

# City of San Diego Climate Advisory Board

Date: March 3, 2026

Chair: Tanisha-Jean Martin

Vice Chair: Kelly Lyndon

# Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call

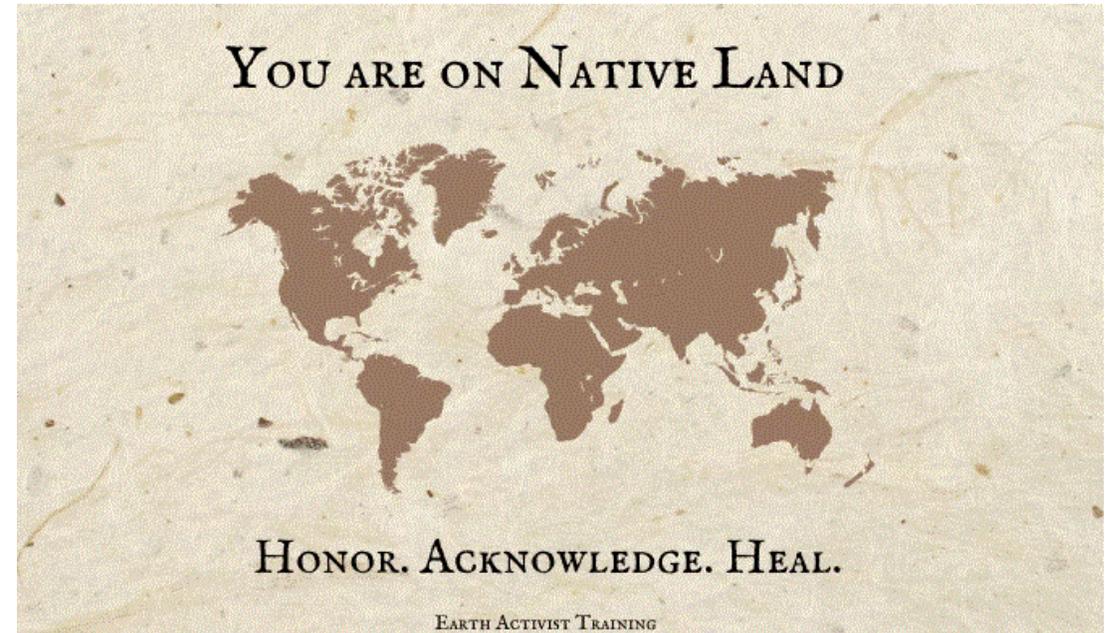
## Item 2: Land Acknowledgment

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**

**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:

San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance Sustainability  
Strategy and Alignment with the City Climate  
Action Plan

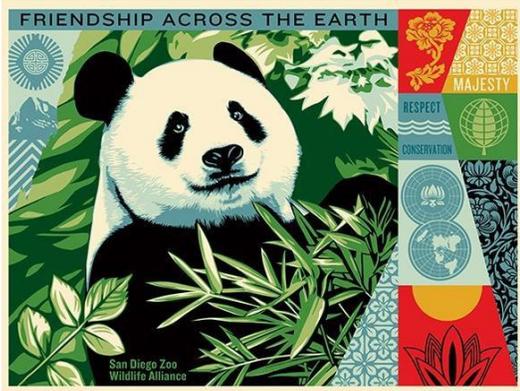


**San Diego Zoo  
Wildlife Alliance**

# **Advancing Climate Action—** ***San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance & City of San Diego***

**March 3rd, 2026**

# Two Campuses, One Sustainability Strategy



# Global Impact



# OUR VISION for a SUSTAINABLE SDZWA

## IN 5 YEARS...

- \* SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE PROJECTS TO BE SUSTAINABLE!
- \* BUILDING SUSTAINABILITY INTO OUR BELIEFS & BRAND.

## IN 10 YEARS...

WE ARE A LEADER IN SUSTAINABILITY for OTHER ZOOS. WE SHARE OUR SUCCESS & MENTOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW SUIT.

