



THE CLIMATE, WATER, ENVIRONMENT, AND PARKS  
COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026  
AT 9:30 AM, AUSTIN CITY HALL  
301 W. SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TX AND SOME MEMBERS  
MAY BE PARTICIPATING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Ryan Alter, Chair  
Paige Ellis, Vice Chair  
Mike Siegel  
Marc Duchen

**Public comment will be allowed in person or remotely by telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in person or remotely. Items posted for possible action are available for sign-up. Briefings are not open for sign-up. For full instructions on participation in person or by telephone, please visit the Council Committee Information Center home page, which is linked here:**

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A quorum of the City Council may be present at this meeting. Action will only be taken by the members of the committee.

The committee may go into a closed session under the Open Meetings Act, Section 551.071, of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from legal counsel on any item on this agenda.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

### **Public Communication: General**

Speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed three minutes to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda. This section is limited to 5 speakers.

### **Approval of Minutes**

1. Approve the minutes of the Climate, Water, Environment, and Parks Committee meeting of December 2, 2025.

### **Briefings**

2. Briefing on Austin Water Emergency Management and Planning. [Rick Beaman, Emergency Management Division Manager- Austin Water; Stephanie Sue, Water Treatment Operations Manager- Austin Water; Amy Petri, Interim Chief of Staff- Austin Water].

Sponsors: Council Member Ryan Alter, and Council Member Paige Ellis

3. Briefing on the UT-City CoLab. [Zach Baumer, Director - Austin Climate Action and Resilience; Marc Coudert, Climate Resilience and Adaptation Manager - Austin Climate Action and Resilience; Dr. Dev Niyogi, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences at Jackson School of Geosciences - The University of Texas at Austin].

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4. Briefing on Performance Measures Updates from Parks and Recreation. [Jesús Aguirre, Director - Parks and Recreation; Ben Rustenhaven, Business Process Consultant - Parks and Recreation].

Sponsors: Council Member Ryan Alter, and Council Member Paige Ellis

### **Briefings by Memorandum**

5. Staff Response Related to Bird Friendly Design (Resolution No. 20241121-073) memo dated January 16, 2026. [Leslie Lilly, Environmental Conservation Program Manager - Watershed Protection].

Sponsors: Council Member Ryan Alter, and Council Member Paige Ellis

### **Future Items**

6. Identify items to discuss at future meetings.

### **Previously Distributed Memos to Mayor and Council (Information only; not for discussion)**

Staff Response to Environmental and Drainage Code Amendments to Title 25 (Resolution No. 20220609-061) memo dated December 8, 2025.

Staff Update to Green Infrastructure Resolution No. 20240321-039 memo dated December 10, 2025.

Shade Trees & the Urban Forest Replenishment Fund - Staff Response (Resolution No. 20240814-029) memo dated December 11, 2025.

City of Austin Support for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals - Staff Response to Resolution 20250130-079 memo dated December 12, 2025.

Release of Austin Energy's Electric System Resiliency Plan memo dated December 15, 2025.

Implementation of Texas Senate Bill 14 from 89th 2nd Special Session - Impact Fee Credits for Water Conservation or Reuse memo dated December 29, 2025.

Response to the Feasibility of Establishing a Solar Panel Recycling Fee and Program (Resolution No. 20250813-025) memo dated January 7, 2026.

### **ADJOURN**

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