

City of San Diego Climate Advisory Board

Date: October 1, 2024
Chair: Tanisha-Jean Martin

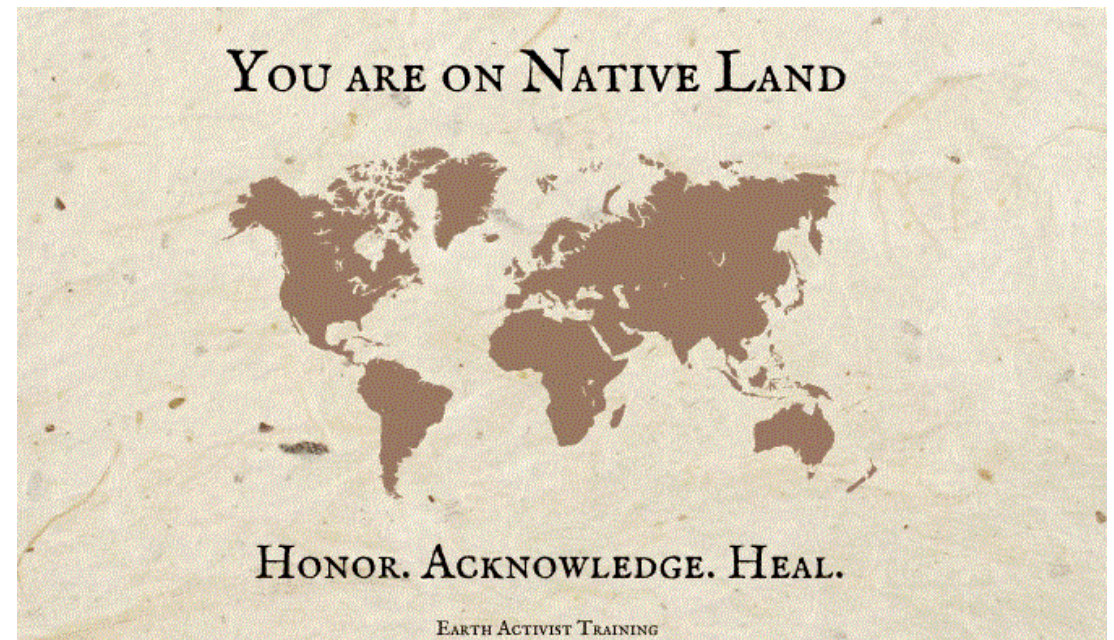
Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that the land on which the City of San Diego is built is the unceded territory of the Kumeyaay Nation. The Kumeyaay people have lived on and cared for this land for over 10,000 years, stewarding its natural resources and ecosystems in a reciprocal relationship with the environment.

We recognize the ongoing connection the Kumeyaay people have to this land, the waters, and all living things, and we honor their traditional ecological knowledge, which has long sustained the balance of this region.

The Kumeyaay people have demonstrated resilience and adaptability in the face of colonization, land loss, and environmental change. Today, the urgency of climate action compels us to confront these environmental crises with the same dedication to stewardship that has sustained this land for millennia.

In this acknowledgment, we express our gratitude for the opportunity to live and work on this land and recognize the importance of immediate and bold actions to protect the environment, honor the history of this land, and ensure a sustainable future for all.



Item 2: Adoption/Modification of
Agenda

Item 3: Approval of Minutes

Item 4: Announcements



Climate Equity Working Group meeting 9/18/2024

- Recording:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1srsYDZ4UkrFa7GCTGG0opgHSBW3f0UOD/view?usp=sharing>

- Rain Barrel Distribution Events (1:14-5:50)
 - Reach Code Overview (6:00-24:15)
 - Building Decarbonization Roadmap Outreach and Engagement Announcement (24:20-33:50)
 - Around the Room (33:55-44:05)
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2023 Climate Action Plan Annual Report and GHG Inventory

Available for download now

- On the City's website: <https://www.sandiego.gov/sustainability-mobility/climate-action/cap> (go to the Climate Action Plan Annual Reports section)
 - On the CAP dashboard: <https://climatedashboard.sandiego.gov> (go to Reports → CAP Annual Reports on the top menu bar)
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Announcements (cont.)

- Update on expired CAB seats: members in currently expired seats have been re-nominated by the Mayor. Formal approval by Council is expected in October.
 - Other Staff announcements
 - Board Member announcements
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Item 5: Non-Agenda Public Comment

Instructions for the public:

- Raise your hand by either:
 - tapping the “Raise Your Hand” button on your computer, tablet, or Smartphone, or
 - dialing *9 on your phone.
- You will be taken in the order in which you raised your hand.
- When the Chair indicates it is your turn to speak, either:
 - click the unmute prompt that will appear on your computer, tablet or Smartphone, or
 - dial *6 on your phone.
- There is a 2-minute limit per commenter

Item 6: Climate Advisory Board Vacancies

Item 7: Reach Code Support Letter

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Subject: **Strong Support for High Performance Reach Code**

As Chair of the City of San Diego [Climate Advisory Board](#) (CAB), I am writing on behalf of the CAB to express our strong support for the upcoming High Performance Reach Code. Passing this ordinance will demonstrate the City's leadership in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving resident health and economic well-being.

Background

San Diego's landmark 2022 [Climate Action Plan](#) (CAP) includes Measure 1.2: Decarbonize New Building Development, which targets an "All-electric reach code starting 2023 at new residential and commercial development".