ENGAGED COMMUNITY PARTNER LEADING in CONSERVATION & SUSTAINABILITY HUBS!

BALBOA PARK

CITY of ESCONDIDO

SD STATE UNIVERSITY

CITY of SAN DIEGO

DEDICATED STAFFING & RESOURCES for SUSTAINABILITY

CONSERVATIONS & SUSTAINABILITY GO HAND IN HAND!

SUSTAINABILITY is PART of OUR CULTURE & ETHOS

THOUGHTFUL, SUSTAINABLE EFFORTS ARE EVERYWHERE

ZERO CARBON FOOTPRINT

HIRING & ONBOARDING FINANCE STRATEGY

CAPITAL PLANNING

H<sub>2</sub>O CONSERVATION

SOLAR

ZERO WASTE

ELECTRIC VEHICLES

EXTERNALLY

INTERNALLY

SUSTAINABILITY is AT the FOREFRONT of our MESSAGING & IDENTITY

EXPERIENTIAL SUSTAINABILITY



San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance

SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

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# SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY INITIATIVES & ACTIONS

## WASTE REDUCTION & DIVERSION

- \* COMMUNICATING with GUESTS & COMMUNITY
- \* ZERO WASTE by 2030!
- \* PARTNERSHIPS to INCREASE CAPACITY
- WEAR EXPECTATIONS → ALIGNED GOALS
- NO PLASTIC
- \* WATER FILL
- \* DIVERT WASTE → 2024
- \* BYOBottle!

## STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS & PHILANTHROPY

- \* NEED PERMISSION & TOOLS + FUNDRAISE
- \* SUSTAINABILITY LENS: NEW OPPORTUNITY for FUNDRAISING
- WHAT'S OUR FRAMEWORK?
- \* ASAP: 2023-2024
- \* HELPS US TELL THE STORY
- INTERNAL & EXTERNAL

## FLEET MANAGEMENT & TRANSPORTATION

- \* ↓ 68% by 2030
- \* RETROFIT VEHICLES
- \* INCENTIVES
- EV SAFARI
- GUESTS, TEAM, & FLEET
- EV PARKING IN SHADE!
- PREFERRED PARKING

## CLIMATE ACTION, WATER, & ENERGY CONSERVATION

- MASTER PLAN
- KEEPING HABITATS CLEAN
- UTILIZING TECHNOLOGY for WATER CONSERVATION
- MEASURABLE REDUCTION by 2028
- WATERING PLANTS
- INCREASE SOLAR
- TO RETROFIT or START NEW?
- \* WE CAN BE LEADERS
- \* RESEARCH NOW
- \* VISIBILITY & INFLUENCE
- \* \$\$\$
- \* SAFARI PARK LINE IS DIFFERENT

## PROCUREMENT & MERCHANDISING

- \* ESTABLISH a BASELINE for VENDORS Q1 of 2024
- \* CENTRALIZE OUR SYSTEMS
- \* INCORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY INTO RFP ACROSS ALL DEPARTMENTS
- \* TASK FORCE < 400 MILE RADIUS!
- \* 2024-2025

## EMPLOYEE & VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

- \* MAKING MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTIONS to SUSTAINABILITY
- \* CULTURE & RETENTION
- \* DIFFERENT STRATEGIES
- \* DEDICATED POSITIONS & CHARTER
- \* 2025 ON
- \* INTERNAL COMMUNICATION
- I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

## VISITOR COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT

- \* KEEP SUSTAINABILITY FRONT OF MIND
- \* SUSTAINABLE IDENTITY
- \* 2024-2025
- BRANDING
- INTERPRETATION
- INVOLVING GUESTS
- WOW, WE CAN HELP TOO!
- VISUAL COMMS!
- ENGAGED · INFORMED · INSPIRED
- \* BEING an EMPLOYER of CHOICE

## OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY & INITIATIVE METRICS

- \* MONITORING & METRICS
- \* REPORTING
- \* GOVERNANCE
- \* TRANSPARENCY
- \* PLANNING



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# Our Commitments



People



Guest Experience and Engagement



Team Member and Volunteer Engagement



Planet



Waste Reduction and Diversion



GHG Management and Reduction



Water Conservation



Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Infrastructure



Fleet Management and Guest Transportation



Product



Sustainable Supply Chains

# Our Commitments



**Waste Reduction  
and Diversion**



**GHG Management  
and Reduction**



**Energy Conservation  
and Renewable  
Energy Infrastructure**



**Water  
Conservation**



**Sustainable  
Supply Chains**



**Fleet Management and  
Guest Transportation**



**Guest Experience  
and Engagement**



**Team Member and  
Volunteer Engagement**

BASECAMP PROVISIONS

# Waste Reduction and Diversion



# Waste Reduction and Diversion Resources



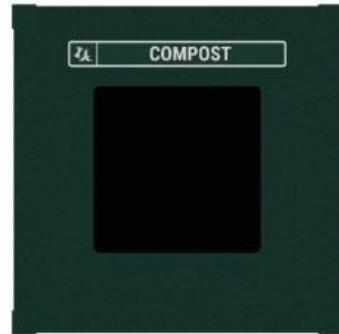
Eco-friendly packaging;  
reduces single-use  
plastic



Product made from  
recycled/sustainable  
material



Product brings  
awareness to  
conservation



## What Goes in the Organics Container?



INCLUDES BUT NOT LIMITED TO:



### FOOD SCRAPS:

Cooked or raw meat, poultry and seafood (including bones), cheese, dairy products, fruits, vegetables, grains, pasta, egg shells, bread, coffee grounds, tea bags, tea leaves, baked goods, nuts, jelly, candy, snack foods, leftovers, spoiled food.



### FOOD-SOILED CARDBOARD AND PAPER:

Paper bags, paper napkins, paper towels, paper plates, paper cups, paper and cardboard take-out containers and take-out boxes (with no plastic or wax coating, and with any metal removed), coffee filters, tissues.



### LANDSCAPE WASTE:

Grass clippings, small branches, small tree limbs, flowers, leaves, plants, straw. Do not place manufactured wood including wood pallets, dimensional lumber, wood furniture or construction and demolition wood into the organics container.



# WHAT GOES WHERE?

## YOUR GUIDE TO REDUCE WASTE



## Waste Reduction and Diversion

### OUR GOAL

Use the right bin and help us reach our 75% waste diversion goal—every item counts!

### DID YOU KNOW?

Organics bins are now required in all food prep areas under SB 1383— it helps reduce methane and turn scraps into compost.

### TIPS

- Break down boxes
- Skip single-use plastics
- Sort organics and recyclables into their respective receptacles



SCAN TO LEARN MORE,  
*Download the waste guide*



# GHG Management and Reduction

ASSOCIATION  
OF ZOOS &  
AQUARIUMS



TOUR IN PROGRESS



# Fleet Management and Guest Transportation





# Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Infrastructure





Water  
Conservation

# EVERY DROP COUNTS

## STOP LEAKS. SAVE WATER.



## Water Conservation

### OUR GOAL

Help us reach our 10% water reduction goal by 2027 by reporting any water waste throughout the facilities!

### SEE A LEAK?

Tell your manager or submit a work order to the Construction & Maintenance Department.

