



# Agenda Report

September 7, 2019

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION CHAIR

**SUBJECT:** ANNUAL REPORT: JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019 AND  
WORK PLAN: JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This report is submitted for information purposes only.

Attached is the following:

- Annual Report of Accomplishments For July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019;
- Proposed Work Plan for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; and
- Report of Commission Attendance for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

The Environmental Advisory Commission discussed the Annual Report at a special meeting on September 7, 2019. The Commission reviewed its accomplishments for the past year, and formulated its Work Plan items for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair

**Environmental** Advisory Commission

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION  
ANNUAL REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019  
AND WORK PLAN: JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020**

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**BACKGROUND:**

As set forth in the Municipal Code, the primary function of the Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) is to provide policy advice to the City Council for promoting environmental stewardship and urban sustainability in accordance with the City's adopted Environmental Charter, the City's adopted Climate Action Plan, and other related environmental policies adopted by the City Council.

The Commission consists of nine members with each Councilmember appointing one member and the Mayor appointing two members. See Attachment A for a roster of Commission members for Fiscal Year 2019. Members serve on several committees. See Attachment A for a roster of committees. Members are appointed for three years and may be reappointed to serve a maximum of six years.

On June 19, 2018, the Commission elected Daniel Rossman as Chair and Deborah Dentler as Vice-Chair to serve until the end of the 2019 fiscal year. On July 9, 2019, the Commission re-elected Daniel Rossman as Chair and Deborah Dentler as Vice-Chair, to serve until the end of the 2020 fiscal year.

The EAC meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month in the Permit Center Hearing Room. Over this past fiscal year, the Commission met 10 times, including two special meetings. The regular monthly meetings in August 2018, December 2018 and February 2019 were canceled. Please see Attachment B for the FY2019 Attendance Record of each Commissioner.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS – JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019**

**The Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) provided the Pasadena City Council with evaluation and monitoring of the implementation of the Climate Action Plan and policy and program recommendations to maintain and improve the environmental quality of the community.**

The EAC received a presentation on the Climate Action Plan Annual Report from the Planning and Community Development Department on June 11, 2019. This presentation detailed CAP Strategies #1-5. The Commission provided extensive feedback to Planning staff during this meeting.

**1. Climate Action Plan Strategy 1: Sustainable Mobility and Land Use**

- a. Monitor implementation of strategy and provide feedback to staff and council.
- b. Coordinate with Transportation Advisory Commission to provide input regarding implementation of strategy.

**STATUS: ON-GOING**

The EAC sought to coordinate with the Transportation Advisory Commission, but encountered structural impediments that prevented them from doing so. The EAC will continue to seek ways to coordinate with the TAC.

**2. Climate Action Plan Strategy 2: Energy Efficiency and Conservation**

- a. Monitor implementation of strategy and provide feedback to staff and council.
- b. Participate in and monitor the progress of the Power Integrated Resource Plan and provide input.

**STATUS: ON-GOING**

The Commission received a presentation from Pasadena Water & Power regarding the status of the Power Integrated Resources Plan on July 10, 2018. On October 9, 2018, PWP made a follow-up presentation on the Power IRP, after which the Commission voted to recommend that it be approved by the City Council. With this vote of approval and the adoption of the IRP, the Commission agreed to suspend reporting from the Power Integrated Resources Plan Stakeholder Technical Advisory Group until the next IRP.

**3. Climate Action Plan Strategy 3: Water Conservation**

- a. Monitor implementation of strategy and provide feedback to staff and council.
- b. Participate in the Water System and Resource Planning process and provide input.
- c. Research, review, and recommend methods for short- and long-term water conservation and reuse.

**STATUS: ON-GOING**

The EAC has Commission representation and receives regular reporting on the Water System and Resources Plan Advisory Group.

**4. Climate Action Plan Strategy 4: Solid Waste Reduction**

- a. Monitor implementation of strategy and provide feedback to staff and council.
- b. Receive and review an annual report on progress on the Zero Waste Plan.

