



Environmental Commission of Monterey Park Agenda

Regular Meeting
Monterey Park City Hall Council Chambers
320 West Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754

Wednesday, January 28, 2026
6:30 PM

Mission Statement

The mission of the City of Monterey Park is to provide excellent service, foster growth and opportunity, and create a joyous and collaborative environment.

Land Acknowledgment

We would like to acknowledge that the land we inhabit today was once known as Tovangaar, the home of the Gabrieleño-Tongva people. We show our respect to the Gabrieleño-Tongva people, as well as all Indigenous people, past, present, and future, and honor their labor as original caretakers of this land. We commit to uplifting the Gabrieleño-Tongva people, invite you to acknowledge the history, and join us in caring for this land.

General Information

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1. Call to Order

Chairperson

2. Flag Salute

Chairperson

3. Roll Call

Laura Gallegos, Thuy Hua, Kathy Ko, Jaime Rodriguez, Faria Upama, Harrison Tang

4. Telecommunications Announcement, if requested

5. Agenda Revisions and Additions

6. Public Communications

6.A. Community Transportation Survey

6.B. Ware Survey

7. Presentation

8. Consent Calendar

All items under the Consent Calendar are considered by the Commission to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. Specific items may be removed from the Consent Calendar at the request of any member of the Commission for separate consideration.

8.A. Approval of Minutes

It is recommended that the Commission consider:

1. Approve Minutes from the regular meeting of September 24, 2025; and
2. Taking such additional, related action that may be desirable.

9. Old Business

10. New Business

10.A. Earth Day 2026

It is recommended that the Commission consider:

1. Discuss Earth Day 2026 and adopt a resolution to combine Earth Day and Arbor Day; and
2. Taking such additional, related action that may be desirable.

11. Commission Communications

12. Future Agenda Items

13. Adjournment



Environmental Commission Staff Report

Date: January 28, 2026
Agenda Item Number: 8.A.

To: Environmental Commission

From:

Subject: Approval of Minutes

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Commission consider:

1. Approve Minutes from the regular meeting of September 24, 2025; and
2. Taking such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Executive Summary:

Background:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. Minutes of 9.24.2025

**Minutes
Monterey Park Environmental Commission
Regular Meeting
September 24, 2025**

The Environmental Commission of the City of Monterey Park held a Regular Meeting of the Council in the Council Chamber, located at 320 West Newmark Avenue in the City of Monterey Park, Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 6:30 PM.

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Laura Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

2. Flag Salute

Commissioner Gallegos led the flag salute.

3. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Laura Gallegos, Jaime Rodriguez, Terena Phan, Kathy Ko, Thuy Hua, Harrison Tang

ALSO PRESENT: Senior Management Analyst Judy Witrago, Public Works Director Shawn Igoe

4. Agenda Revisions and Additions

5. Public Communications

Staff Liaison, Judy Witrago, shared information regarding the upcoming Community Clean-up event which will be held on October 4, 2025 at Barnes Park from 8 am to 12 pm. The City will be collecting bulky items, electronic waste, document shredding, and hazardous household waste.

6. Presentation

7. Consent Calendar

7.A. Approval of Minutes

Motioned by Thuy Hua, Second by Terena Phan.

7.B. Distribution of the Updated 2025 Commission Handbook

Request by the Commission to email Commission Handbook. Judy Witrago acknowledged.

8. Old Business

9. New Business

9.A. Arbor Day and Earth Day 2026

Judy Witrago, Staff Liaison, provided the Commission with an overview of requirements for Tree City USA eligibility and recognition for the City of Monterey Park. The Commission would like to express interest in a possible event to promote this and request additional resources from West Coast Arborists, a contracted vendor with the City of Monterey Park, regarding Tree City USA recognition.

The Commission also discussed last year's Earth Day 2025 and what they would like to see for 2026's event.

9.B. Flyer Development

Judy Witrigo, Staff Liaison, provided the commission with an example of a flyer to promote the City of Monterey Park's Environmental Commission. The Commission expressed approval of flyer for future distribution.

Future material can be used to recruit additional Youth Commissioners for the Environmental Commission.

10. Commission Communications

Commissioner Kathy Ko announced her departure and resignation from the Environmental Commission.

11. Future Agenda Items

- Earth Day 2026 in conjunction with Arbor Day

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.



Environmental Commission Staff Report

Date: January 28, 2026
Agenda Item Number: 10.A.

To: Environmental Commission

From:

Subject: Earth Day 2026

Recommendation:

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and
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None