



CITY *of* CALABASAS

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025, 6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

100 CIVIC CENTER WAY, CALABASAS, CA 91302

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time the public may address the Commission on any matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. The public will also be given an opportunity to comment on matters which are on the posted agenda during Commission deliberation on those specific matters.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are to be approved with one motion. Items may be removed from the Consent Calendar for individual consideration. Removed items will be considered immediately following approval of the Consent Calendar.

1. Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the minutes of the Regular Environmental Commission Meeting held August 5, 2025.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Updates on City Activities

Recommendation: Receive informational updates from City Staff.

3. Subcommittee Updates

Recommendation: Receive informational updates from Subcommittees: Environmental Forum, Pumpkin Festival, Student Involvement and Engagement, Arbor Day, Earth Day, Flora for our Future, and Green Business.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Meeting Schedule Revision: November

Recommendation: Vote on Resolution 2025-01 rescinding 2024-01 and Setting the Meeting Dates for the Commission as the first Tuesday in February, May, August, and November, annually.

5. Select recipient(s) of the Carl Gibbs Environmental Excellence Award

Recommendation: Review nomination(s) for the annual Carl Gibbs Environmental Excellence Award and vote on the awardee(s).

6. Select 14 drawings to be included in the Calabasas Community Recycling Awareness Calendar

Recommendation: Review submissions and select 14 drawings to be included in the Community Recycling Awareness Calendar.

7. Discuss upcoming Spring Events: Arbor Day, Earth Day, Environmental Forum, etc.

Recommendation: Discuss 2026 Environmental Event Series logistics.

ORAL REPORTS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

ADJOURN

This agenda was posted in accordance with applicable legal requirements. Regular and adjourned regular meeting agendas may be amended up to 72 hours in advance of the meeting; Special meeting agendas may be posted 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

Posted: November 10, 2025



CITY *of* CALABASAS

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING: November 13, 2025
TO: Environmental Commissioners
FROM: Melanis Stepanian, Environmental Management Analyst
SUBJECT: Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the August 6, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

BACKGROUND

Staff has prepared and submits the minutes for Environmental Commission approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

A. August 6, 2025 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrne called the Regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Environmental Commission Student Member Oroszlan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Byrne, Vice Chair Feilich, Commissioners Schwartz, Cohan and Ng, Student Member Oroszlan.

Staff: Deputy Public Works Director Dinkins, Environmental Management Analyst Stepanian and Executive Assistant II Anna Ford

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Cohan moved and Commissioner Schwartz seconded a motion to approve the agenda. ***MOTION: Carried Unanimously 5/0.***

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations to the Commission at this time

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chair Feilich welcomed Deputy PW Director Dinkins and Student Member Oroszlan, she attended the LV Creek Clean Up Event and thanked all that came out and participated. She also commented on letter she submitted to the City Council and City Management in regards to the need for live streaming of Commission Meetings when funding is available at a later time.

Commissioner Cohan echoed comments shared by Vice Chair Feilich. Greater Mulwood HOA meeting to be held on September 9, 2025. He invited members of the community to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no speakers/public comments

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

- 1. Minutes**
- 2. Calendar Contest Subcommittee Assignment Changes**

Commissioner Schwartz moved and Vice Chair Feilich seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. ***MOTION: Carried Unanimously 5/0.***

CONTINUED BUSINESS

- 3. Updates on City Activities**

Environmental Management Analyst Stepanian presented the report

- 4. Subcommittee Updates**

Commissioners provided updates in regards to the Commission Subcommittee happenings during this last quarter.

Chair Byrne moved and Commissioner Cohan seconded a motion to select Vice Chair Feilich and Commissioner Schwartz as the Arbor Day Subcommittee. ***MOTION: Carried Unanimously 5/0.***

Commissioner Cohan moved and Chair Byrne seconded a motion to select Commissioner Schwartz and Commissioner Cohan as the Earth Day Subcommittee. ***MOTION: Carried Unanimously 5/0.***

NEW BUSINESS

- 5. Annual Environmental Forum Topic Discussion**

There was one public comment on this item.

