



**Resiliency Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 1:00-3:00 pm**

**Location:** Civic Center Plaza, 1200 3rd Ave, 4th Floor, San Diego, CA 92101

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Chair: Cynthia Rose Harris | Vice Chair: Eric Lardy | Secretary: Jamie Garrett

**Seated Board members:** Ian Clampett, Cynthia Rose Harris, Erika Morgan, Stan Williams, Eric Lardy, A-bel Yee Gong, Jamie Garrett, Andrew Meyer

**Staff Liaison:** Julia Chase, Chief Resilience Officer, City Planning Department

**KEY**

Notes for inclusion in 2025 RAB Annual Report

**Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call (1:02 pm)**

Board Member	Attendance
Ian Clampett	Present
Cynthia Rose Harris	Absent
Erika Morgan	Present
Stan Williams	Present
Eric Lardy	Present
A-bel Gong	Present
Jamie Garrett	Present
Andrew Meyer	Present

**Item 2: Land Acknowledgement**

**Item 3: Adoption/Modification of Agenda Order**

None

**Item 4: Announcements and Board Member Comments**

Staff Liaison: Mission Bay Park Master Plan – Technical Analysis found to be incomplete and was “non-filed”. City is remedying this. Late spring will present an update.

**Item 5: Approval of Minutes**

April 17, 2025

Motion to Approve by Board Member Meyer

Second: Board Member Morgan

Passes Unanimously

**Item 6: Non-Agenda Public Comment**

None

**Item 7: Unfinished Business**

**Resilience Topic: [Presentation](#) on the SoCal Heat Hub and extreme heat research by Maren Hale**

Led by UCSD Scripps Institute, Funded by NSF's Coastlines and People Program (Through 2027)

- Extreme land heat trends
  - Proximity to water and the shade via plants it brings keep ground cooler
  - Parks are cooler/ open land is cooler
  - Highways, airbases, industrial areas, airports are hottest
  - Industrial areas are higher heat
- Extreme heat is unevenly distributed across a big city.
- How do patterns affect people?
- Theme 1: Atmosphere – Land – Ocean Dynamics
  - Uses observational and modeling studies- ocean, clouds, atmospheric circulation
- Theme 2: Public health, epidemiology, environmental justice
- Theme 3: Ecohydrology and Sustainable Greening
- Theme 4: Community Engagement (led by SD Regional Climate Collaborative)
  - Connecting with local governments to plan for extreme heat
- Theme 5: Education to broaden participation
  - Developing education activities and looking to broader participation of underrepresented students. Use phenomenon of extreme heat to educate about broader climate change.
  - Cooler Communities Curriculum: How do humans impact land around them
- Coordination is in progress with City of SD
- Heat maps will be produced with new grant money to compare over time
- Important to consider policies within City such as water use policies (we are very water constrained) and Street Trees/Sidewalk policy. Who maintains trees on sidewalk?
- Hub will keep RAB updated on events and progress in case there is anything we can share to aid in the engagement and education efforts.

**Item 8: Action Items**

**Selection of focus area for Priority Goal #2 on Community Wildfire Resilience. Select topic or topics for fact finding and presentations.**

- Board Member Lardy proposed the RAB hold off on selecting focus until after the Parks and Recreation presentation on the City's Natural Resource Management Plans at the June meeting.
- Board Member Williams suggested the RAB align City initiatives with State requirements. He emphasized a need to better communicate to City residents through a user-friendly and accessible platform that consolidates these efforts and progress made on implementing them. Many of these City resources are buried inside of and across multiple documents, etc. **Make it easy for people to find what they're looking for such as mapping zones and other resources and requirements related to State requirements.**
  - Board Member Lardy suggests we make recommendations to City departments.
  - Staff liaison agrees this is best course of action.
- Board Member Lardy **suggested City staff present to the RAB an update on brush management.**
- Board Member Meyer agreed finding ways to make information more accessible is important.
- Board Member Morgan agreed and noted this can be part of end of year recommendation/report

Motion by Board Member Lardy to ask Board Member Morgan to invite a speaker to June meeting to speak on Green Building Codes, as it relates to wildfires

Second: Board Member Williams

Passes Unanimously

Board meeting minutes will include **yellow highlights to indicate ideas for annual report.**

Board Member Garrett: We can ask presenters moving forward if there is any resource or initiative, they'd like to make more prominently accessible to public and recommend for City Staff to consider highlighting on website.

**Item 9: Information Items (1:56)**

**a) Presentations on Climate Action Plan, Strategy 5 by Andrew Martin, Climate Action Program Manager, City Planning Department**

- Overlap between CAP (Mitigation) and Climate Resilient SD Plan (Adaptation)
- CAP goal- Net Zero by 2035, with co-benefit approach
  - Strategy 1: decarbonization of built environments
  - Strategy 2: access to clean and renewable energy
  - Strategy 3: mobility and land use
  - Strategy 4: circular economy and clean communities
  - Strategy 5: resiliency infrastructure and healthy ecosystems
  - Strategy 6: emerging climate actions

- Strategy 5 implementation:
  - Restore Natural Lands
    - Sequestration
  - Plant More Trees
    - Tree Canopy
  - Local Water Supply
- Website to track progress ([Dashboard](#))
- Next CAP update: 2027
- Annual report is published- will be shared with RAB

#### **Item 10: Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

- Board Member Morgan: Grid Resilience (October 2025) and Energy Storage (Early 2026). Pair with City's microgrid information item.
- Motion by Board Member Lardy for Food Systems Alliance to join June meeting  
Second: Board Member Williams  
Passes Unanimously
- Staff Liaison suggests Urban Forestry and Natural Resources Master Plans for future meetings. Discuss how this relates back to Tree Canopy CAP Strategy
- July- initial discussions on annual report.
- Motion by Board Member Meyers to approve recommendations from Staff Liaison that the June meeting include a presentation on the City's Urban Forestry or Natural Resources Master Plans, pending staff availability  
Second: Board Member Clampett  
Passes Unanimously
- Motion by Board Member Gong to include an agenda item in July to have initial discussions on RAB Annual Report  
Second: Board Member Lardy  
Passes Unanimously

#### **Item 11: Adjournment**