

City of San Diego
RESILIENCY ADVISORY BOARD



2026 Annual Work Plan

[Date of Adoption]

Overview

The 2026 Resiliency Advisory Board Work Plan (Work Plan) establishes a program for the Resiliency Advisory Board to carry out its duties and functions during calendar year 2026. The Work Plan focuses the Board's efforts on its primary mandate, to advise the Mayor and City Council on climate resilience and biodiversity matters associated with various City plans, policies, regulations and initiatives, and two Priority Goals identified by the Board as being particularly important and timely

Duties and Functions

The Resiliency Advisory Board (RAB) was established in 2023 to advise the Mayor and the Council and assist the City of San Diego (City) in attaining its goals in natural resource conservation, climate resiliency and adaptation, wetlands, habitat preservation, biodiversity, and the Climate Resilient SD Plan. Section 26.1003 of the San Diego Municipal Code specifies the duties and functions of the Board as follows:

- Advise the Mayor, City Council and relevant City departments on resiliency-related policies, including the City's Climate Resilient SD Plan, as amended from time to time, Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP), Biodiverse SD, Climate Action Plan Strategy 5 Resilient Infrastructure and Healthy Ecosystems, and other conservation and open space programs.
- Advise the Mayor, City Council and relevant City departments on issues related to climate mitigation and adaptation, natural space restoration, biodiversity, and conservation as they relate to the purposes of the Board, and on the best approaches for implementing the City's resiliency, biodiversity, and other related goals.
- Develop recommendations on how the City can engage residents, communities, and non-governmental organizations to guide the implementation of the Climate Resilient SD Plan and other relevant plans or strategies, including providing input on plans, measures, budget priorities, and other community engagement initiatives.
- Engage with regional businesses, political leaders, and public interest groups in the areas of resiliency, climate, conservation, biodiversity, environmental justice, and wetlands, and hold public forums for such input.
- Coordinate with other City advisory boards and City departments, such as the Community Forest Advisory Board, Planning Commission, the Climate Advisory Board, and Open Space Community Advisory Committee as needed and as it relates to the purposes of the Board.

- Provide periodic reports to the Environment Committee and make recommendations for the City to engage in regional resiliency and biodiversity issues at the state and federal levels, including securing state and federal funding for resiliency-related issues.

2026 Goals

Priority Goal 1: Stormwater management and response

Unprecedented flooding in January 2024 disproportionately impacted residents in southeastern San Diego, causing devastating damage and underscoring the need for infrastructure and communities to be planned for more intense weather events that are exacerbated by climate change. The City of San Diego Stormwater Department consistently has insufficient funding to meet current and future needs and cannot accomplish the projects it has prioritized. Poorly functioning stormwater infrastructure results in human health impacts, water quality degradation, cumulative and complex ecological impacts and all these are environmental justice issues felt differently by communities throughout the City. The RAB will invite presentations and discussions on this subject, including: regional predictions for climate-driven storm events; a review of City's response to 2024 floods and more recent storm events; Stormwater Department operations and financing, community and industry readiness, impacts on human populations and ecosystems, funding opportunities, and best practices and comparable municipalities' approaches.

The Board will hold at least two meetings in Southeastern communities to hear and receive feedback from residents and business owners. Its Annual Report will feature a set of pragmatic recommendations.

Priority Goal 2: Improve Board process and accountability

The Board's role advising City leadership on resiliency priorities necessitates its members truly understand the needs across Council Districts, residents, economic sectors, and ecosystems. The RAB will strongly engage with the communities most vulnerable to climate change impacts. Objectives include: (1) holding at least two regular meetings in Council Districts 4, 8, and/or 9, and (2) proactive outreach to community-based organizations, local businesses, and faith entities.

The Board will also collaborate with the Mayor and City Council to fill the three vacant Board seats and coordinate with the City Planning Department to roadmap a robust process governing how items will come before the Board.

Resiliency Topics

The 2026 Annual Work Plan focuses primarily on the Primary and Priority Goals, but the Board may continue to invite presentations and discussion on other resiliency-related topics. Potential areas of interest include climate change implications for homelessness, encouraging urban habitat improvement, building resilience into natural resource management plans, next steps in Pure Water planning, public health, toxic waste sites affected by sea level rise, improved partnering with research institutions, emergency management, and energy and the electrical grid. Below is a tentative schedule of meetings and topics. All presentations are subject to change due to staff/presenter availability.

Schedule of Meetings

January 15

- Engineering and Capital Projects: Mission Bay 10 Year Improvement Plan
Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (presentation)
Engineering and Capital Projects Department
- City of San Diego Public Utilities: Overview of Operations and Resilience Work
Public Utilities Department
- Review draft 2026 Annual Work Plan
- Officer elections

February

- City of San Diego Public Utilities: Overview of Operations and Resilience Work
Public Utilities Department (presentation)
- Resiliency topic: Climate Change Implications for Homelessness
- Finalize and adopt 2026 Annual Work Plan

March *Community meeting* (Mountain View Community Center?)

- Priority goal topic: Review of January 2024 flood event
Stormwater Department, District 9(?) Council Office, Community Emergency Response Team, community organization(s)
- Priority goal topic: Stormwater, flooding, and the changing climate in the San Diego region

April

- Priority goal topic: City of San Diego Stormwater management (water quality, flood mitigation, green infrastructure, financing, industry/developer/residential incentives) (presentation)
Stormwater Department
- Los Penasquitos Lagoon Restoration (presentation)
Stormwater Department

May

- Senate Bill 99 implementation update (presentation)
City Planning Department
- Priority goal topic: Regulatory framework governing stormwater management (federal, state, and local)
- Priority goal topic: Impacts to people and the ecosystem

June

- Urban Forestry Program (presentation)*
Transportation Department, Community Forest Advisory Board
- Crest/Gonzales Canyon Natural Resource Management Plan
Parks & Recreation Department
- Priority goal topic: Community preparation and response (industry, social services, and community-based organizations)

July

- Urban Water Management Plan and Integrated Master Plan (presentation)*
Public Utilities Department
- Select Task Force to draft Annual Report & Recommendations
- Priority goal topic: Model approaches and best practices

August - recess

September *Community meeting* (Mountain View Community Center?)

- Coastal Resilience Master Plan Phase 2 update (presentation)
City Planning Department
- Extreme Heat Action Plan (presentation)
City Planning Department
- Review and edit draft Annual Report & Recommendations

October

- Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (presentation)
Office of Emergency Services

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize and adopt Annual Report & Recommendations <p><i>Board chair presents Annual Report & Recommendations to Environment Committee</i></p>
<p>November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tecolote Natural Resource Management Plan (presentation) <i>Parks & Recreation Department</i> 2027 Annual Work Plan: discussion and establish Task Force Bylaws review
<p>December - recess</p>
<p> Green: Board administration Blue: City presentations. * <i>Overview of department operations.</i> Purple: Resiliency topic Red: Priority goal topic </p>

The Resiliency Advisory Board typically meets on the third or fourth Thursday of the month at 1 p.m., at the Civic Center Plaza, 1200 3rd Ave, 4th Floor, San Diego, CA 92101. The proposed schedule of meetings for 2026 is:

- January, 15, 2026
- February 19, 2026
- March 19, 2026
- April 23, 2026
- May 28, 2026
- June 25, 2026
- July 16, 2026,
- September 24, 2025
- October 22, 2026
- November 19, 2026

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