Vice Chair Feilich presented Monarch Butterfly in your yard as the topic for the Environmental Forum for 2026. Commissioner Cohan moved and Chair Byrne seconded the motion to approve the topic. ***MOTION: Carried Unanimously 5/0***

- *Commissioner Cohan recused himself for the remainder of the meeting.*

6. City of Calabasas Community Recycling Awareness Calendar Drawing Contest Theme Discussion and Timeline

Commissioner Schwartz moved for "Can I Recycle This" as the topic for the 2026 Calendar Drawing Contest, Vice Chair Feilich seconded the motion. ***MOTION: Carried Unanimously 4/0***

ORAL REPORTS

7. Reminder: Carl Gibbs Environmental Excellence Award Nomination Deadline

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Byrne would like an update/presentation on Bags 4 Benches at the next Commission Meeting.

ADJOURN

Chair Byrne adjourned the meeting in Memory of Wallis Annenberg at 7:45 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the Environmental Commission of the City of Calabasas on November 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Luresa Byrne, Chair

Melanis Stepanian, Environmental Management Analyst



CITY *of* CALABASAS

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING: November 13, 2025

TO: Environmental Commissioners

FROM: Melanis Stepanian, Environmental Management Analyst

SUBJECT: Updates on City Activities

RECOMMENDATION

Receive informational updates from the Environmental Services Division.

BACKGROUND

The Environmental Services Division strives to make Calabasas a better place to live and work by developing environmental and pollution prevention programs, and by protecting, enhancing and restoring creeks and open space. This Division oversees the administration of a comprehensive Public Education/Outreach Program designed to meet the mandated requirements of the Clean Water Act and the California Integrated Waste Management Act. Environmental Services oversees a variety of activities including the reduction and/or elimination of pollutants from stormwater and urban runoff, reduction of waste going to urban landfills, recycling, household hazardous waste, and storm drain inspection and maintenance.

DISCUSSION

Pumpkin Festival

The City of Calabasas' Community Services team hosts an annual Pumpkin Festival to bring the community together and celebrate the roots of the City! This year, the Environmental Commission and Public Works Department hosted a table to provide community outreach. The Department highlighted their many efforts, ranging from the Environmental Commission's Bags4Benches initiative to the Battery Recycling Program. Additionally, the City was joined by community partners, the Environmental Defenders, who hosted a waste sorting game for all attendees.

Las Virgenes Creek Cleanup Event: November 8, 2025

The Mayor's Youth Council collaborated with the Environmental Services Division to organize a volunteer creek cleanup effort at Las Virgenes Creek on Saturday, November 8, 2025. Over 27 volunteers were in attendance, contributing to a highly successful event and collecting various wastes to be disposed of! The event engaged members of the City Council, the Calabasas Community, the Mayor's Youth Council, and CHS National Honors Society.

Calabasas Library and Environmental Commission Collaboration: "Book to Action"

The Calabasas Library received the "*Book to Action*" environmental grant from the California State Library and hosted a series of events focused on native plants and the wildlife crossing bridge. On Sunday, July 13, 2025, the Library held a Children's Native Story Time Craft Event, which engaged over 50 attendees. The Flora for Our Future Subcommittee also hosted their first Seed Distribution Event, with 1 pound of native seeds donated by LVMWD and support from Pencil 2 Planet (P2P) volunteers. The series continued with an Adult Book Club featuring a special meeting with the author of *When Mountain Lions Are Neighbors* (Beth Pratt) on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, and concluded with a Teen Book Club on Sunday, November 2, 2025.

Environmental Outreach, Website Updates

The City of Calabasas developed an Environmental Outreach site that encompasses various resources for community awareness. This includes Household Hazardous Waste disposal, free disposal events, and other services. <https://www.cityofcalabasas.com/government/public-works/environmental-outreach>

Additionally, the City's waste hauler, WM, provides a service called WM At Your Door, which services select household hazardous waste (HHW) at no-cost to Calabasas residents. Visit www.wmatyourdoor.com to learn more.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Bags 4 Benches Bench Dedication

The Bags 4 Benches Bench Dedication will take place on **Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 3 p.m. at Wild Walnut Park**. This event celebrates the success of the Commission's Bags4Benches (B4B) plastic film recycling program, which turns collected plastic bags into durable benches for community spaces through the NexTrex program. The dedication will recognize community volunteers, local schools, and residents who contributed to the program's success.