**STATUS: ON-GOING**

On April 9, 2019, EAC Commissioner Levy presented an update on the State of California's Solid Waste Requirements, after which Public Works staff helped to answer follow-up questions from Commissioners.

On May 28, 2019, the Commission formed the Waste Management Ad Hoc Committee. This committee initiated the addressing of issues, and engaged with the Municipal Services Committee and Public Works.

**5. Climate Action Plan Strategy 5: Urban Greening**

- a. Monitor implementation of strategy and provide feedback to staff and council.
- b. Participate in the Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee through two EAC representatives.
- c. Review implementation of the Open Space & Conservation Element of the General Plan and make recommendations as needed.

**STATUS: ON-GOING**

The EAC has Commission representation and receives regular reporting on the Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Travis-Chin presented to the EAC an analysis of the interrelationship between the Open Space & Conversation Element, and the Climate Action Plan.

The Commission continues to monitor the progress of a proposed park in the Playhouse District.

**6. Community Concerns:**

- a. The EAC will address environmental issues of general community concern (such as landscape equipment, single-use plastics, and natural habitat protection).

**STATUS: ON-GOING**

The Commission heard comments from residents advocating a ban on gas-powered landscape maintenance equipment on the following dates:

- July 10, 2018
- September 11, 2018
- October 9, 2018
- January 8, 2019
- March 12, 2019

At a special EAC meeting on February 26, 2019, the Commission formed a subcommittee tasked with drafting a memo to the City Council regarding the need for City resources to address the issue of gas-powered landscape maintenance equipment. The resulting memo was approved for submittal by the Commission on March 12, 2019. Mayor Tornek attended a special EAC meeting on May 28, 2019 to give his response to the Commission's memo, and encouraged the Commission to continue working on this issue.

On September 11, 2018, the Commission heard comments from a resident who expressed a desire for the City to provide more options for businesses to recycle plastic clothing bags.

At the request of a Pasadena Audubon Society representative, the Commission voted on October 9, 2018 to send the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (1918): Year of the Bird Proclamation to the City Council.

## **WORK PLAN – JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020**

### **1. Sustainable Mobility**

- a. Monitor implementation of Climate Action Plan Strategy #1 and provide feedback to staff and council.
- b. Coordinate with Transportation Advisory Commission to provide input regarding implementation of strategy .

### **2. Energy Efficiency and Conservation**

- a. Monitor implementation of Climate Action Plan Strategy #2 and provide feedback to staff and council.
- b. Evaluate community educational strategies to increase energy efficiency and conservation.

### **3. Water Conservation**

- a. Monitor implementation of Climate Action Plan Strategy #3 and provide feedback to staff and council.
- b. Review the Water System and Resource Plan draft and make recommendations.
- c. Research, review, and recommend community educational strategies for short- and long-term water conservation and reuse.

### **4. Waste Management**

- a. Monitor implementation of Climate Action Plan Strategy #4 and provide feedback to staff and council.
- b. Evaluate community educational strategies to reduce waste.
- c. Review and analyze policy practices at Public Works and the Zero Waste Plan.

### **5. Urban Greening**

- a. Monitor implementation of Climate Action Plan Strategy #5 and provide feedback to staff and council.
- b. Participate in the Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee through EAC representation.
- c. Participate in the steering committee for the proposed Playhouse public park through EAC representation.
- d. Attend and report on activities of the Urban Forestry Advisory Committee.

### **6. Environmental Health**

- a. The Ad Hoc Committee on Landscape Equipment will conduct research and collect the following information concerning gas-powered ("2-stroke") leaf blowing equipment: background information about the City's existing ordinances and its past handling of the topic of leaf blowers; laws and regulations adopted in the past 20 years in California and nation-wide; and scientific research and data about the various asserted health and

environmental hazards associated with use of 2-stroke engine landscaping equipment (e.g., greenhouse gas emissions; dust, spore and allergen exposure; noise; scattering of debris; soil erosion).

