

**MEETING SUMMARY OF THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA HELD  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS,**

**OPENING MATTERS**

Call to Order/ Roll Call of Commission Members

Chair Cohan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chair Cohan, Commissioner Byrne, Commissioner Shillan, Commissioner Jagtiani, Student Member Shapiro

Absent: Vice Chair Schwartz, Alternate Student Member Shapiro

Staff: Public Works Director Castle, Interim Assistant City Manager Lanzafame, Assistant Engineer Bezdecny

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the winners of the Recycling Drawing Contest.

Approval of Agenda.

***Commissioner Jagtiani moved, Commissioner Shillan seconded, to approve the meeting agenda for the December 5, 2023 Special Commission Meeting. MOTION CARRIED 4/0***

Approval of Meeting Summary of the October 30, 2023 special meeting.

***Commissioner Shillan moved, Commissioner Byrne seconded, to approve the meeting summary of the October 30, 2023 Commission Meeting. MOTION CARRIED 4/0***

**MISSION STATEMENT** - The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Bryne.

**ORAL COMMUNICATION- PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

1. New Staff Introductions

Mr. Lanzafame introduced the new Public Works Director, Curtis Castle.

Mr. Castle expressed his excitement for his new role and thanked the Commission.

Chair Cohan made comments.

2. Commissioner's Comment

Student Member Shapiro made announcements regarding the Roots & Shoots club.

Commissioner Jagtiani welcomed Mr. Castle and the members of the public. Commissioner Jagtiani also shared the theme for the 2024 Contest: "How Do I Recycle in My Life?"

Commissioner Shillan welcomed Mr. Castle and thanked Mr. Lanzafame and members of the public.

Chair Cohan talked about hosting a tour of the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District. Chair also spoke on the importance of the Recycling Drawing Contest.

### 3. Recognition of Recycling Drawing Contest Winners

Ms. Bezdecny provided a preface to the item. Winners of the contest spoke about the importance of their drawing and how people at home can make a difference. The winners who spoke were:

- Dakota Collazo (K)
- Ellie May Cohen (1<sup>st</sup>)
- Oliver McClure (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Lorenz Ursua (3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Allison Spearrin (3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Ava Buschmann (4<sup>th</sup>)
- Miryam Mendelowitz (5<sup>th</sup>)
- Melody Huston (8<sup>th</sup>)

The winners who were unable to attend were recognized:

- Aubree Hinck (4<sup>th</sup>)
- Mikael Khadokovky (6<sup>th</sup>)
- Brooklyn Spencer (6<sup>th</sup>)
- Lor Arsen McGrath (7<sup>th</sup>)
- Benjamin Warren (7<sup>th</sup>)
- Summer Zentner (8<sup>th</sup>)

### 4. Presentation by Alumna Environmental Commission Student Member Sydney Bregman

Ms. Bregman provided a presentation (Attached).

### 5. Presentation by A Student Battery Recycling Company

Chair Cohan commented on the presentation.

Eli Rubel and Daniel Oroszlan provided a presentation (Attached).

Commissioner Shillan and Chair Cohan asked questions and thanked the presenters for their presentation. Commissioner Bryne spoke on connecting with the presenters for the Battery Recycling Subcommittee.

### 6. Vote on Environmental Excellence Award

Rose Benner provided public comment and recommended Chef Tal Ronnen to receive the award.

***Commissioner Jagtiani moved, Commissioner Byrne seconded, to award the Carl Gibbs Award to A Student Battery Recycling Company. MOTION CARRIED 4/0***

Commissioners Shillan, Byrne, and Jagtiani; Chair Cohan; and Student Member Shapiro provided comment.

***Commissioner Jagtiani moved, Commissioner Shillan seconded, to award the Carl Gibbs***

***Award to Chef Tal Ronnen. MOTION CARRIED 4/0***

Commissioners Jagtiani, Shillan, and Byrne and Chair Cohan provided comment.

7. Vote on Resolution 2023-01 rescinding 2022-01 and Setting the Meeting Dates and Times for the Commission

Ms. Bezdecny provided background on the item.

***Commissioner Shillan motioned, Commissioner Jagtiani seconded to approve Resolution 2023-01. MOTION CARRIED 4/0***

8. Update on City Activities/Projects

Ms. Bezdecny presented the report.

Commissioners Jagtiani and Shillan and Chair Cohan asked questions and made comments.

9. Subcommittee Reports

Commissioners Shillan and Byrne provided a report on the Commissions efforts at the 2023 Pumpkin Festival.

Chair Cohan commended the Subcommittee and Staff.

Commissioners Shillan and Jagtiani provided a report on the beginning efforts towards the Public Forum 2024.

Chair Cohan provided the date and location for Arbor Day 2024.

Commissioner Shillan provided the date for Earth Day 2024.

10. Recommendation for future meeting items, presentations and/or presenters

Chair Cohan requested Waste Management and Student Members make future presentations.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Cohan adjourned the meeting of the Environmental Commission at 8:40 p.m. to a **Regular Meeting of the Commission on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**