

Resource Management Advisory Committee (RMAC)

Mission Statement

The mission of the Resource Management Advisory Committee is to evaluate potential options and provide recommendations to the Environmental Services Department and their consultant, on significant solid waste and source reduction policy issues affecting the City of San Diego.

Principles of Participation

Role of Committee Members

To accomplish the Committee's mission, it is important for committee members to have an understanding of relevant issues, opportunities, and constraints. Consequently, the role of the Committee member is to:

- Become familiar with current and projected solid waste and source reduction demands.
- Become familiar with current Environmental Services Department's (ESD) solid waste disposal, collection, and source reduction programs.
- Review, evaluate, screen and rank options to be considered in the City of San Diego Long Term Resource Management Plan. This review shall include, at a minimum, evaluating potential financial impacts, revenue sources, and environmental impacts or benefits related to each option.
- Evaluate options on how best to finance and implement the preferred options.
- Provide recommendations to ESD throughout the process of developing a Long Term Resource Management Strategic Plan.

Participation

Members of the RMAC are being sought based upon several qualities:

- Willingness to work cooperatively with other committee members;
- Ability to provide the perspective of a diverse range of interested stakeholders;

- Ability to listen courteously to other points of view; and
- Willingness to participate in a concentrated review process requiring attendance at scheduled meetings.

Discussion Process

RMAC members agree to abide by the following discussion process:

- All perspectives are valued.
- One person speaks at a time.
- The preferred deliberation process is collaborative problem solving.
- In cases of non-consensus, alternative perspectives will be documented.
- RMAC members treat each other with respect.
- A neutral third-party will facilitate the meetings.

Meeting Attendance

In order for the process to work effectively, full participation of representatives will be essential. RMAC members are asked to commit to attend meetings consistently. If a RMAC member becomes unavailable to attend a meeting, he or she may send an alternative to monitor that meeting. The alternate should be briefed by the Committee member regarding the status of prior discussions and decisions. Active participation by the alternate is permissible if the alternate does not impede the progress of the Committee.

Support

A neutral third-party facilitator, Mr. Lewis Michaelson, with Katz and Associates, will conduct all RMAC meetings. The role of the facilitator is to ensure all perspectives are heard through a collaborative discussion process. Meeting discussions may be audio taped to aid in the preparation of meeting summaries.

Meeting Agendas

ESD and the facilitator will be responsible for preparing the agendas in collaboration with the RMAC members. At the conclusion of each meeting, RMAC members will recommend items for inclusion in the next agenda and any action items requiring additional research.

Observers

Observers are welcome at RMAC meetings and meetings will be publicly noticed. However, meetings are intended for the benefit of Committee members to promote balanced, constructive interaction. Observers will be asked to refrain from commenting during the proceedings. There will be an opportunity for public comment at each meeting.

Media

Media present, if any, will be identified for the benefit of RMAC members. Members will be asked not to make public statements about the Committee's deliberations to the media that would tend to hamper constructive discussions.

Information Sharing

In order to ensure that all representatives have the same information available to them, all documents will be distributed through the established point of contact for the RMAC. RMAC members are asked to provide any materials seven (7) business days prior to the meeting, whenever possible, for distribution to RMAC members at least five (5) days before the next meeting.