

City of San Diego Climate Advisory Board

Date: July 1, 2025

Chair: Tanisha-Jean Martin

Vice-Chair: Kelly Lyndon

Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call

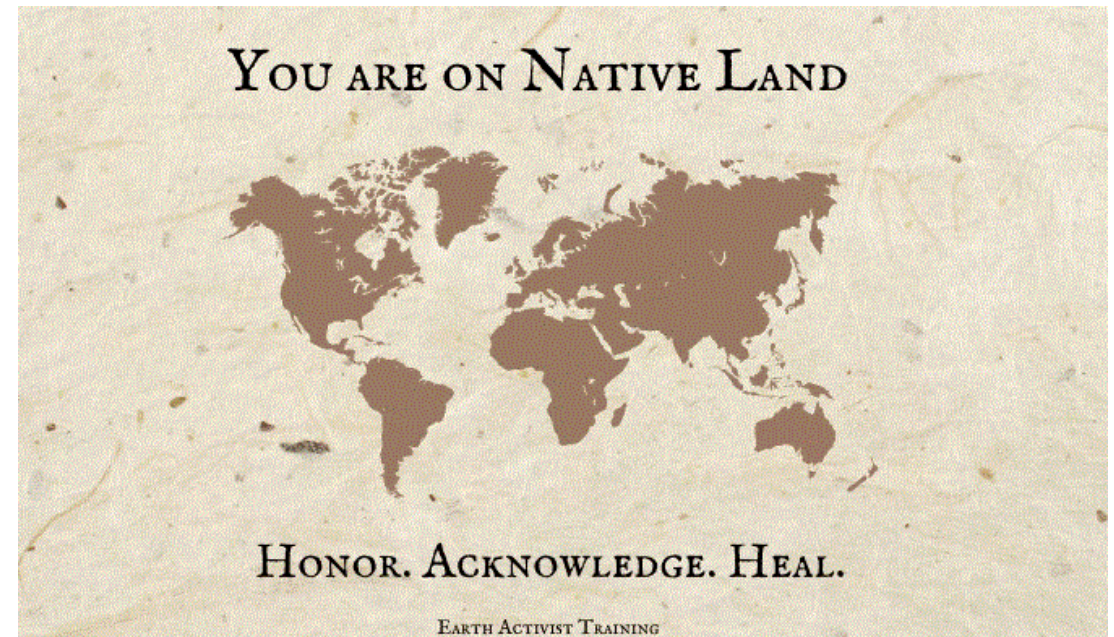
Item 2: Land Acknowledgment

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 and 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 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 3: Adoption/Modification of
Agenda Order

Item 4: Approval of Minutes

Item 5: Announcements

Item 6: 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 two-minute limit per comment

**Item 7: Board Recommendations
on Climate Advisory Board
D8 & D9 Vacancies**

Item 8: Board Recommendations on Climate Action Plan Information Request

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RE: City of San Diego Climate Action Plan Request for Information

Dear Shelby Buso (Chief Sustainability Officer) and Andrew Martin (Climate Action Program Manager),

In alignment with the City of San Diego Climate Advisory Board's role to support the City in 'implementing the Climate Action Plan and attaining the City's stated goals in these areas', the Board respectfully requests that you provide relevant information and be prepared to address questions regarding the City's obligations and progress related to the Climate Action Plan at the upcoming Climate Advisory Board meeting scheduled for August 2025.

The Board would like to hear an update from you on the following topics:

Reporting and Implementation

1. Is the intent that the City will utilize the CAP Dashboard as a replacement moving forward for the CAP Implementation Plan?
 - a. Is there any information pertaining to the City's efforts and the tracking of the CAP Implementation that can be found in places other than the Dashboard?
 - b. The CAP Implementation Plan included resource/funding needs for each action, where is the current status on this provided?
 - c. Does the City intend to update the 2023 CAP Implementation Plan? When?
2. Is the City planning to provide 2024 GHG inventory by Spring 2025?
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 - a. How is this impacted by the recent CAP Admin Regulation that requires data for the CAP Report from CAP implementing departments by the 3rd quarter of the calendar year for analysis of the preceding year?
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Impact of Proposed FY26 Budget Reductions

The 4/29/25 IBA Report 25-11 "IBA Review and Analysis of the Mayor's FY 2026 Proposed Budget" included the following information:

If transfers had not been made, the General Fund Proposed Budget for the Sustainability and Mobility Department would have been \$6.3 million, which is a decrease of \$1.5 million (19.4%) from the FY 2025 Adopted Budget. 8.59 FTEs were eliminated, and the remaining 26.00 FTEs are transferred to various departments, as summarized in the table on the previous page.

Significant Budget Reductions

Discussion of the various budget reductions can be found in the appropriate *Department Review* section. Reductions include:

City Planning:

- (\$562,000) – Mobility Programs
- (\$362,567, 2.00 FTEs) – CAP Positions
- (\$112,000) – Building Decarbonization Planning

Engineering & Capital Projects:

- (\$205,000, 1.00 FTE) – ADA Position

Transportation:

- (\$170,000, 1.00 FTE) – Parking District Position

General Services:

- (\$140,000, 1.00 FTE) – ZEV Projects Position
- (\$50,000) – ZEV Planning

Significant Budget Reductions

(\$562,000) – Mobility Programs

This reduction removes consultant funding for mobility planning efforts and programs. In particular, this reduction will slow implementation of the Mobility Master Plan unless additional funding can be procured.

