

MINUTES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY

July 15, 2026, 6:30 PM
City Hall – Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nelsen called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Analyst Carlson called the roll. All Commissioners were present, except for Chair Nelsen and Vice Chair Vicky Ryan, who were excused. Commissioner Evans acted as Chair.

4. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Patzert informed the Commission that he thinks the Tesla lot has become a nice success.

5. REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF/CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

Senior Analyst Carlson provided an update on two Clean Power Alliance Programs, Power Ready 1, which will provide emergency backup power to the Public Safety and City Hall buildings. And Power Ready 2, which is at the application stage for providing solar power to the Public Library. Analyst Carlson also provided an update on the City's Fleet program, which will include a component of leased vehicles from EnterpriseFleet. Electric vehicles will be phased in as part of the lease program.

Councilmember Parkhurst updated the Commission on a Clean Power Alliance development which includes the Pattern Energy Sun Z Project in New Mexico. It is the largest wind energy producer in the US.

6. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Glen Hickman from 480 Fairview provided comments regarding the need to update the Urban Forest Management Plan. The utilities should work closer with the city and conduct their trimming in a better way. The City also needs to provide treatment for the numerous trees that are experiencing borer problems.

8. PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2026

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

Rodriguez

Second:

Patzert

Vote:

Unanimous

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Presentation from Sierra Madre City Clerk, Laura Aguilar, regarding the recently adopted Commission Attendance Policy. CEQA: Not a Project**

This item was tabled.

- b. Update on the RPOSD Grant Funded improved at Bailey Canyon Wilderness Park. CEQA: Not a project.**

In the absence of Management Analyst Lozick, Senior Analyst Carlson provided a very brief update and indicated a more detailed presentation will be included at the next meeting.

- c. Section 12.20 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code "Tree Protection and Preservation" Update.**

The Commission briefly discussed the code update and also discussed a matrix provided by Commissioner Rodriguez on various tree species. Analyst Carlson also provided a memo from Assistant City Manager Hernandez on how various communities regulate damage to public property from private trees.

Public Comment:

Glen Hickman from 480 Fairview provided additional comments on how to approach the ordinance update and restated the need for updated Urban Forest Management Plan. He also suggested an increase in education, especially as the zone zero regulations for fire preparations are coming into effect.

- d. Consideration of cancelling August Regular Commission meeting. CEQA: Not a project**

Motion to go "dark" for the August meeting:

Rodriguez

Second:

Patzert

Vote:

Unanimous

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to Adjourn:

Patzert

Second:

Rodriguez

Vote:

Unanimous

