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### Meeting Minutes

of the

### 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.

<b>Committee Member:</b>	<b>Agency:</b>	<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Notes:</b>
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	Yes	Arrived at 3:15
Christina Donovan	Sares Regis Group of Northern California	Yes	
Kaia Aiken	City of Redwood City		
Marc Hershman	Peninsula Clean Energy		
Marjory Ruiz	PG&E		
Ortensia Lopez	El Concilio	Yes	
Ray Mueller	County of San Mateo		
Sarah Hubbard	Sustainable San Mateo County		As public
Sue Beckmeyer	Pacifica	Yes	Arrived at 3:25

#### Additional Attendees and Speakers

Sean Charpentier – C/CAG

Matt Petrofsky – C/CAG

Alhad Dighe – SMC Sustainability Department

Hayley Martinez – SMC Sustainability Department

Maria Kelly – California Public Utility Commission

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 3:12 P.M.

## AGENDA

### 1. Roll Call and introductions.

At the time of meeting start, only six members were present, however Member Nyugen arrived at 3:15 and Member Beckmeyer arrived at 3:25 achieving quorum. While not an official attendee, Member Hubbard also joined the zoom as a member of the public.

### 2. Public Comments on items not on the agenda.

There were no public comments.

### 3. Approval of minutes of the February 18, 2026, RMCP Committee Meeting.

Vice Chair Francis requested an extra sentence be added to the minutes to help provide additional context related to demand hardening. Member Donovan motioned to vote on the minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Francis. The motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2026 RMCP Committee meeting passed (8,0,0).

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

Maria Kelly, Local Government & Community Liaison from the California Public Utility Commission gave an overview of the CPUC's Long Term Gas System Planning rulemaking (R.24 09 012), and SB 1221, which requires the CPUC to create a voluntary zonal decarbonization program.

Questions and conversations included the lack of availability of seed funding for projects; the desire to launch 1221 pilot programs in DACs that may or may not have the resources to absorb issues that arise from being part of early decarbonization efforts; how these programs fit in with existing resilience projects, including the Pescadero Microgrid project; cost effectiveness metrics and how the 1221 projects are paid for using cost savings and economies and efficiencies of scale; the interconnectivity of resiliency, adaptation, and decarbonization programs; the potential for deadlines related to location selection to change; and a desire to converse with legislators about adding language to SB1221 about requiring utilities to reinvest savings towards further electrification; avenues for community feedback forums.

Comment from the public included: Brian Schmidt from Menlo Spark noted that SB1221 was neighborhood scaled, not census track scaled. He also seconded the desire to not use less advantaged areas as test spaces. Susan Wright of the County Sustainability Department noted the deficiencies in Cal Envirocreens ability to represent need in the Bay Area.

Sean Charpentier, C/CAG executive director asked questions relating to details about submitting a letter; how REACH codes might apply; the desire to add an incentive for the jurisdictions that step forward.

The Committee expressed a desire to write a letter commenting on SB1221 with input help from Chair Colson, Member Beckmeyer, and Member Hershman.

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

Alhad Dighe, County of San Mateo Sustainability Department gave an update on 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.

Questions and conversations included topics around associated costs of conversion; the varying costs of permitting; sampled inspections or contractor certification as a simplification pathway; safety differences between gas and electric appliances; issues with un-permitted work; incentives for permitting; a suggestion to look at contractors providing work through low-income programs as a conduit for increasing permitting; recommendation to bring this to the Council of Cities dinner.

## 6. Committee Member Updates

Member Nash requested a possible future RMCP topic be related to balcony solar.

Vice Chair Francis let the Committee know about an upcoming presentation on the BAWSCA demand study and how it relates to urban water management plans and also mentioned the ability to present in the future about Strategy 2050.

Chair Colson passed along a thank you from Peter Dreckmeier about the conversation in February.

C/CAG Executive Director Sean Charpentier let the Committee know about a letter sent from C/CAG about SB79, and about C/CAG winning a Clean California grant from Caltrans for litter abatement

## 7. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: April 15, 2026

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