



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
Environment Committee

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2023 Environment Committee Work Plan

February 9, 2023

The 2023 Work Plan will be posted online at <https://www.sandiego.gov/council-committees>. The Committee will continue to provide periodic updates to the work plan and per San Diego Municipal Code §22.0101, Rule 6.1.3, the Committee will produce a year-end report.

Questions related to this work plan or the Committee should be addressed to Brian Elliott, Committee Consultant, at belliott@sandiego.gov.

Meeting Dates

Note: Additional meetings may be added to the legislative calendar. The public will be notified in accordance with Brown Act noticing requirements should meetings be added. Bold text denotes evening meeting.

January 19, 2023 at 1:00pm

February 9, 2023 at 1:00pm

March 9, 2023 at 1:00pm

April 20, 2023 at 6:00pm

May 25, 2023 at 1:00pm

June 22, 2023 at 1:00pm

July 20, 2023 at 1:00pm

September 14, 2023 at 1:00pm

October 12, 2023 at 1:00pm

November 9, 2023 at 1:00pm

Core Principles

- Advance ambitious climate goals.
- Lead with equity.
- Acknowledge past harm and need for environmental justice.
- Ensure transparency and promote inclusion.
- Ensure high quality job standards while expanding a skilled and trained workforce for a green economy.
- Partner with government agencies and community organizations to improve strategies and leverage resources.

Foundational Goals

To be achieved in line with the Committee's core principles

- Implement the City's updated Climate Action Plan.
- Implement the City's Climate Resilient SD Plan.
- Incorporate climate action across all City departments and objectives.
- Ensure a sustainable San Diego for future generations and incorporate youth in the process.

Priority Issues

Note: The City’s Climate Equity Index will be applied to the below topics in line with the Core Principle to “lead with equity.” The Committee will review and update the Climate Equity Index as necessary.

Climate Action Plan	Plan Implementation	<p>Implement the City’s Climate Action Plan. This includes the CAP’s six strategies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Decarbonization of the Built Environment 2. Access to Clean & Renewable Energy 3. Mobility & Land Use 4. Circular Economy & Clean Communities 5. Resilient Infrastructure and Healthy Ecosystems 6. Emerging Climate Actions <p>Establish and monitor benchmarks toward achieving CAP goals.</p> <p>Monitor and capitalize on funding and grant opportunities.</p>
	Climate Advisory Board	<p>Receive annual update from the Climate Advisory Board. (Note: this new board is pending Council approval and board appointments.)</p>

Climate Resilient SD Plan	Plan Implementation	<p>Implement the City’s Climate Resilient SD Plan.</p>
	Resiliency Advisory Board	<p>Receive annual update from the Resiliency Advisory Board. (Note: this new board is pending Council approval and board appointments.)</p>

Energy/ Decarbonization	Building Electrification	Adopt building reach codes for all-electric appliances and infrastructure for new construction and a transition plan for existing buildings.
	San Diego Community Power	Update on progress towards renewable energy goals and development of the Community Power Plan.
	Municipal Energy Strategy	Monitor implementation of the Municipal Energy Strategy and expand renewable energy resources and battery storage on municipal facilities.
	Electric Vehicle Charging	Build out an electric vehicle charging network that increases citywide EV ownership, maximizes the use of publicly owned land, balances energy demand, and allows for charging when and where drivers need it; Amend the San Diego Municipal Code regarding hours of business operation in commercial-neighborhood zones to ensure operation of public electric vehicle charging stations.
	Small Engine Landscaping Equipment	Transition away from gas-powered small engine landscaping tools and replace with electric equipment, including pilot and trade-in programs.
	Public Power	Monitor the Public Power Feasibility Study and review development of a Public Power Task Force.
	Electric & Gas Franchise Agreements	Implement requirements of the electric and gas franchise agreements with San Diego Gas & Electric, including the Energy Cooperation Agreement, the Utility Undergrounding Program, and the Solar Equity Program; Receive update from the Franchise Compliance Review Committee; Monitor rate case filings and impacts to customer bills.