Environmental Forum – Butterflies in Bloom

The Environmental Forum: Butterflies in Bloom will be held on **Thursday, February 19, 2026, from 6–8 p.m.** at Founders Hall. This interactive forum will feature guest speakers, educational exhibits, and activities focused on the

importance of native plants, pollinator conservation, and creating butterfly-friendly habitats throughout Calabasas.

Arbor Day at Gates Canyon Park

Arbor Day will be celebrated on **Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. at Gates Canyon Park**. The event will include community tree plantings and youth environmental activities, highlighting the benefits of maintaining Calabasas’s urban forest and ongoing efforts to promote sustainability.

Earth Day / Green Expo at Las Virgenes Creek

The annual Earth Day / Green Expo will take place on **Saturday, April 18, 2026, from 2–5 p.m. at Las Virgenes Creek**. This family-friendly event will feature environmental exhibitors, local green businesses, sustainability workshops, and hands-on eco-activities designed to engage the community in environmental awareness and action.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for projects and activities comes from multiple sources including General Fund, Measure M, Measure W, Prop 1, and more. Staff is continually researching new funding opportunities for upcoming projects.

ATTACHMENTS

A. None.



CITY *of* CALABASAS

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING: November 13, 2025

TO: Environmental Commissioners

FROM: Melanis Stepanian, Environmental Management Analyst

SUBJECT: Subcommittee Updates

RECOMMENDATION

Receive informational updates from Environmental Forum, Student Involvement and Engagement, Flora for our Future, Calendar Contest, Arbor Day, Earth Day, and Green Business Certification Program Subcommittees. Establish any additional Subcommittees the Commission sees fit.

BACKGROUND

The mission of the Environmental Commission of the City of Calabasas is to advise the City Council regarding the stewardship of our environment as it affects the character of the Community and quality of life of our residents. They strive to balance those elements that influence the degree to which our community sustains its social, economic and physical environment while maintaining and enhancing our natural and cultural resources. One of the many ways Commissioners engage in the community is through subcommittees on environmental issues and community events.

DISCUSSION

Commissioners will provide informational updates for their respective Subcommittees.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Subcommittee Assignments



CITY *of* CALABASAS

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

***Updated August 2025**

Subcommittee	Commissioners Assigned	Ideas/ Purpose
Environmental Forum	Randi, Whitney	Annual Event
Arbor Day	Randi, Whitney	Annual Event
Earth Day	Whitney, David	Annual Event
Pumpkin Festival	Luresa, Susan	Annual Event
Calendar Contest	David, Susan	Annual Recycling Calendar Drawing Contest
Green Business Certification Program	Luresa, Whitney	Assisting with application revisions, outreach, and re-energizing the program.
"Flora for our Future"	Randi, Susan	Seeds and Community Outreach. Hosting bi-annual seed distribution events, in partnership with the LVMWD program.
Student Involvement and Engagement	Luresa, David	Encourage and support student involvement of community members, not limited to only high school students. Develop a Student Advisory Committee and participate in other engagement opportunities.



CITY *of* CALABASAS

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING: November 13, 2025

TO: Environmental Commissioners

FROM: Melanis Stepanian, Environmental Management Analyst

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution 2025-01 Rescinding Resolution 2024-01 and Setting the Regular Meeting Dates and Times for the Commission

RECOMMENDATION

Review and approve Resolution 2025-01, rescinding Resolution 2024-01 and setting the regular meeting dates and times for the Environmental Commission.

