



Commission on the Environment Bylaws and Goals for FY 2024-25

City Council
May 23, 2024





Commission on the Environment Bylaws

January 13, 2005 – City Council adopted Resolution 3424 to establish the COE and adopted initial bylaws.

February 21, 2024 COE Meeting – Commission unanimously passed a motion to submit revised bylaws for City Council adoption.

COE recommends the following revisions to Section 2 of the bylaws:

The purpose of the COE is to provide advice and recommendations to the City Council on policy **and funding** matters relating to sustainability, environmental protection, **climate action plan implementation** and resource enhancement which benefits the City of Capitola, and which are not under the jurisdictions of existing committees or commissions.



Commission on the Environment FY 2023-24 Projects

Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area (ESHA) Riparian Vegetation Planting Reimbursement Program

- Concluding July 1, 2024
- Supported by Green Building Funds (GBF)
- 3 applications received, 1 rebate issued



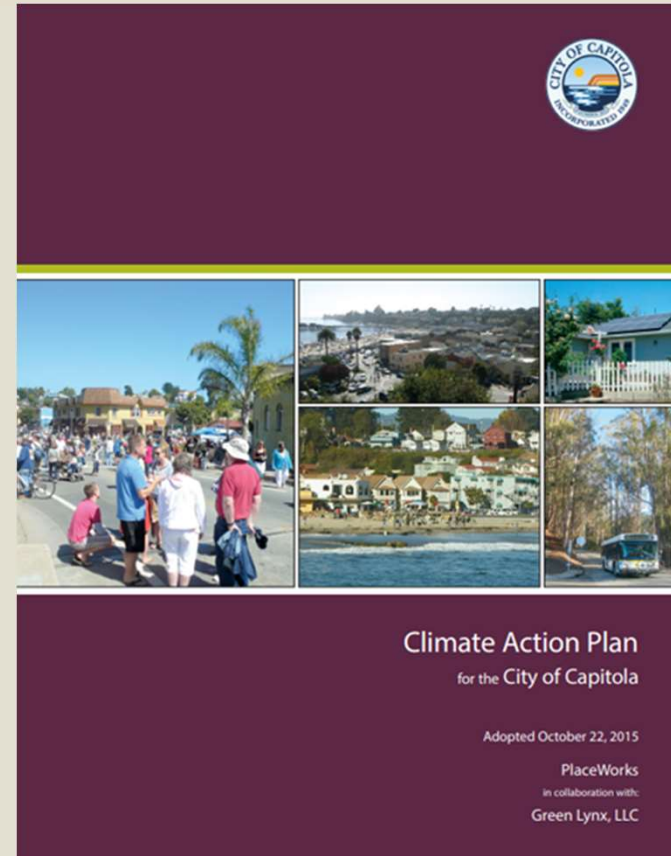


Commission on the Environment FY 2023-24 Projects

Climate Action Plan Review

Review of 2015 CAP sectors:

- VMT and Transportation
- Residential and Non-Residential Energy
- Water and Wastewater
- Solid Waste
- Park, Open Space, and Agriculture
- Action and Implementation



\$50k of GBF budgeted for CAP revisions in the FY 2024-25 Proposed Budget. Staff plans to release an RFP for CAP revisions in late summer 2024.



Commission on the Environment FY 2024-25 Goals

1. Support the update of the City's Climate Action Plan goals at COE meetings.
2. Pursue projects related to Soquel Creek and Noble Gulch maintenance and identify funding opportunities.
3. Improve enforcement of regulations prohibiting the use of plastic straws and plastic pollution.
4. Investigate a White Roof Rebate Program that incentivizes residents and business owners to reduce energy usage.

Presented by: Chair Shepardson and Commissioner Beritzhoff-Law



Staff Recommendation

Adopt a resolution adopting amended Commission on the Environment Bylaws and approve the list of Commission on the Environment Goals for FY 2024-25.