## ATTACHMENT A

### ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION ROSTER FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

July 2018

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>
Chair Daniel Rossman	District 6
Vice-Chair Deborah Dentler	District 5
Susan Falcon	District 1
Paula Kelly	Mayor
Robert Kurkjian	At Large/District 4
Edwina Travis-Chin	District 2
Julie Vallante	District 4
Morey Wolfson	District 3
Vacant	District 7

August 2018 – October 2018

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>
Chair Daniel Rossman	District 6
Vice-Chair Deborah Dentler	District 5
Susan Falcon	District 1
Paula Kelly	Mayor
Robert Kurkjian	At Large/District 4
Jonathan Levy	District 7
Edwina Travis-Chin	District 2
Julie Vallante	District 4
Morey Wolfson	District 3

November 2018 - February 2019

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>
Chair Daniel Rossman	District 6
Vice-Chair Deborah Dentler	District 5
Susan Falcon	District 1
Robert Kurkjian	At Large/District 4
Jonathan Levy	District 7
Edwina Travis-Chin	District 2
Julie Vallante	District 4
Morey Wolfson	District 3
Vacant	Mayor

February 2019 - April 2019

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>
Chair Daniel Rossman	District 6
Deborah Dentler	District 5
Robert Kurkjian	At Large/District 4
Jonathan Levy	District 7
Edwina Travis-Chin	District 2
Julie Vallante	District 4
Morey Wolfson	District 3
Vacant	District 1
Vacant	Mayor

May 2019 - June 2019

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>
Chair Daniel Rossman	District 6
Vice-Chair Deborah Dentler	District 5
Weslee Glenn	District 1
Robert Kurkjian	At Large/District 4
Jonathan Levy	District 7
Edwina Travis-Chin	District 2
Julie Vallante	District 4
Morey Wolfson	District 3
Vacant	Mayor

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION  
 2018-2019 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

**Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee**  
 EAC Representatives – Morey Wolfson

**Power Integrated Resources Plan: Stakeholder Technical Advisory Group**  
 EAC Representative – Morey Wolfson

**Open Space & Conservation Element Evaluation Ad Hoc Committee**  
 EAC Representatives – Laura Garrett, Paula Kelly and Edwina Travis-Chin

**Water System and Resources Plan Advisory Group**  
 EAC Representative – Morey Wolfson

**Waste Management Ad Hoc Committee**  
 EAC Representatives – Jonathan Levy, Robert Kurkjian, and Morey Wolfson



## ATTACHMENT B

### ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION ATTENDANCE ROSTER JULY 2018 - JUNE 2019

COMMISSIONER	JUL (R)	AUG (C)	SEP (R)	OCT (R)	NOV (R)	DEC (C)	JAN (R)	FEB (C)	FEB (S)	MAR (R)	APR (R)	MAY (C)	MAY (S)	JUN (R)
Meeting Date:	07/10	08/14	09/11	10/09	11/13	12/11	01/08	02/12	02/26	03/12	04/09	05/14	05/28	06/11
Deborah Dentler	P	C	P	P	E	C	P	C	P	P	P	C	P	P
Susan Falcon	P	C	P	P	P	C	E	C	-	-	-	-	-	-
Weslee Glenn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	P	P
Paula Kelly	E	C	E	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jonathan Levy	-	C	P	P	P	C	P	C	P	P	P	C	P	P
Robert Kurkjian	E	C	P	E	P	C	P	C	P	P	E	C	P	P
Daniel Rossman	E	C	P	P	E	C	P	C	P	P	E	C	P	P
Edwina Travis-Chin	P	C	P	P	P	C	P	C	E	P	E	C	P	P
Julie Vallante	P	C	P	P	P	C	P	C	P	P	P	C	P	P
Morey Wolfson	P	C	E	E	P	C	P	C	P	P	P	C	P	P

**Legend:**

P – Present  
 E – Excused Absence  
 U – Unexcused Absence  
 R – Regular Meeting  
 C – Cancelled Meeting  
 S – Special Meeting