BACKGROUND

On March 23, 2022, the Calabasas City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-1769, regarding Commission Procedures. The resolution directs the City's Commissions to adopt a Resolution officially setting meeting schedules of not less than quarterly per year in addition to not commencing prior to 6:00 p.m. on all meeting dates. Any additional meeting dates would require a special meeting. In prior instances, the Commission has voted to occasionally hold special meetings in December. Typically, these meetings were scheduled for to recognize the recipient(s) of the Carl Gibbs Environmental Excellence Award in addition to K-8 students chosen to be included in the Annual Recycling Awareness Calendar.

On August 6, 2024, the Environmental Commission adopted Resolution 2024-01 to set the time for meetings to be at 6:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of February, May, and September, and the second Tuesday of November each year.

DISCUSSION

The Environmental Commission (EC) hosts a series of community outreach and education events, including but not limited to the Environmental Forum, Earth Day, Arbor Day, the Carl Gibbs Environmental Excellence Award, and the Recycling Calendar Drawing Contest.

Changing the meeting schedule to the first Tuesday of February, May, August, and November of each year would provide a better fit for the schedules of Commissioners and the public while conserving staff time needed to facilitate the meeting. The current schedule with meetings, occurring the second Tuesday in November, directly conflicts with the Veteran's Day holiday closure.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Resolution 2025-01
- B. Resolution 2024-01

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA, SETTING THE
REGULAR MEETING DATES AND TIMES FOR THE COMMISSION.**

WHEREAS, Calabasas Municipal Code, Section 2.39.050 - Regular meetings, establishes that regular meetings of the Environmental Commission shall be held not less than quarterly on a date established from time to time by resolution of the commission; and

WHEREAS, the Calabasas City Council passed and approved, on March 23, 2022, Resolution No. 2022-1769, which established that City commission meetings shall not begin earlier than 6:00 p.m.; that commission meetings shall end no later than 10:00 p.m.; and otherwise establishing protocols and procedures for the conduct of commission meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Commission wishes to establish an official meeting schedule by resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Commission has established an official meeting schedule by rescinding Resolution 2024-01 and adopting Resolution 2025-01. The Environmental Commission regular meetings are scheduled to occur quarterly on the First Tuesday of the month, at 6:00 p.m. in February, May, August, and November of each year, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 100 Civic Center Way. The Environmental Commission's regular and special meetings may be held virtually or in person as determined by the City Manager in compliance with applicable law.

The Secretary of the Commission shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and shall cause the same to be processed in the manner required by law.

Resolution No. 2025-01 was adopted by the Environmental Commission at a regular meeting held on 13th day of November 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Luresa Byrne, Commission Chair

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Curtis Castle, Staff Liaison

Pam K. Lee
Aleshire & Wynder, LLP
City Attorney

Melanis Stepanian, Staff Liaison

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA, SETTING THE REGULAR MEETING DATES AND TIMES FOR THE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Calabasas Municipal Code, Section 2.39.050 - Regular meetings, establishes that regular meetings of the Environmental Commission shall be held not less than quarterly on a date established from time to time by resolution of the commission; and

WHEREAS, the Calabasas City Council passed and approved, on March 23, 2022, Resolution No. 2022-1769, which established that City commission meetings shall not begin earlier than 6:00 p.m.; that commission meetings shall end no later than 10:00 p.m.; and otherwise establishing protocols and procedures for the conduct of commission meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Commission wishes to establish an official meeting schedule by resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Commission has established an official meeting schedule by rescinding Resolution 2023-01 and adopting Resolution 2024-01. The Environmental Commission regular meetings are scheduled to occur quarterly on the First Tuesday of the month, at 6:00 p.m. in February, May, and August, each year, with the exception of November of each year, which will be scheduled on the Second Tuesday of the November, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 100 Civic Center Way. The Environmental Commission’s regular and special meetings may be held virtually or in person as determined by the City Manager in compliance with applicable law.

The Secretary of the Commission shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and shall cause the same to be processed in the manner required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on August 6, 2024.

DocuSigned by:
David Cohan
230805A0C86D480...

DAVID COHAN, Chair

ATTEST:

Signed by:
Melanie Stepanian
098833FD7981438...

MELANIS STEPANIAN, Staff Liaison

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Signed by:
Pam K. Lee
F50C797BD7594D1...

PAM K. LEE, City Attorney



CITY *of* CALABASAS

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING: November 13, 2025

TO: Environmental Commissioners

FROM: Melanis Stepanian, Environmental Management Analyst

SUBJECT: Select recipient(s) of the Carl Gibbs Environmental Excellence Award

RECOMMENDATION

Review the submitted nominations for the 2025 Carl Gibbs Environmental Excellence Award and approve the candidate(s) to receive the award.

BACKGROUND

The Carl Gibbs Environmental Excellence Award is a symbol of commitment to California's environment. The Award honors a wide array of individuals, businesses, municipalities, government agencies, organizations, and institutions, all working to benefit our environment. The Award recognizes voluntary activities by companies and organizations, big or small, private or non-profit, for their environmental activities in the City of Calabasas and in surrounding communities that result in cleaner air or water, less waste, less traffic, conservation of energy and natural resources, efficient and water conserving landscaping, or reduced use of hazardous materials, etc. Furthermore, the Award honors those individuals or organizations that demonstrate exceptional commitment to the environment or innovation above and beyond their primary mission.

DISCUSSION

Nominations for the Award were submitted by community members for consideration by the Commission. The Commission may select multiple recipients for the award and will consider the following for each candidate:

- Measurable improvements to environmental quality
- Ongoing or long-term environmental benefits
- Creativity and innovation in technology or approach
- Model achievements

- Demonstrating a solid commitment to protecting the environment
- Involving employees, governmental officials and/or community members in an environmental project
- Showing a commitment to the public's best interests
- Reaching out effectively to stakeholders
- Taking definitive steps to prevent pollution
- Minimizing costs or demonstrating a payback on investments

This Year's Nominee(s) are:

- Bags 2 Benches (B4B)
- Dallas Lawrence
- Pencil 2 Planet (P2P)

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for activities such as the Carl Gibbs Award comes from multiple sources including General Fund, Measure M, Measure W, and Prop 1. Staff is continually researching new funding opportunities for upcoming projects.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Submitted Nominations (redacted) Carl Gibbs 2025



CITY of CALABASAS

Carl Gibbs Environmental Excellence Award

Nomination Form

This form must be filled out for each candidate to receive the Environmental Excellence Award. Nominations will be reviewed by Environmental Commission and the approved candidates will receive the recognition plaque during a public meeting.

This is a fillable application form. Please type in your information/responses in each field and print it after completed.

CANDIDATE'S INFORMATION		
First Name: <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	Middle Name (Please Print):	Last Name (Please Print):
Agency/Company (Please Print):		
Mailing Address (Please Print):		
Telephone:	E-Mail:	
GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT CANDIDATE'S QUALIFICATION		
Candidate's Role: <input type="checkbox"/> Public Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Private Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> Institution <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Areas of Impact:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Creek/River Restoration	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Noise Control	<input type="checkbox"/> Education and Outreach	<input type="checkbox"/> Technology
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Impact	<input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste & Recycling	<input type="checkbox"/> Research
<input type="checkbox"/> Beautification	<input type="checkbox"/> Resource Protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please explain) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping
	<input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Green Building
	<input type="checkbox"/> Open Space	<input type="checkbox"/> Forestation
	<input type="checkbox"/> Restoration	<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Efficiency
Explain in detail why the candidate is qualified (Please Print):		
Commission's Opinion		
Review Date:		
Comments:		
Recognition: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Pending More Information		



CITY of CALABASAS

Carl Gibbs Environmental Excellence Award

Nomination Form

This form must be filled out for each candidate to receive the Environmental Excellence Award. Nominations will be reviewed by Environmental Commission and the approved candidates will receive the recognition plaque during a public meeting.

This is a fillable application form. Please type in your information/responses in each field and print it after completed.

