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Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 6:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
6650 Beach Boulevard  
Buena Park, CA 90621

CLIMATE ACTION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
**Tuesday, May 5, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.**

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**1. GENERAL**

- 1.A. CALL TO ORDER
- 1.B. ROLL CALL: James, Bendinelli, Schooner, Singhal, Figueroa
- 1.C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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**2. COMMUNICATIONS**

- 2.A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
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**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 3.A. Approval of Meeting Minutes - April 7, 2026

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**4. OLD BUSINESS**

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**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- 5.A. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PINCHOT POCKET PARK

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**6. CITY/STAFF UPDATES, INFORMATION ITEMS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- 6.A. CITY/STAFF UPDATES, INFORMATION ITEMS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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**7. ADJOURNMENT**

- 7.A. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned to the next regular meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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Elizabeth Genera  
City of Buena Park  
Public Works

*Date Posted: April 30, 2026*



**A. Approval of Meeting Minutes - April 7, 2026**

Meeting	Agenda Group
Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 6:00 PM	APPROVAL OF MINUTES Item: 3A.
Prepared By	Department Head Approval
Elizabeth Genera, Senior Administrative Assistant	Mina Mikhael, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
Presented By	
Elizabeth Genera, Senior Administrative Assistant	

**Attachments**

[ca minutes 4-7-26.pdf](#)



## City of Buena Park

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MINUTES  
CLIMATE ACTION COMMISSION MEETING  
APRIL 7, 2026

### 1A. CALL TO ORDER

The Climate Action Commission met on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, CA.

**1B. ROLL CALL**      PRESENT: Schooner, Singhal, James, Bendinelli, Figueroa  
STAFF:                Lotus Thai, Sustainability Manager  
                             Joe Hunt, Public Works Manager  
                             Elizabeth Genera, Recording Secretary

### 1C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 2. COMMUNICATIONS

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### 2A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 3, 2026*

*\*\*M/S/P – Schooner/Figueroa*

### 4. OLD BUSINESS – No items.

### 5. NEW BUSINESS

### 5A. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION ON ENERGY REACH CODE

Sustainability Manager Lotus Thai led the discussion on Energy Reach Codes. Representatives from Negawatt and So. Cal. Edison were in attendance via Zoom. A Reach Code is a local ordinance(s) adopted by a local government that exceed and enhance the state's building standards. Today the discussion will focus on Flex Path for existing single-family residential buildings and AC to HP for existing non-residential buildings.

The CAAP Metric Measures are 50% of existing single-family residential buildings be electric by 2030 and 90% by 2045. The CAAP Metric requires 50% of existing commercial buildings be electric by 2030 and 90% by 2045.

### REACH CODE CAAP MEASURES

- E1b: Incentivize private building owners to retrofit buildings with energy-efficient upgrades by collaborating with utilities to provide reduced cost energy upgrades and providing permit streamlining as applicable.

- E1c: adopt a time-of-renovation energy efficiency ordinance requiring use of energy-efficient features in plan designs
- E2b: Adopt a time-of-renovation electrification ordinance that requires replacement of HVAC systems, hot water heaters, and other natural gas appliances.
- E2c: Educate the community on the replacement of natural gas appliances with electric appliances in residential and commercial buildings and highlight the cost savings and health benefits.

**FLEX PATH:**

For existing single-family residential buildings, if a home upgrade exceeds a valuation, then Flex Path is triggered. Buena Park residents choose from a menu of energy efficient and electrification items to add up to a target score. The Commission will help to determine the trigger dollar amount to recommend to Council.

Ms. Thai went over the Flex Path exceptions and Cost-Effectiveness Analysis that showed the incremental costs, annual bill savings and emissions reductions. Developers doing new projects will contain elements that will line up with meeting these targets.

**Flex Path: determining “trigger” valuation**

- \$40,000 valuation: ~33 projects/year
- \$45,000 valuation: ~30 projects/year
- \$50,000 valuation: ~28 projects/year

The Commission reviewed AC to HP for existing non-residential buildings, and cost-effective analysis and programs incentives available to residents.

