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UNAPPROVED DRAFT ACTION MINUTES

CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE
CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
MINUTES OF September 8, 2026

CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE:

The notice of the meeting was posted on September 3, 2026.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Ocon called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Chair Emily Ocon,
Committee Member/Councilmember Phill Carter,
Committee Member Steve Pierce
Committee Member Kenna Lee,
Committee Member Lila Newton,
Committee Member Sunny Galbraith (arrived late),
Committee Member Mark Szatmari

Absent: None

Staff: Eli Arreola, Associate Planner
Tori Henkel, Permit Technician

3. STATEMENTS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

a. Tor Allen: Bike Sebastopol volunteer opportunity

5. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 11, 2026

Committee Member Carter made a motion to approve the minutes of August 11, 2026, as submitted.

Chair Ocon seconded the motion.

VOTE: 6-0-0-1

Ayes: Committee Members Szatmari, Newton, Lee, Pierce, Carter, Chair Ocon

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Committee Member Galbraith

6. PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT was given by staff.

**7. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT was given by Committee Member/
Councilmember Carter**

8. REGULAR AGENDA:

A. Introduction to SCTCA (Sonoma County Transportation and Climate Authorities) was discussed.

- **Overview of the Combined Administrative and Governance Body
Merging the Collaborative Efforts of Both SCTA and RCPA**
- **Sonoma Climate Mobilization Strategy**
 - **Sonoma Climate Mobilization Survey Update**
 - **Results so Far**
 - **Sebastopol Climate Action Committee to Establish Outreach
Plan and Benchmarks**

B. Zero Waste Grant Stipend Discussion and Action

Committee Member Lee made a motion to recommend to the City Council to approve the use of the \$6,500 Zero Waste Grant stipend on a contract with RAHUS, a 501c3 non-profit and known community partner, to provide a public food waste education event.

Committee Member Newton seconded the motion.

VOTE: 7-0-0-0

Ayes: Committee Members Szatmari, Galbraith, Newton, Lee, Pierce, Carter, Chair Ocon

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

C. Volunteer Opportunities were discussed:

- **Debrief/Recap of Farmers Market Tabling Event**
- **Laguna Clean-Up Event Details for September 19**
- **Fall Compost Giveaway Date (October 11th – 9 am-12 pm or until the
pile is gone)**

**D. Discuss Systems-Level Thinking Approach to Future Climate Action
Committee Meeting Items was postponed to the next CAC meeting**

E. Working Groups Report Out was skipped, as nothing to report

F. Chair Report was skipped, as nothing to report

G. Member Announcements were given

H. Input from Members Regarding Next Meeting Agenda was discussed

I. Review of Action Items was conducted

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Ocon adjourned the meeting of the Sebastopol Climate Action Committee at 4:58 p.m. The next regular Climate Action Committee meeting will be held on October 13, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.