CANDIDATE'S INFORMATION

First Name: <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	Middle Name (Please Print):	Last Name (Please Print):
---	-----------------------------	---------------------------

Agency/Company (Please Print): **Bags4Benches**

Mailing Address (Please Print):

Telephone:	E-Mail:
------------	---------

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT CANDIDATE'S QUALIFICATION

Candidate's Role: Public Agency Non-Profit Organization Private Enterprise Institution Other

Areas of Impact:

- | | | | | |
|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Creek/River Restoration | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noise Control | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education and Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology | <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Building |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Impact | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste & Recycling | <input type="checkbox"/> Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification | <input type="checkbox"/> Resource Protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Efficiency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please explain) | | | | |

Explain in detail why the candidate is qualified (Please Print):

I am proud to nominate the Calabasas Bags4Benches program for the 2025 Carl Gibbs Environmental Excellence Award. A group of students, now seniors, have dedicated countless hours collecting, weighting and turning in thousands of plastic bags while educating, and promoting the B4B program in their school, collecting plastic at Calabasas City Hall, the LVUSD facilities, the Calabasas Senior Center as well as several private businesses. In doing so, this program and those teens who helped to kick off, lead and grow the Calabasas Bags4Benches program into a model for our community, have reduced the amount of plastic that would have gone into landfill and have had it recycled instead through the TREX company's nationwide program offeringbags for benches. To date, more than 3,000 pounds of plastic have been collected resulting in 3 benches at city buildings and a park. Younger Calabasas High School students are joining B4B to keep the program going...one plastic bag at a time.

Commission's Opinion

Review Date:

Comments:

Recognition: Approved Not Approved Pending More Information



CITY of CALABASAS

Carl Gibbs Environmental Excellence Award

Nomination Form

This form must be filled out for each candidate to receive the Environmental Excellence Award. Nominations will be reviewed by Environmental Commission and the approved candidates will receive the recognition plaque during a public meeting.

This is a fillable application form. Please type in your information/responses in each field and print it after completed.

CANDIDATE'S INFORMATION

First Name: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. DALLAS	Middle Name (Please Print):	Last Name (Please Print): LAWRENCE
--	-----------------------------	---------------------------------------

Agency/Company (Please Print): President, Las Virgenes Unified School Board

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT CANDIDATE'S QUALIFICATION

Candidate's Role: Public Agency Non-Profit Organization Private Enterprise Other

Areas of Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Creek/River Restoration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping
<input type="checkbox"/> Noise Control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education and Outreach	<input type="checkbox"/> Technology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Green Building
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Impact	<input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste & Recycling	<input type="checkbox"/> Research	<input type="checkbox"/> Open Space	<input type="checkbox"/> Forestation
<input type="checkbox"/> Beautification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource Protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Restoration	<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Efficiency
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Please explain) <small>protecting the environmental health and safety of the Calabasas community and its surrounding areas</small>				

Explain in detail why the candidate is qualified (Please Print):

I nominate Dallas Lawrence for the Carl Gibbs Environmental Excellence Award in recognition of his bold and unwavering leadership in protecting the environmental health and safety of the Calabasas community and its surrounding areas.

As President of the Las Virgenes Unified School District Board, Mr. Lawrence played a pivotal role in rallying both public officials and residents to take a stand against the proposed dumping of toxic waste—debris from the Palisades Fire—at the Calabasas Landfill.

Understanding the long-term environmental and public health consequences of such an action, Mr. Lawrence led a public march, galvanized community members, and spearheaded support from the School Board to stand behind the City of Calabasas's lawsuit aimed at stopping the toxic dumping.

His actions went beyond the expected duties of a school board leader. He recognized that protecting students and families includes fighting for a clean, safe environment in which they can live, learn, and thrive. Mr. Lawrence demanded full environmental impact studies and called upon elected leaders at every level—from local Assembly and County officials up to the Governor and even the President of the United States—to take accountability and provide a transparent, science-based plan to safeguard the region from hazardous waste exposure.

