

# Climate Advisory Board

## Ad-hoc Sub Committee Reporting Out

### *[Ad Hoc Committee on Building Decarbonization to align with staff to plan and sequence CAB engagement]*

Members of ad-hoc sub committee: Whitney Pearce (chair), Josh Dean, Kelly Lyndon, Cristina Marquez, Tanisha-Jean Martin (CAB chair)

- **CAP update** - work will start in the next 2-3 months (May-June 2026), target to complete end of calendar 2027
- **Building Decarbonization Roadmap/Plan**
  - This initiative will be funded as part of the CAP update funding from SANDAG
  - Bldg Decarb Roadmap effort will be frontloaded & will inform the updated CAP
  - Bldg Decarb Roadmap will look at available policy measures, funding sources, existing policy
  - City is utilizing as-needed environmental contracts for this work, will bring on new consultants as needed
  - Documents will be public, progress will be shared intermittently with CAB
- **Building Performance Standards (BPS)**
  - BPS is a strategy to reduce emissions of larger existing buildings over an extended period
  - Despite being a goal in the current CAP, there are no plans to move forward until after the CAP update (2028+)
  - Will be informed by SB48 State strategy report due Aug 1st
- **Benchmarking:**
  - Since 2019, city has required larger existing buildings to annually report energy usage, prereq for BPS
  - Compliance is improving year to year, roughly 60%. City is working on compliance improvement via outreach.

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- **JUNE - JULY 2026:** CAB would like to hear a status update on the Building Decarbonization Roadmap process & efforts, e.g. which contractor will be doing the analysis, what is their scope/deliverables, what is the next milestone to report out to CAB
- **SEPT - OCT 2026:** CAB would like to hear an update on the City's benchmark data analysis
  - How have the compliance rates changed over time, how does this compare to other comparable cities, what are next steps to improve?
  - Have buildings improved their energy usage since reporting started?
  - CAB could assist the City with an analysis of other municipalities' methods for improving compliance on benchmark reporting