



Climate Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 12, 2025
12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Civic Center Plaza Building
4th Floor Conference Room
1200 Third Avenue
San Diego, CA 92101

Zoom: <https://sandiego.zoomgov.com/j/1616242314>

Board Members: Cindy Lin (D1), Josh Dean (D2), Mahayla Slackerelli (D3), Madison Swayne (D4), Alexa Marie Kerr (D5), Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair, D6), Whitney Pearce (D7), Jason Anderson (Mayoral), JD Weidman (Mayoral), Kelly Mills (Mayoral), Amy Ly (Mayoral), Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair, Mayoral), Cristina Marquez (Mayoral),

Staff Liaison: Andrew Martin, Climate Action Program Manager, City Planning Department

Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call (12:06 p.m.)

Board Member	Seat	Attendance
Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair)	Mayoral	Present
Kelly Lyndon (Vice Chair)	D6	Present
Cristina Marquez	Mayoral	Present
Amy Ly	Mayoral	Present
Kelly Mills	Mayoral	Present
JD Weidman	Mayoral	Present
Jason Anderson	Mayoral	Remote via Zoom, just cause not provided*
Cindy Lin	D1	Present (Remote via Zoom)
Josh Dean	D2	Present (Arrived at 12:12 p.m.)
Mahayla Slackerelli	D3	Present (Departed at 1:20 p.m.)
Madison Swayne	D4	Present (Remote via Zoom)
Alexa Marie Kerr	D5	Present
Whitney Pearce	D7	Present
Vacant	D8	X
Vacant	D9	X

*Not counted for quorum

Item 2: Land Acknowledgement

Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) read the Land Acknowledgement.

Item 3: Adoption/Modification of Agenda Order (Action)

Mahayla Slackerelli (member) moved to adopt the agenda without modification, seconded by Christina Marquez (member); motion passed unanimously.

Item 4: Approval of Minutes (Action)

Kelly Lyndon (Vice-Chair) moved to approve the minutes for the March 4, 2025, and July 1, 2025, meetings, seconded by Mahayla Slackerelli (member); motion passed unanimously.

Item 5: Announcements (Information)**Staff:**

Andrew Martin (Staff Liaison) announced that the fiscal year 2026 work program for the City Planning Department was recently published and includes several items that may be of interest to the Climate Advisory Board:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/work/working-on>. He also noted that seven seats expired on August 1st and reappointment interest memos were circulated to confirm member intent to continue to serve. Those memos will be circulated in Council and Mayoral offices. Members can continue to serve until the seats are reappointed.

Board Members:

- Mahayla Slackerelli (member) inquired about the Board's previously drafted letter to the City regarding Climate Advisory Board vacancies. Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) advised that there are no updates at this time.
- Kelly Lyndon (Vice-Chair) stated that the Board's letter regarding SB1221, Affordable Energy Transition and Workforce Protection Act was approved last month by the Board and that the City also sent a letter in support to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).
- Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) acknowledged that this will be Alexa Marie Kerr's (member) last meeting with the Climate Advisory Board.

Item 6: Non-Agenda Public Comment

Katrina Oprisko (member of the public) spoke about San Diego Climate Week (October 1 through October 8, 2025). <https://sdclimateweek.com/>. The first event is on Clean Air Day, October 1, and includes a group bike ride from Bird Park in North Park to Balboa Park's Mingei International Museum. A clean water event will be held at the Tijuana River Estuary on 10/3. A land-themed event will be on 10/4 in east county with Native American involvement at the water conservation garden. The closing event will be on 10/5 in North County to promote sustainable businesses. Organizers of additional events are welcome to sign up through the website.

Cindy Lin (member) added that she has been working with San Diego Climate Week organizers and asked that board members circulate information to their respective organizations. Christina Marquez (member) added that International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) 569 may be able to host an event and asked if others

would be interested in collaborating. A discussion followed regarding formation of an ad hoc committee to plan such an event. Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) created an ad hoc committee to look into hosting an event during San Diego Climate Week, with Cristina Marquez (member) as Committee Chair, and Mahayla Slackerelli (member), Whitney Pearce (member) and JD Weidman (member) as members.

Item 7: Climate Action Plan Information Request (Discussion, Possible Action)

Whitney Pearce (member) posed questions to staff on behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee to Advise on CAP Reporting, Implementation, and Budgets. The following topics were covered during a discussion among staff and the Board:

- The complementary relationship of the Climate Action Implementation Plan and Climate Action Plan Dashboard
- The inclusion of high-level cost estimates for Climate Action Plan actions covering for fiscal years 2024-2028 in the Climate Action Implementation Plan
- Performance indicators related to enhanced green building requirements for new construction that exceed requirements of the State code (i.e., a local reach code), if such requirements are adopted
- The effect of California Assembly Bill (AB) 130 (2025) on the implementation of actions under Climate Action Plan Strategy 1, Decarbonization of the Built Environment
- The City's annual greenhouse gas emissions inventory for 2023, published in June 2025, is based on the latest available needed to complete an updated inventory for the city
- The timing of publication of the City's annual greenhouse gas emissions inventory for 2023 is comparable to that of other large cities in California, including Los Angeles, San Jose, San Francisco, and Long Beach
- A reduction in the City's Fiscal Year 2026 adopted budget regarding building decarbonization planning and current City efforts related to Strategy 1 of the Climate Action Plan regarding decarbonization of the built environment.
- Resources available for an update of the Climate Action Plan, including San Diego Association of Governments grant the City applied for earlier this year
- Questions about specific details of the Climate Action Plan update, which will be determined during the public planning process over the next approximately two years

Kelly Lyndon (Vice-Chair) commented that it could be useful if certain indicators informing annual greenhouse gas emissions inventories were posted to the Climate Action Plan Dashboard as they become available and before the publication of the annual greenhouse gas emissions inventories. Alexa Marie Kerr (member) commented that data lags related to greenhouse gas emissions inventories are not uncommon.

**Item 8: City of San Diego Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions, 2019–2023
(Information)**

Presented by Andrew Martin (Staff Liaison)

Kelly Lyndon (Vice-Chair) inquired about reasons for emissions increases. Andrew Martin (Staff Liaison) responded that annual emissions levels decreased by 19 percent from 2019 to 2023 but increased by two percent from 2022 to 2023. Reasons for the increase from 2022–2023 include a three percent increase in vehicle miles traveled, three percent increase in natural gas use, and a six percent increase in emissions from grid-supplied electricity (due to decrease in grid-supplied electricity generated from renewable sources). In response to other Board member questions and comments, there was discussion of the many factors that impact greenhouse gas emissions levels in addition to the Climate Action Plan, the City's tracking of performance indicators on the Climate Action Plan dashboard to monitor the impact of the Climate Action Plan, accounting of natural gas used for cogeneration and electricity in the emissions inventory, and the role of the Metropolitan Transit System among others in meeting goals to increase use of public transit.

Item 9: CicloSDias Pilot Program (Information)

Presented by Joe Whitaker (staff)

In response to questions from Board members, there was discussion of the CicloSDias toolkit, which is intended as a stand-alone document addressing how interested parties can plan and conduct an open street event in the city, and the importance of providing funding to community-based organizations that are asked to partner in events such as the open-street events being planned under the CicloSDias Pilot Program.

Item 10: Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings

None

Item 11: Adjournment (1:37 p.m.)