This campaign, which brought together residents, government, and regional stakeholders, exemplifies the core values of the Carl Gibbs Award:

- * Public Interest and Pollution Prevention: His efforts centered on protecting the long-term health of Calabasas residents, prioritizing clean air, clean water, and safe soil over bureaucratic expediency.
- * Environmental Stewardship: Through his words and actions, Mr. Lawrence has demonstrated an unshakable commitment to environmental integrity, public safety, and responsible governance.

In standing against environmental injustice and working to ensure that no community becomes a dumping ground for toxic waste, Dallas Lawrence's leadership is precisely the kind of exemplary civic engagement the Carl Gibbs Environmental Excellence Award was designed to honor.

Commission's Opinion

Review Date:

Comments:

Recognition: Approved Not Approved Pending More Information



CITY of CALABASAS

Carl Gibbs Environmental Excellence Award

Nomination Form

This form must be filled out for each candidate to receive the Environmental Excellence Award. Nominations will be reviewed by Environmental Commission and the approved candidates will receive the recognition plaque during a public meeting.

This is a fillable application form. Please type in your information/responses in each field and print it after completed.

CANDIDATE'S INFORMATION

First Name: <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	Middle Name (Please Print):	Last Name (Please Print):
Agency/Company (Please Print):		
Mailing Address (Please Print):		
Telephone:	E-Mail:	

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT CANDIDATE'S QUALIFICATION

Candidate's Role: Public Agency Non-Profit Organization Private Enterprise Institution Other

Areas of Impact:

- Wildlife Protection Creek/River Restoration Water Quality Land Use Landscaping
- Noise Control Education and Outreach Technology Air Quality Green Building
- Economic Impact Solid Waste & Recycling Research Open Space Forestation
- Beautification Resource Protection Fundraising Restoration Energy Efficiency
- Other (Please explain) _____

Explain in detail why the candidate is qualified (Please Print):

Commission's Opinion

Review Date:
Comments:

Recognition: Approved Not Approved Pending More Information



CITY *of* CALABASAS

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING: November 13, 2025

TO: Environmental Commissioners

FROM: Melanis Stepanian, Environmental Management Analyst

SUBJECT: Select 14 drawings to be included in the Calabasas Community Recycling Awareness Calendar

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss and vote for 14 art pieces to be included in the 2026 Calabasas Community Recycling Awareness Calendar.

BACKGROUND

The City of Calabasas hosts a Recycling Drawing Contest where Calabasas elementary and middle school students (grade K-8) bring creativity and environmental awareness to life through their vibrant artwork for a chance to be featured in the Annual Community Recycling Awareness Calendar. This contest aims to educate and inspire the community about the importance of recycling while showcasing the incredible talents of our young artists. Participants create drawings that depict various recycling themes, and the finalists' entries are featured in the City of Calabasas Annual Recycling Awareness Calendar. Selected artists receive gift certificates, and their teachers are also rewarded for their support and encouragement.

Calendars from prior years can be found on the City website: <https://www.cityofcalabasas.com/government/public-works/environmental-igr-division/recycling-drawing-contest>.

The Environmental Commission selects two members to serve on the Calendar Contest Subcommittee to select finalists for the Commission, which are reviewed and voted on in November, annually.

DISCUSSION

Commissioners will discuss the City of Calabasas Community Recycling Awareness Calendar Drawing Contest submissions and select 14 art pieces.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

None.



CITY *of* CALABASAS

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING: November 13, 2025

TO: Environmental Commissioners

FROM: Melanis Stepanian, Environmental Management Analyst

SUBJECT: Discuss upcoming Spring Events: Arbor Day, Earth Day, Environmental Forum, etc.

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss upcoming Spring Events: Arbor Day, Earth Day, Environmental Forum, etc.

BACKGROUND

The Environmental Commission (EC) hosts a series of annual community outreach and educational events, including the Environmental Forum, Arbor Day, and Earth Day; in February, March, and April, respectively.

In an effort to support staff in event coordination, the Environmental Commission created subcommittees for each event to support with planning and execution. Each subcommittee consists of two Commissioners.

DISCUSSION

Each Subcommittee can share updates for the upcoming events.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

None.