Staff is hosting a Buena Park’s B.O.L.T. (Building Optimization and Long-Term Transition) Program webinar on April 23 for businesses (4-5pm) and residents (5:30-6:30pm). This virtual community meeting on April 23 is for residents to learn how smart energy upgrades during planned improvements can improve comfort, reduce energy use, and support long-term cost savings. The webinar will also cover case studies, incentives, rebates and program benefits. The Commission agreed that the reach code recommendations should be presented to Council.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

The Commission suggested that there be more than 3-year credit given to home improvements made within 3 years prior. The valuation trigger of \$50,000 is high, it may discourage residents from obtaining construction project permits. Questions on the size of heat pumps single room HP vs. HP for the whole home; specifically identify HP size that the menu refers to.

**5B. DISCUSS 2026 ARBOR DAY**

Public Works Manager Joe Hunt reported the annual Arbor Day Tree planting event is Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 9-11 a.m. Staff and volunteers will plant 12-16 new trees in various locations at Bellis Park. West Coast Arborist will donate new trees that will include Bottle Trees, Takanawa Trees and California Live Oak Trees. The Arbor Day Proclamation will be presented at the City Council meeting on April 23, 2026 at 5 p.m. Commissioners are invited to attend.

## 5C. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FRIENDSHIP PARK REDESIGN

### Park Review Process

Staff would like to draft Design Standards for the Commission to review in May the design standards will include:

- EV chargers in parking lot areas where ground is disturbed (20% of spots are EV/EV ready)
- Solar shade structures in expanded parking lot
- Solar lighting for basketball and pickleball courts instead of wired lighting
- Low-flow/water efficient fixtures in restroom
- LED motion-activated lighting in restroom
- Bicycle parking/bike racks
- Water bottle refill station (in addition to drinking fountain)
- Big Belly receptacles
- 2-bin (landfill and recycling) around park
- 3-bin (landfill, recycling, organics) around BBQ area

The Commission discussed the types of plants and trees that will be planted within the park. The Commission recommended that California native trees and plants be used in the new redesign of the park. It would be nice to have stations with information and history of the different trees, plants and flowers in the park. Also flower pollinating plants should be planted to attract butterflies.

## 6. CITY/STAFF UPDATES, INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Lotus Thai reported that Mayor Trout and Councilmember Franco are promoting a community clean up task force; the City Council has approved funds for the clean up events. The Commission would like to partner with the councilmembers to participate in the events.

The Office of Sustainability applied and received a Community Clean Up Grant in the amount of \$240,000. The Sustainability Office and Code Enforcement Department will partner with the OC Conservation Corps. participants to clean up illegal dumping in areas within Buena Park.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on May 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

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Elizabeth Genera, Recording Secretary

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Climate Action Commission Chair



Climate Action Commission Agenda Report

A. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PINCHOT POCKET PARK

Meeting	Agenda Group
Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 6:00 PM	NEW BUSINESS Item: 5A.
Prepared By	Department Head Approval
Lotus Thai, Sustainability Manager	Matt Foulkes, Director of Community & Economic Development
Presented By	
Matt Foulkes, Director of Community and Economic Development	

BACKGROUND

The Climate Action Commission has the following purpose and duties:

1. To advise the City Council on matters pertaining to reducing greenhouse gases from the city's municipal, residential, commercial and industrial sectors, and on adapting to climate change within the city's jurisdiction.
2. To advise and aid the City Council in meeting the city's commitment to climate action on:
  - a. Measures to advance energy efficiency, renewable energy, electrification of buildings and transportation, energy equity, energy security, and the rapid reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from city facilities and the community as a whole.
  - b. Threats posed by climate change to community infrastructure, health and well-being.
  - c. Environmental justice.
  - d. Sustainable policies and practices towards a zero -waste goal.
  - e. The sustainability of the natural environment of the city, taking into account the interrelationships among the air, water and land in their various uses.
  - f. Environmental issues impacting the health of citizens.








On March 10, 2026, City Council directed staff to bring the conceptual design of Pinchot Pocket Park to the Climate Action Commission for environmental review.