(\$363,000, 2.00 FTEs) – Climate Action Plan (CAP) Positions

This reduction includes a reduction of a Community Development Specialist 4 (CDS 4) and the Program Manager for Decarbonization. The CDS 4 work will be distributed to existing staff as this position primarily oversaw implementation of the Climate Equity Fund and establishment of the Climate Advisory Board. The Program Manager would have overseen the Decarbonization program as a whole, but this work will also be absorbed by existing staff.

(\$112,000) – Building Decarbonization

This reduction removes consulting support for the City's ongoing building decarbonization programs, including support for the development of Building Performance Standards and other policies. Funding for this program moving forward will require successful grant applications and revenue. Of note, decarbonization of existing buildings had the largest Greenhouse Gas Reduction impact in the latest Climate Action Plan, and work on this effort scored highly through [Council Policy 900-22](#).

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5. Will the CAP Implementation Plan be updated in 2025 to account for these reductions to ensure progress towards the 2030 CAP goals?

CAP update status

6. Is the City planning to do a 2027 CAP update?
 - a. Why is it being updated in that timeframe?
 - b. How is this different than updating the CAP Implementation Plan based on progress towards the 2022 CAP each year?
7. What resources are needed for the update?
8. What would be the impact of delaying the update by 1 year so that those resources can be allocated towards implementation of the current CAP?
9. How will you determine whether to change the city's current 2035 net-zero target date?
10. How will you determine whether to include the equivalent of Strategy 6, which prioritizes focusing on known solutions and allows residual emissions to be addressed in the future?

We look forward to supporting the City in achieving its Climate Action Plan goals by having access to this key information needed to track progress.

Written on behalf of the Climate Advisory Board and the Committee on CAP Reporting, Implementation and Budgets

Item 9: Board Recommendations
on Senate Bill 1221
Neighborhood Decarbonization
Pilots

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Mayor Todd Gloria

Council Member Sean Elo-Rivera, Chair Environment Committee

Council President Joe LaCava, member Environment Committee

Subject: **Recommendation to Support SB 1221 Neighborhood Decarbonization Pilots**

In alignment with the City of San Diego Climate Advisory Board's role to support the City in 'implementing the Climate Action Plan and attaining the City's stated goals in these areas', the Board respectfully requests that the City of San Diego support [SB 1221 Neighborhood Decarbonization Pilots](#) in the City of San Diego.

As we learned in our March 2025 Board meeting in a presentation from one of the bill's co-sponsors, this bill enables the CPUC to approve 30 voluntary pilot projects that redirect utility funds from gas pipeline replacements toward cost-effective neighborhood decarbonization projects.

SB 1221 is an amazing opportunity to advance the city's existing building decarbonization goals, without cost impacts to the city, and will create healthier and safer neighborhoods.

The CPUC has [announced](#) a Public Participation Hearing on **August 7, 2025**, to provide comments on the designation of priority neighborhood decarbonization zones throughout the state. One of the primary criteria for designating these zones is "Availability of supportive local government". We recommend that the city indicate its support for pilot sites located within the city of San Diego by **sending in written comments to the CPUC** prior to the deadline.

Following this, we recommend that you align with SDGE to submit at least 5 pilot sites located within the city of San Diego for the SB 1221 program (with at least two in flood zone areas impacted by heavy storms last year), implemented utilizing a skilled and trained local workforce.

Thank you for your consideration.

Item 10: Board Recommendations
on Assembly Bill 306
Building Codes

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RE: Assembly Bill 306: Building Codes – OPPOSE

Dear Mayor Gloria & Council President La Cava,

In alignment with the City of San Diego Climate Advisory Board's role to support the City in 'implementing the Climate Action Plan and attaining the City's stated goals in these areas', the Board respectfully requests that the City of San Diego oppose [Assembly Bill 306](#).

This bill would impose a moratorium on all new state and local building codes for residential buildings from 2025 - 2031. This bill, as drafted, would effectively prohibit cities and counties from adopting any local reach codes that impact residential buildings over the next 6 years, in addition to pausing updates to state code.

While the stated objective of AB 306 is to increase the supply of housing, this bill freezes updates to building codes for alterations of existing housing. These provisions are critical intervention points for local governments to increase efficiency in existing homes to reduce energy bills and improve climate resilience.

Local reach codes are one of our most essential tools for serving regional climate and housing needs. AB 306 would stall these time sensitive efforts to address the climate and biodiversity crises with the urgency that they demand and deserve.

Curtailing the state's ability to update codes in general, and eliminating local codes advancing safety, permit streamlining, and sustainability, will negatively impact our City.

We respectfully request that the City of San Diego send a letter (or sign on to one of the letters written by others) to key state legislators indicating their opposition to this bill.

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Item 11: Proposed Agenda Items
for Future Meetings

Item 12: Adjournment