

Minutes for EIC meeting 01/22/2026:

1. Call to Order (roll call)
 - A. Members, in person: Anand, Steve, Mike, April, GeorgeL
 - B. Members, remote (non-voting):
 - C. Absent: Johann, Aileen, Vrinda
 - D. Council liaison, staff & guests: GeorgeT, Behrouz Amirbadvy (bamirbadvy@losaltoshills.ca.gov, management analyst working for Jay)
2. Agenda Review:
 - A. No comments.
3. Public Comment:
 - A. Steve mentioned the [article](#): "TVA Rebates 10,000 Heat Pump Water Heaters in Q4 of 2025 Showing a Wildly Successful Utility Program Model". Following Maine's lead, TVA used "Midstream" rebates of \$1300/HWPH to retailers, payable at checkout. "The goal was to make HPWHs an easy, affordable choice."
 - B. Steve mentioned a recent [article](#): "Palo Alto to double down on electrification, outreach to meet climate goals". Focus will be on community education and outreach.
 - C. Behrouz: Joram can include EIC outreach on Electrification in the weekly (just get it to him). Can also support other ideas and they will check. Will be reviewing QuitCarbon and ZeroHomes.
4. Minutes Approval:
 - A. [October Regular Meeting](#)
 - B. **Moved by Steve, 2nd by April, approved unanimously.**
5. Tracking Electrification
 - A. Mike tried this using the town's online permit database and it's very difficult; a bit like spaghetti.
 - B. **Johann, Vrinda and Aileen were volunteered for a subcommittee to work with the town to figure out how to do this.**
6. Reach Codes
 - A. Reference article [here](#) about Trump suing Morgan Hill & Petaluma over gas bans.
 - B. We have existing reach codes which are similar, but we also used the NOx approach ("belt and suspenders") so might be safer.
7. Subcommittee Updates:
 - A. Outreach (Mike): Ideas include
 - a. Could use Nextdoor, City Newsletter, Rajiv's email list... none cost money
 - b. But we want to do it in a thoughtful way, and track the success of each campaign.
 - c. The subcommittee will involve Behrouz in ideation, to build a comprehensive plan.
 - d. GeorgeT said there is an effort to do a new town survey... Do we want to be on it?
 - e. GeorgeT also mentioned that Cupertino Rotary is doing a lot on Climate Change. Could align/collaborate with them, and Acterra, and Green At Home.
 - B. Foothill College: Anand will be the "Community Rep" for the reconstituted "ESAC" meeting. Steve attended their kickoff meeting this morning since Anand had a conflict. New

sustainability person (Josh Atkinson). Some recent progress: electric shuttle, EV chargers going in. Lots of other project ideas; prioritization and implementation will be key.

8. Green@home Tour on March 14th: Volunteer Home Needed! Run by Rotary, Acterra, SVCE, etc.

A. Main contact is Steve LeFevre <steve.r.lefevre@gmail.com>

B. Mike offered to help someone prepare

C. Possibilities: Anand, Waidy, Andreas (GeorgeL will ask)

9. Council Update

A. Currently going through the 2 year goal planning process; last night heard from all committees; next step is to prioritize and commit. Top town priorities: Wildfires and Housing element (HCD requirement; need 489 new homes in 8 year plan).

B. Removed Flock cameras.

10. Agenda Requests for Next Regular Meeting (2/26)

A. Outreach strategy

B. Tracking electrification update

C. Tour report of Diablo Canyon by GeorgeT

11. Adjournment at 7:30 pm

Supporting materials for the agenda may also be found here:

<https://drive.proton.me/urls/BAP2CZF6CR#lh7ePGpuivUj>

Minutes provided by EIC Secretary Steve Schmidt

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