



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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Meeting Agenda

Transportation, Infrastructure, and Sustainability (TI&S) with the Board of Directors

Tuesday, April 7, 2026 From 7:00 to 8:30pm

In Person at the Windward School, 11350 Palms Blvd., Room 410.

Public Welcome

- 1. CALL TO ORDER 7:04 PM**
- 2. ROLL CALL AND EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS/CONFLICTS-OF-INTEREST** - *roll call shall include each attending board member declaring any ex parte communications outside of their duties and conflicts of interest pertaining to items on or related to this agenda.*

Derl Clausen no/no

April Peterson no/no

Jakob Meuser no/no

Fred Kuhns no/no

Spencer Reisner no/no

3. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

April: Last night was artist mural meeting and had received feedback from community for the survey. Artist has also done a lot of Caesar Chavez murals and has taken things into consideration for the Mar Vista mural. The next steps would be for him to incorporate the comments and then go before the city committee. This is jointly funded between the Palms and Mar Vista NCs. Unclear whether Martin Rubin will still be on the mural.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Viewable under supporting documents

4.1. Approval of the March 3, 2026 Minutes

Jakob/April move to approve, no objections 7-0-0

5. REPRESENTATIVE, GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

6. CHAIR REPORTS

a) CHAIR – Jakob Meuser

b) VICE-CHAIR – April Peterson

c) MEMBER – Derl Clausen: Venice NC Bike Survey: Venice NC is doing a bike survey for Venice, trying to figure out the popular routes that people take to discern where people are riding and where improvement is needed in the infrastructure. Maybe next month we might want to try and do something with that as well. They want to connect these results through all NCs so we can see where these bike lanes should be connected together. Q: Are they coordinating with Culver City? A: I think getting these other cities involved will be really important, the other cities have much better bike infrastructure. Q: How are they doing the survey? A: You fill out a bunch of questionnaires rating the bike infrastructure. Q: How does this interface with what the city is doing? A: I think their idea is to make sure that when

bike paths are being picked we choose a path that will actually be used. Q: Can you make sure to include an option about people wanting to use the bike lane?

d) MEMBER – Spencer Reisner

e) MEMBER – Fred Kuhns: NCSA updates – Held the city attorney forum on 3/22 and unfortunately the incumbent was unable to attend. Marissa and Ira attended and had an interesting discussion. There is a link on the NCSA website to the recording. The Westwood greenway tour is happening on 4/12 along with some volunteer work. On 4/13 there is a tour in Irwindale of the Athens material recovery facility. The energy committee discussed the LADWP community advisory board kickoff meeting on 4/8. Q: In LA do they publicly post how energy efficient buildings are like in NY? A: I don't know if we have a program like that here.

7. SPECIAL ORDERS – NONE

8. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS - NEW

8.1. **[POLICY] City Plants Initiative:** Discussion and possible action regarding support for the City Plants Initiative.

Derl: This initiative makes getting trees really easy for private individuals and neighborhoods. Trees can reduce heat immensely. They will deliver trees to private property and even plant trees themselves. The trees are native and water efficient. They are even free. How does not every single person know about this?

April: The new housing and trees don't go together a lot of the time. We should make sure that this is shared widely and that people know what to do.

Spencer: What authority do you need to make requests on behalf of the neighborhood? A: You need to speak with your neighbors and have them sign permission to plant forms.

Faith: There is a Venice person who would be a good contact about this program.

Derl: If this is a funding issue we should be pushing the local government to fund it more.

8.2. **[POLICY] Scattergood Generating Station Appeal:** Discussion and possible action regarding the appeal of the Scattergood Powerplant Project found at [Council File 25-1360](#).

Fred: The Scattergood generating station in Playa Del Rey is close to LAX and is part of CD11. There are three turbine units there owned and operated by LADWP. Named after the first chief electric engineer of the LA power system. There is a proposal to replace units 1 and 2 with a new pair of turbines that could be run on a combination of natural gas and hydrogen. The argument for hydrogen is that there is no carbon involved. Units 1 and 2 have to be shut down by 2029 because of the technology that they use for cooling: they use massive amounts of seawater and that creates heat pollution in the Ocean. LADWP has a plan to build these new turbines that run on both methane and hydrogen but currently there is no supply of green hydrogen. Theoretically you can create green hydrogen through electrolysis, but none of that exists at the moment. There was a draft EIR and final EIR and the final report was approved by the LADWP board of commissioners. There have also been appeals from environmental and environmental justice groups pointing out problems with this plan.

Faith: A big part of these appeals is the violation of CEQA. The appeal cites several instances in which the EIR does not meet CEQA requirements. The baseline for the new facility has to be 0 emissions, but they put it at current usage emissions which makes it inaccurate. The other issue is the sources of hydrogen, no one is talking about the entire system because that becomes problematic.

Jakob: What are the issues with electrolysis?