Attachments

- [Pocket Park - Conceptual Plan.pdf](#)
- [Pocket Park - Renderings.pdf](#)



**LEGEND:**

-  LARGE EVERGREEN TREE
-  FLOWERING PATIO TREE
-  EXISTING TREE TO REMAIN
-  NATURAL TURF
-  FLOWERING PLANTER AREA
-  CONCRETE PAVING (NATINA STAINED)
-  LIMIT OF WORK LINE



02/18/2026



CONCEPTUAL PLAN  
**DISTRICT 2 POCKET PARK**  
 CITY OF BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA

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Bioswale and Bridge



California Friendly Planting



Riverbed Paver



Park Signage



Bench



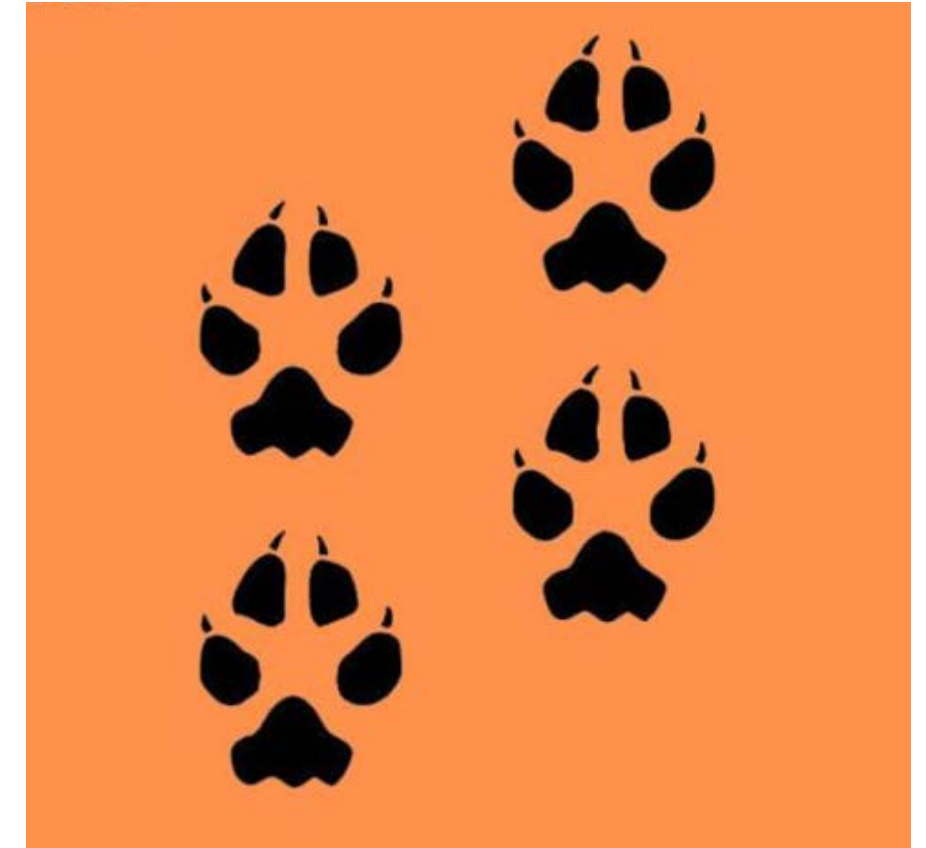
Coyote Statue



Educational Plaque



Little Library



Coyote Tracks



Picnic Table



Game Table



ARBUTUS UNEDO 'MARINA'  
MARINE STRAWBERRY TREE



LAGERSTROEMIA INDICA 'MUSKOGEE'  
MUSKOGEE CRAPE MYRTLE



ACMISPON GLABER  
DEERWEED