Water and Sustainability	Pure Water	Monitor Phase I construction and community outreach; and advance Phase II.
	Stormwater Infrastructure	Develop funding strategy to meet the needs of the City’s under-resourced stormwater system; Evaluate infrastructure options to conserve stormwater.
	Dam Infrastructure	Receive update on dam conditions and repairs; Work with Active Transportation & Infrastructure Committee on monitoring dam facilities.
	Water Conservation	Develop implementation plan for municipal and commercial onsite water reuse. Explore feasibility of expanded use of waterless toilets and urinals.
	Public Utilities Department	Update customer service and billing practices to ensure reliable and efficient operations; Review the Proposition 218 cost-of-service process for water.

Circular Economy	SB 1383	Monitor rollout of SB 1383 and organic recycling adoption by customers.
	Measure B	Review next steps following the passage of Measure B.
	Zero Waste Plan	Monitor the City’s Zero Waste Plan and update as necessary.
	Pollution Reduction	Monitor implementation and education of the City’s Polystyrene and Single Use Plastics Reduction Ordinance; Reduce tobacco waste; Upgrade waste policies and facilities to prevent pollution at beaches and watersheds.

Environmental Justice	Indigenous Inclusion	Work with Indigenous Communities to promote and preserve their heritage and contributions; support traditional ecological knowledge for managing climate resilience; review opportunities for renewable energy projects and partnerships.
	Equity	Utilize the Climate Equity Index; Monitor projects funded through the Climate Equity Fund; Consider revisions to climate policies to ensure equitable climate action and distribution of city resources.
	Cross Border	Monitor federal and local actions to eliminate cross border pollution in the Tijuana River Valley; Review Otay Mesa East Port of Entry development and associated air quality improvements.
	Food Justice	Evaluate the nexus of environmental justice and food justice; Explore opportunities to improve access to healthy foods; Pursue food resiliency.

Natural Resources	Trees	Expand the urban tree canopy by updating the City’s Five-Year Plan and Free Tree Program; Leverage funding of partner agencies/organizations.
	Wildfire Prevention and Brush Management	Review current practices and enhance fire prevention strategies.
	Open Space Preservation	Review annual report and performance audit of the Multiple Species Conservation Program; Conduct a Multiple Habitat Planning Area (MHPA) Needs Assessment; Initiate Trails Master Plan process; Review update on the San Diego River Park Master Plan and EIFD; Explore opportunities for increased management and protection of natural areas.
	Marine Protected Areas	Review policies to preserve and enhance Marine Protected Areas.
	Coastal Bluffs and Infrastructure	Review local coastal bluff erosion and resiliency implications.
	Expand Wetlands	Advance plans for the DeAnza Natural project; Monitor public and private preservation of wetlands.
	Wildlife Management	Balance safety, wild animal protection, and access in public lands.
	Biodiversity	Develop citywide, biodiversity policies that protect native species, preserve pollinators, and limit pesticide use.

Meeting Participation

Access

All City Council and committee meetings will be held in-person at Council Chambers and available to the public in-person or virtually via Zoom Webinar. Information for attending the meeting in-person, virtually or viewing the broadcast on CityTV can be found on the City Clerk's website and on each committee meeting agenda.

Non-agenda public comment

At each meeting, any member of the public can provide non-agenda public comment, which is held soon after the meeting begins. Non-agenda public comment is for offering remarks for any topic relevant to the Committee that is not being discussed as an agenda item. Speakers for non-agenda public comment will have 2 minutes to provide their remarks, although there will be no discussion among the committee members of the topics addressed during non-agenda public comment.

Public comment

Members of the public will have an opportunity to comment on each agenda item following staff presentations on the item. Depending on the number of speakers, each speaker will have 1-2 minutes to provide their remarks, which must be applicable to the item being heard. Following the conclusion of public comment, committee members will deliberate on the item. At the discretion of the chair, organized presentations can be arranged in advance. Instructions for providing public comment are included on the meeting agenda and are promulgated at the meeting.