After extensive stakeholder engagement, the City published a [Discussion Draft](#) of its proposed Reach Code in April 2023. This was put on hold due to a Ninth Circuit decision in *CRA v. Berkeley* regarding all-electric Reach Codes. The legal proceeding was settled in early 2024 clarifying that Reach Codes can incentivize, but not require, all electric new construction when cost effective.

Following this guidance, a number of municipalities have since adopted a High Performance Reach Code. This cost-effective approach applies to all-electric and mixed-fuel buildings alike. It encourages electrification AND provides grid/emissions benefits in projects with gas appliances. Locally in May 2024, [Encinitas](#) adopted a High Performance Reach Code.

Every 3 years, the state of California updates its Building Codes. Passing a Reach Code now will have immediate impacts and will be straightforward to update to align with the upcoming Building Code cycle which will take effect in 2026.

Recommendation

In closing, we urge you to expeditiously move forward with a High Performance Reach Code.

Respectfully submitted,
Tanisha-Jean Martin, Chair
City of San Diego Climate Advisory Board

Item 8: Climate Advisory Board Workplan

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Workplan Committee Organization

Intent of the CAB Workplan:

The Climate Advisory Board (CAB) 2024-2025 Work Plan is intended to guide the priorities and activities of the Board in accordance with the Board's purpose and intent to 'serve as an advisory body to the Mayor and the City Council on policies and issues related to climate, environment, environmental justice, energy justice, climate equity, sustainability, and energy policy for the City of San Diego and to assist the City in implementing the Climate Action Plan and attaining the City's stated goals in these areas.'

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Workplan Committee Organization

S1-2

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Access to Clean & Renewable Energy

Members:

- Kelly Lyndon
- Whitney
- Josh
- Cristina
- Alexa

S3

Mobility & Land Use

Members:

- JD
- Madi
- Amy
- Cindy

S6

Emerging Climate Actions

Members:

- Jason
- Tanisha-Jean
- Mahayla
- Kelly M

Recommend skipping S4 (waste) and S5 (trees, water) for now, as these have smaller GHG reductions, and CFAB covers trees.

Chair is ex-officio member of all Committees.

Additional board members may request to attend as long as stay below quorum (≤ 7)

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CAB Strategy Workplans should aim to achieve the following goals:

1. Gather

Gather information and resources needed to education the Climate Advisory Board and inform the Board's recommendations to City Staff and the Mayor's office regarding CAP Implementation.

2. Engage

Engage with the community, City Staff, other City Advisory Boards and City Departments in an effort to gather information on concurrent efforts and inform the Board's priorities for the year

3. Identify

Identify any potential gaps or areas within the CAP Implementation Plan where the Board may make recommendations to City Staff to help improve or expedite results

4. Advise

Advise the rest of the Climate Advisory Board and City Staff on matters pertaining to each CAP Strategy

Note: Not asking you to do this yet, these are activities you can recommend in the workplan

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Workplan Committees should consider what is timely for City/CAP activities, as well as brainstorming beyond the current CAP and assigned strategy.

Workplan Committees deliverable for **December** CAB meeting

- Suggest priority topics with actions, timeline
- Examples:

Priority: Evaluate a parking tax

- Actions:
 - Create an adhoc committee
 - Gather information from other cities
 - Engage with city staff on feasibility
 - Provide a presentation to board with recs
 - Consider a board letter/resolution
- Timeline
 - Target board preso Summer 2025

Priority: Feedback on 2023 Annual CAP Report

- Actions
 - Create an adhoc committee
 - Review report and gather information from staff
 - Gather feedback from other related boards
 - Provide a presentation to board with recs
 - Consider a board letter/resolution
- Timeline
 - Board Preso Q1 2025

Priority: Reach Code Recommendation

- Actions
 - Provide background preso to Board
 - Consider a board letter/resolution
- Timeline
 - October 2024

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Workplan Committee Organization

Action: Move to form the following ad hoc committees

- S1-S2 Ad hoc Workplan Committee
 - Chair: <name>, Members: Kelly L, Whitney, Josh, Cristina, Alexa
- S3 Ad hoc Workplan Committee
 - Chair: <name>, Members: JD, Madi, Amy, Cindy
- S6 Ad hoc Workplan Committee
 - Chair: <name>, Members: Jason, Tanisha-Jean, Mahala, Kelly M

Item 9: Coordination with Related Boards & Commissions

Question: Do any CAB members regularly attend any other board/commission meetings?

Some Relevant Boards and Commissions*

Board	Meeting Time	Location	Meeting Type	Recording Available?
Community Forest Advisory Board (CFAB)	2 nd Wed 10:00 am	Valencia Park/Malcom X Branch Library	Hybrid	No
Mobility Board	1 st Wed 4:00 pm	Civic Center Plaza 1200 3 rd Ave 4 th Floor Conference Rm	Hybrid	No
Resiliency Advisory Board	Next meeting: Thu Oct 17 1:00 pm	Civic Center Plaza 1200 3 rd Ave 4 th Floor Conference Rm	Hybrid	TBD
Planning Commission	Thursdays 9:00 am	City Council Chambers City Administration Bldg 12 th Floor	Hybrid	Yes

* For a complete list visit: <https://www.sandiego.gov/boards-and-commissions>

Item 10: Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings