA, 94402

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 Time: 3:00 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Roll Call and introductions.
2. Public Comments on items not on the agenda.
3. Approval of minutes of the February 18, 2026, RMCP Committee Meeting.
 - o Matt Petrofsky, C/CAG Committee Staff
 - o Action
4. Receive a presentation from the California Public Utility Commission on long-term gas system planning, decarbonization, and SB 1221.
 - o Maria Kelly, Local Government & Community Liaison, California Public Utility Commission
 - o Information
5. Receive an update from the County Sustainability Department on the Heat Pump Water Heater Permit Simplification Pilot.
 - o Alhad Dighe, County of San Mateo Sustainability Department
 - o Information
6. Committee Member Updates
7. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: April 15, 2026

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Draft Meeting Minutes of the

Resource Management and Climate Protection Committee (RMCP)

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Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 Time: 3:00 p.m.

Committee Member:	Agency:	Attendance:	Notes:
Donna Colson (Chair)	Burlingame	Yes	
Tom Francis (Vice Chair)	BAWSCA	Yes	
Alex Fernandez	Filoli	Yes	
Betsy Nash	Menlo Park	Yes	
Bob Nyugen	City of Millbrae		
Christina Donovan	Sares Regis Group of Northern California	Yes	Arrived at 3:07
Kaia Aiken	City of Redwood City		
Marc Hershman	Peninsula Clean Energy	Yes	
Marjory Ruiz	PG&E	Yes	
Ortensia Lopez	El Concilio		
Ray Mueller	County of San Mateo		
Sarah Hubbard	Sustainable San Mateo County	Yes	
Sue Beckmeyer	Pacifica	Yes	

Additional Attendees and Speakers

Sean Charpentier – C/CAG
Matt Petrofsky – C/CAG
Alhad Dighe – SMC Sustainability Department
Tom Smegal – BAWSCA
Peter Drekmeier – Yosemite River Alliance

Note: All presentations for this meeting have been posted on the C/CAG RMCP Committee website:
<https://ccag.ca.gov/committees/resource-management-and-climate-protection-committee/>

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call and introductions.

A quorum of seven members was reached at meeting start, with Member Donovan arriving at 3:07.

2. Public Comments on items not on the agenda.

There were no public comments.

3. Approval of minutes of the April 16, 2025, RMCP Committee Meeting.

Member Nash noted some extra words in the April 16 minutes. Member Hubbard motioned to vote on the minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Francis. Member Hershman abstained from voting as he was not a member of the RMCP during the April meeting. Member Donovan was not yet present at the meeting to vote. A vote was taken and the Committee approved the minutes of the April 16, 2025 RMCP Committee meeting (6,0,1).

4. Approval of minutes of the January 21, 2026, RMCP Committee Meeting.

Member Nash noted a record of voting was incorrect in the January 21 minutes. Member Hubbard motioned to vote on the minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Francis. Member Hershman abstained from voting as he was not a member of the RMCP during the January meeting. Member Donovan was not yet present at the meeting to vote. A vote was taken and the Committee approved the minutes of the January 21, 2026 RMCP Committee meeting (6,0,1).

5. Receive an update on the BayREN Efficiency and Sustainable Energy (EASE) Program.

Alhad Dighe, of the County of San Mateo Sustainability Department gave a verbal update of the BayREN Efficiency and Sustainable Energy (EASE) Home Program. The program has kicked off in San Mateo County for a 6-week marketing sprint. That program helps moderate income households afford insulation and other weatherization upgrades, with moderate income being 120% of AMI and below. A flyer for the program will be shared with RMCP members for community distribution.

6. Receive presentations from the Yosemite River Alliance (YRA) and Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) on comments provided at the November 5, 2025, State Water Board Workshop on the Draft Scientific Basis Report (Draft SBR) for the Tuolumne River.

Peter Drekmeier of the Yosemite River Alliance, and Tom Smegal of BAWSCA gave presentations on comments provided at the November 5, 2025, State Water Board Workshop on the Draft Scientific Basis Report (Draft SBR) for the Tuolumne River.

Yosemite River Alliance (YRA) Presentation

Peter Drekmeier, representing the Yosemite River Alliance, provided an overview of comments submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board regarding the Draft Scientific Basis Report (Draft SBR) for the Tuolumne River. He described the Bay-Delta Plan update process (last completed in 1995) and made a distinction between regulatory flow approaches and voluntary agreements. He provided a scientific rationale for increasing flows to improve ecological conditions and increase native fish populations in the Tuolumne River and the Bay-Delta watershed (including impacts to rearing habitat, water temperature, non-native species, algae blooms). He also included information on the SFPUC Design Drought projections, decreased water demand over time, and the impacts of improved infrastructure.

Committee members asked clarifying questions regarding the scientific assumptions in the Draft SBR (including on the effects of population growth, demand changes, commercial changes), and potential regional water supply implications.

Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) Presentation

Tom Smegal, representing BAWSCA, gave a short history of BAWSCA and provided some context about how BAWSCA agencies rely on the San Francisco Regional Water System. He then presented information about the comments submitted by BAWSCA to the State Water Board, which included that the proposed unimpaired flow requirements could have impacts on water reliability, particularly during drought conditions. He emphasized BAWSCA's interest in balancing ecosystem restoration objectives with water supply reliability and affordability.

Committee members inquired about projected supply reductions under different flow scenarios and the status of negotiations related to voluntary agreements.
Demand hardening.

Members of the public gave the following comments:

- Martin Gothberg: as an environmental toxicologist with a long-time interest in water issues, expressed appreciation for the forum and conversation.
- Carol Steinfeld: as the Chair of the Sierra Club Loma Prieta chapter which includes membership in the C/CAG area, also expressed appreciation for the conversation and forum and encouraged the RMCP to continue to ask questions and have discussions about this topic.
- Mark Shahinian: a member of the Sierra Club San Francisco Bay Chapter Water Committee member, commented that they too put together water demand projections, and that those projections show enough water for all parties, and that an adjustment might be worthwhile of water agency demand projections, which over-project by 50%.

Additional conversation by Committee members and the presenters included: a question to both presenters about how the two sides could reconcile and what the RMCP Committee could do to assist; a request for follow-up conversations, including with a mediated third party; the difficulty of understanding the balancing needs of the State, housing demand, and ecological issues; questions about the outcomes should the voluntary agreement fail; a question about how BAWSCA's projections differ from those of neighboring water agencies such as EBMUD and Valley Water; the impact of the upcoming State decision, BAWSCAs Demand Study, and jurisdictional Urban Water Management Plans; the desire for a discussion prior to a Letter of Support for the Voluntary Agreement is sent out; a desire to have a future conversation on the dynamics of rate pricing.

7. Receive a presentation on upcoming C/CAG funding applications.

Sean Charpentier, Executive Director of C/CAG gave a presentation on the upcoming Federal and State funding opportunities that C/CAG is planning on applying to, including \$6 million of Federal BUILD dollars for intersection signals and emergency vehicle preemption, \$1.8 million of HUD Highway Infrastructure Program earmark dollars for green infrastructure construction, and \$1.5 million of NOAA funds for One Watershed Strategic Plan planning efforts.

Sean also notified the committee that C/CAG had been awarded a half million dollar Clean California Grant for trash capture on the El Camino corridor in collaboration with Climate Resilient communities and the San Jose Conservation Corps.

8. Committee Member Updates

Chair Donna Colson complimented PG&E on their rapid response to a complicated emergency situation on El Camino Real.

Member Sarah Hubbard reminded Committee members of the upcoming Sustainable San Mateo awards on March 25.

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C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date: March 18, 2026

To: Resource Management and Climate Protection Committee

From: Maria Kelly, Local Government & Community Liaison, California Public Utility Commission

Subject: Receive a presentation from the California Public Utility Commission on long-term gas system planning, decarbonization, and SB 1221.

(For further information, contact Matt Petrofsky at mpetrofsky@smcgov.org)

RECOMMENDATION

Receive a presentation from the California Public Utility Commission on long-term gas system planning, decarbonization, and SB 1221.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

BACKGROUND

Through various programs and policies, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is actively pursuing building decarbonization to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

R.24-09-012 is the CPUC's Long-Term Gas System Planning rulemaking. Its purpose is to modernize California's gas regulatory framework as the state transitions toward lower-emission energy systems. The proceeding focuses on ensuring safety, reliability, affordability, equity, and workforce considerations while planning for declining gas demand and increasing building electrification. A central feature of this rulemaking is the CPUC's responsibility to facilitate gas system decarbonization, especially in disadvantaged communities, including evaluating how to reduce long-term investment in gas infrastructure while supporting customers through the transition to zero-emission alternatives.

SB 1221 requires the CPUC to create a voluntary zonal decarbonization program and to designate priority neighborhood decarbonization zones—geographic areas where the Commission may authorize projects that transition customers off the gas system to cost-effective, zero-emission alternatives, such as electrification and is part of the rulemaking.

EQUITY IMPACTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

These programs include focuses on ensuring that disadvantaged and low-income communities benefit from decarbonization investments and are not disproportionately burdened by costs associated with maintaining or transitioning away from the gas system.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2025 Annual Report- Neighborhood Decarbonization Zone Pilot Projects (The document will be available on the C/CAG website. See "Additional Agenda Materials" for the

relevant Committee Meeting at: <https://ccag.ca.gov/committees/resource-management-and-climate-protection-committee>)

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From: Alhad Dighe, Sustainability Specialist, County of San Mateo Sustainability Department

Subject: Receive an update from the County Sustainability Department on the Heat Pump Water Heater Permit Simplification Pilot.

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RECOMMENDATION

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FISCAL IMPACT

None.

BACKGROUND

The San Mateo County Heat Pump Water Heating Permit Simplification Pilot is a BayREN Codes and Standards-funded project designed to streamline the permitting process for heat pump water heater installations, both for applicants and building department staff. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Zero NOx rulings are expected to drive a significant increase in water heater permit applications across the region.

The Pilot launches April 1, 2026, with an initial cohort of 7 jurisdictions, who will adopt simplified permitting pathways for these applications.

EQUITY IMPACTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

This BayREN program advances equity by directing resources toward moderate-income, underserved, and hard-to-reach households and communities, and contributes to healthier, more resilient communities through improved air quality, reduced energy burdens, and lower greenhouse gas emissions.

ATTACHMENTS

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