ADENOSTOMA FASCICULATUM 'NICOLAS'  
NICOLAS CHAMISE



ARTEMISIA 'DAVID'S CHOICE'  
DAVID'S CHOICE SAGEWORT



BACCHARIS PILULARIS 'PIGEON POINT'  
DWARF COYOTE BRUSH



CALYLOPHUS HARTWEGII  
SUNDROPS



COLLINSIA HETEROPHYLLA  
CHINESE HOUSES



ENCELIA CALIFORNICA  
BUSH SUNFLOWER



ERIOGONUM FASCICULATUM  
CALIFORNIA BUCKWHEAT



LUPINUS SUCCULENTUS  
ARROYO LUPINE



GALVESIA SPECIOSA BOCAROSA  
BOCAROSA ISLAND SNAPDRAGON



MUHLENBERGIA RIGENS  
DEER GRASS



RHAMNUS CALIFORNICA 'LEATHERLEAF'  
LEATHERLEAF COFFEEBERRY



TEUCRIUM FRUTICANS  
BUSH GERMANDER



SOLIDAGO VELUTINA 'CALIFORNICA'  
CALIFORNIA GOLDENROD

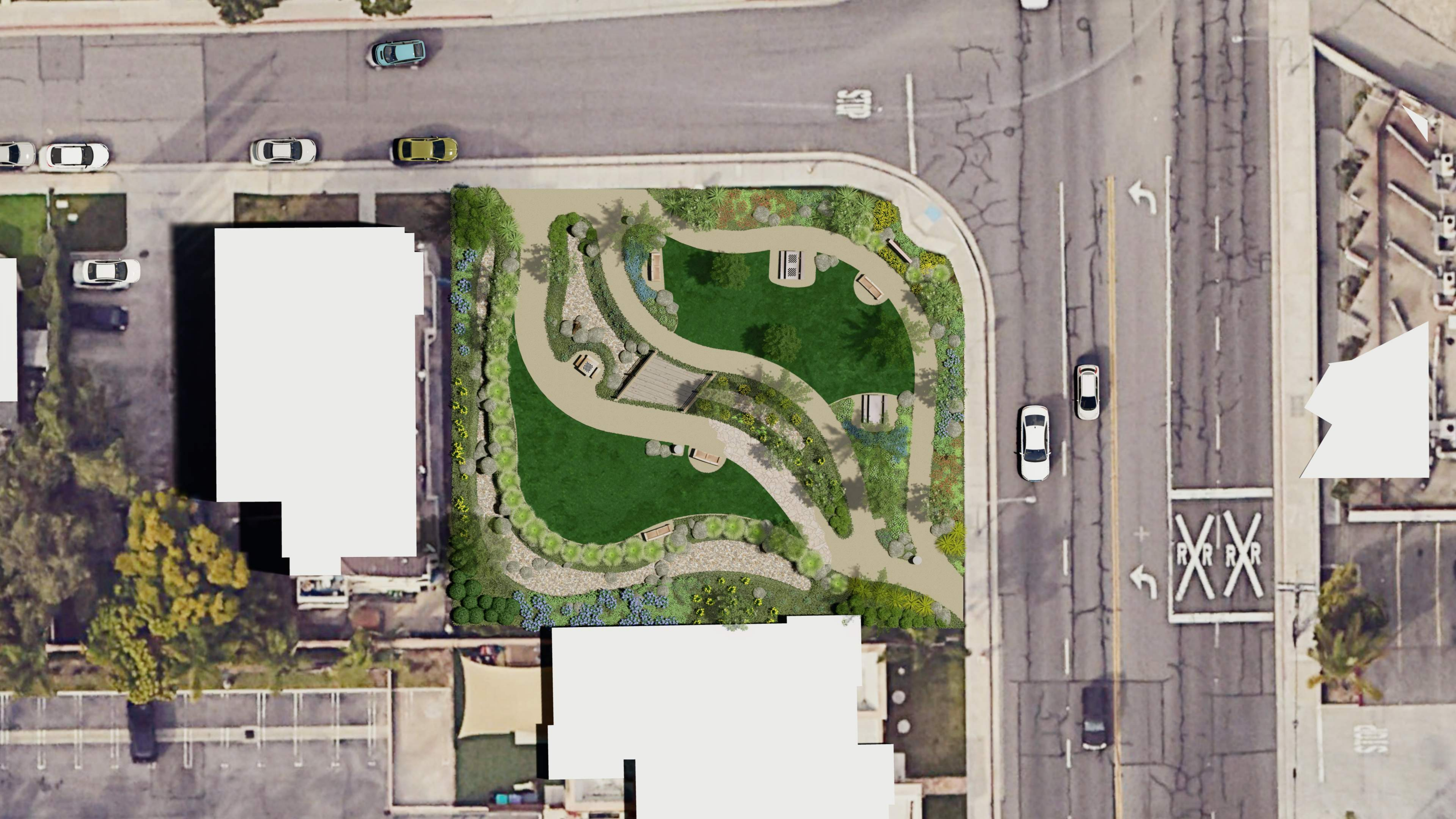


PENSTEMON HETEROPHYLLUS 'MARGARITA BOP'  
COAST PENSTEMON



LUPINUS ALBIFRONS  
LUPINE

● AVAILABLE FROM CITY PROVIDED PLANT LIST.





 DISTRICT 2  
Pocket Park