Faith: You lose a lot of energy when you go from electrical to chemical and back to electrical, you lose 40% efficiency. We would be taking renewable energy that we need. We would need ultra pure water in order to create the hydrogen. The gas industry has realized this is a good way to keep their infrastructure. This would require 1-3% of our water to make the green hydrogen for these plants. When talking about this project, they don't discuss where this water would come from. People don't understand why the hydrogen market is predicting such a high amount of supply, because that amount of hydrogen is not realistic to make green. To make 10x the amount of hydrogen that they want to be using in this new market, we don't have the land. There is no 100% hydrogen project at this scale in the world because it is difficult. Hydrogen leaks very easily so pipeline services require entirely new gas pipelines. All we can do at Scattergood right now is trying to get to 30% hydrogen and 70% methane mix. I have been pushing for 100% for a decade and we had to amass huge campaigns to force them to study 100% renewable energy. Some of the greenwashing technologies that the fossil fuel industry has brought up is biofuels and green hydrogen. It still has Nitrogen oxide pollution which is bad for smog and respiratory health. Because we will be producing more Nitrogen oxides we will be fined by other agencies.

Fred: Because of the way the council file is framed, I wanted to pull it back to the deficiencies in the CEQA EIR and why the appeal should be supported by the city council. We want to send this back to LADWP to fix the deficiencies.

April: How much power does it generate, and what is the cost increase from it going offline?

Faith: I don't remember the exact number of what it generates today. 118,000 MWh per year, LA uses 26,000 GWh, so that adds up to 0.45% of LA city consumption.

Fred: We are building up more and more renewables, but there will still be places where we need peak demand.

Faith: The alternatives were supposed to be a report that Katy and Traci worked on. The alternatives report was disingenuous in that it discussed how there just wasn't enough battery storage. But there need to be several things working together. Batteries have become much better since the report came out. The Scattergood plant has to be closed by 2029. Right now there is huge delays in building turbines, so the turbines will be twice as expensive and they will be delayed up to 8 years. So we are not getting Scattergood up and running and modernized for a long time.

April: What is the most cost effective way to supply this power?

Faith: Virtual power plants are one good option, these connect a bunch of very small producers in an updated grid. The grid also wastes a lot of energy. This is a very shoddy EIR and it is very embarrassing. They could have pulled the wool over eyes and done a better job.

April: What if we got to 99% and kept 1% for that small piece?

Faith: I am not 100% against it. That is the goal, we have to demand that we continue to meet that goal even if we probably won't. If we let off the gas at all, it could take forever to transition and they would love for that delay. We are the example that a lot of the world is looking to in how to do a 100% transition. The Angeles link pipeline is another issue which would be an overlay over the current pipeline system. It would theoretically pipe green hydrogen. It would be incredibly dangerous and leaky.

Jakob: What is the short term demand alternative to hydrogen?

Faith: Long term duration battery storage, demand response. Trump killed the blue states hydrogen projects. Newsom will be pushing this all the time because he can make the fossil fuel companies happy

while still pushing green. With how expensive electricity is already going to get, this would be way worse.

Fred: The LADWP response to the battery storage idea was a complaint about being able to find land where Scattergood was located because it doesn't have to be right there. The 11/14/2025 summary of the appeal to the EIR discusses the problems with the EIR. (See supporting docs). Palms NC filed a CIS yesterday. I have a draft CIS in support of the appeal filed by the environmental organizations.

Faith: SoCal gas cannot recoup any money from any ratepayers that are nonhydrogen ratepayers. They should not be charging people for something they cannot get the benefit of. There are 5% of buildings in LA that use half the energy. People should be upset about those buildings and data centers. The main way to solve the issue is with distributive energy sources. SoCal gas plans to use hydrogen to keep gas storage facilities open. They plan to store hydrogen through ammonium. Gas has been just as problematic for the climate as coal because of leaking. Hydrogen released into the atmosphere in large amounts also creates other issues. This is being pushed to keep methane going. When we were at the energy and environment committee, LADWP did not have a good answer to these CEQA violations and had no rebuttal. The most cost-effective way to meet our demand is with solar. Solar projects have always been killed by fossil fuel companies. Solar is a solid and reliable technology at this point. We are on track to have the energy we need by 2035. SoCal gas and LADWP are big customers of each other. They are bad neighbors and have had disasters all over the city. This company got fined \$10000000 for using ratepayer money to circumvent climate laws.

Fred: We are currently at 41% renewable. Carbon free is a little over 60%.

Spencer: The bullet point list of deficiencies ends with among others.

Jakob/April move to support the draft CIS proposed by Fred

Public comment

Board comment

Spencer: It is not possible to get the same energy out of the hydrogen as you put in.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jakob Meuser	X			
Fred Kuhns	X			
Derl Clausen	X			
Tripp	X			
Faith	X			
April Peterson	X			
Frankie	X			
Spencer Reisner	X			

Passes 8-0-0

9. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS - OLD -

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April: Nourish LA is usually at Sawtelle and Stanwood on Sunday for free food for people in need, or you can volunteer.

Faith: I would highly encourage everyone to call Traci Park's office to put this back on the agenda and vote yes. The more people who know about this topic and tell her, the better. Tell her to put the appeal back in the agenda and support it.

11. ADJOURNMENT Jakob/Derl move no objections 8:30 PM

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