



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: May 15, 2025

From: Karen Kinser, Deputy Director of Public Works

Subject: OSEC 2025 Work Plan

Community Goal/Result

Ecological Sustainability - Brisbane will be a leader in setting policies and practicing service delivery innovations that promote ecological sustainability

Purpose

To review this year's goals for the Open Space and Ecology Committee (OSEC), a Council-appointed citizen advisory committee.

Recommendation

Receive OSEC's 2025 Work Plan.

Background

With new members joining OSEC this year, development of a proposed workplan by the committee was somewhat delayed. On April 9, 2025, Council liaisons to OSEC, Council Members Coleen Mackin and Terry O'Connell, met with the OSEC Chair and Vice Chair to discuss the Work Plan.

Discussion

Council liaisons shared their support of OSEC and staff for their work to date. Council liaisons provided direction on the attached Work Plan.

Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impact.

Measure of Success

OSEC has a blueprint for their endeavors for the remainder of 2025.

Attachments

1. 2025 Work Plan

Karen Kinser, Deputy Director of Public Works

Randy Breault, Public Works Director

Jeremy Dennis, City Manager

2025 OSEC Work Plan

The Open Space and Ecology Committee provides policy and programmatic recommendations on environmental issues.

Priority projects:

- Provide input on Quarry and Baylands Developments
- Consider strategies to reduce emissions from existing buildings and transportation
- Support the health and growth of the urban tree canopy utilizing the recent Tree Inventory, via education and outreach, grants and potential other means. Consider setting a canopy coverage goal.

Routine/ongoing efforts:

- Review and approve annual vegetation management plan for Brisbane Acres
- Review Open Space Plan and its implementation and update as necessary
- Review and recommend plans to meet Climate Emergency Declaration goals
- Provide input on three to four habitat restoration days per year
- Improve/maintain Crocker Trail frog habitat
- Education and Outreach
 - Day in the Park community festival
 - Bike to Work Day
 - Lipman Science Fair
 - Library display
 - Publications through City e-blast, Star, website, social media sites and MCTV
 - Outreach to targeted areas, e.g. on trash

Long-term policy issues (to be addressed if/when they arise):

- Coordinate Climate Action Plan update with Baylands Specific Plan
- Provide input on design of Baylands open space upon Council approval of land use
- General Plan - Review of future proposed updates to Open Space Element