



Public Works Department

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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE Urban Forest Committee

Monday February 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers, El Cerrito City Hall
10890 San Pablo Avenue
El Cerrito, CA 94530

This Meeting Place is Wheelchair Accessible

7:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

- 1. ROLL CALL** – Chair Mary Torrusio; Vice-Chair Robert Hrubes; Members Cathy Bleier, Yan Linhart, Robin Mitchell
- 2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
Remarks are typically limited to three minutes per person and may be on anything within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body. Remarks on non-agenda items will be heard first, remarks on agenda items will be heard at the time the item is discussed.
- 3. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS / CHANGES TO THE MEETING AGENDA**
- 4. COUNCIL / STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS** - (10 minutes)
City Council Liaison Janet Abelson and / or City Staff may report on Council policies, priorities, and significant actions taken by the City Council, and / or matters of general interest to the Urban Forest Committee (UFC).
- 5. PRESENTATION: WILDFIRE MITIGATION AND THE EL CERRITO URBAN FOREST** (50 minutes) Hear from Dr. Joe McBride, Professor Emeritus of Forestry U.C. Berkeley, who will convey his findings regarding maintaining defensible space in the urban forests of the East Bay and El Cerrito. Participate in a question and answer session following the presentation.
- 6. ACTION ITEMS** – (5 minutes)
Approval of the Minutes - Consider a motion to adopt minutes from the January 13, 2020 meeting.
- 7. URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES, CALENDAR AND WORK PLAN UPDATE:**
Hear updates, participate in discussion and consider possible action items that correspond with development of the Urban Forest Committee Work Plan and calendar of events – (45 minutes)
 - A. Arbor Week Planning- March 7-14
 - B. Volunteer tree care workshop March 15 - hear an update from the ad-hoc subcommittee
 - C. El Cerrito Earth Day April 18 (50th Anniversary) - Consider a UFC hosted work project

8. NEXT MONTH'S CITY COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE ASSIGNMENTS- (5 minutes)

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – (5 minutes)

- A. Earth Day Planning
- B. City tree planting opportunities- explore potential venues

10. ADJOURNMENT

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