### TIPS TO SAVE WATER

- Report leaks or drips
- Turn off taps completely
- Stay alert in your area



People



Guest Experience and Engagement



Team Member and Volunteer Engagement



**Guest Experience  
and Engagement**

# SDZWA & City Alignment

<b><u>SDZWA Strategic Focus Area</u></b>	<b><u>Closest City of San Diego CAP Sector</u></b>	<b><u>Alignment Summary</u></b>
Waste Reduction and Diversion	Zero Waste / Circular Economy & Clean Communities	Supports landfill reduction, organics diversion, and circular resource management consistent with CAP waste diversion and materials management goals.
GHG Management and Reduction	Climate Mitigation & CAP Implementation	Aligns with emissions tracking, reduction planning, and long-term climate impact accountability across institutional operations.
Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Infrastructure	Renewable Energy & Built Environment	Directly supports renewable energy adoption, electrification, and energy efficiency improvements emphasized in the CAP.
Water Conservation	Climate Resilience & Water Stewardship (Regional Alignment)	Advances efficient water use and drought-resilient infrastructure aligned with regional climate adaptation and resilience priorities.

# SDZWA & City Alignment (cont.)

<u>SDZWA Strategic Focus Area</u>	<u>Closest City of San Diego CAP Sector</u>	<u>Alignment Summary</u>
Sustainable Supply Chains	Circular Economy & Sustainable Procurement	Supports landfill reduction, organics diversion, and circular resource management consistent with CAP waste diversion and materials management goals.
Fleet Management and Guest Transportation	Mobility & Land Use	Aligns with emissions tracking, reduction planning, and long-term climate impact accountability across institutional operations.
Guest Experience and Engagement	Community Engagement & Climate Education (Residents, Tourists, Property/Business Owners)	Directly supports renewable energy adoption, electrification, and energy efficiency improvements emphasized in the CAP.
Team Member and Volunteer Engagement	CAP Implementation & Community Leadership (City Staff & Services)	Advances efficient water use and drought-resilient infrastructure aligned with regional climate adaptation and resilience priorities.



# THE NEW ELEPHANT VALLEY

OPENING

MARCH 5, 2026



# Thank you

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**Item 8:  
Climate Advisory Board Work Plan  
Activities**

## CAB Work Plan Activities

### Summarize activities & engagement

- Six Objectives
- Objective Trackers
- Board Liaisons
- Ad hoc committees
- Board Member-arranged presentations

# Climate Advisory Board

## CAB Work Plan Activities

Objective	Engagement Level	Workplan Scope	Action Pathways
1: Strengthen CAB Governance, Effectiveness, and Accountability	Lead	Board operations, coordination, advisory output, and public engagement	Officers lead governance setup and ongoing maintenance
2: Advance Equitable Building Decarbonization	Lead	Advise on select high-impact building policies, elevate equity, and document gaps vs CAP targets	Ad-hoc committee aligns with staff to plan and sequence CAB engagement. Later potential ad-hoc committee for an activity
3: Elevate Equitable Mobility & Mode Shift	Monitor	Integrate and elevate Mobility Board and community recommendations with an equity and CAP-alignment lens	Assign liaison(s) to coordinate
4: Support Additional CAP Strategies	Opportunistic	Monitor other CAP strategies and escalate significant gaps, risks, or opportunities	Individual members elevate topics to the Chair. Later potential ad-hoc committee for an activity
5: Elevate the Climate Equity Fund	Monitor	Review transparency and alignment and elevate opportunities to strengthen community equity benefits	Request staff presentation and determine follow-up
6: Suggest Improvements to CAP Transparency and Public Understanding	Lead	Recommend targeted transparency improvements, support public understanding, and document key risks and gaps	Ad-hoc committee to determine initial plan. Later potential ad-hoc committee for an activity

## CAB Work Plan Activities

### Objective Trackers

	CAB 26 Obj1 Govn Tracker	Kelly L
	CAB 26 Obj2 BD Tracker	Whitney
	CAB 26 Obj3 Mobility Tracker	JD
	CAB 26 Obj4 Addl CAP Strategies Tracker	Kelly M
	CAB 26 Obj5 Climate Equity Fund Tracker	Tanisha
	CAB 26 Obj6 CAP Public Understanding Tracker	Dustin

File access for each: Assigned tracker, Chair, Vice-Chair

3 tabs in each spreadsheet:

<b>Overview</b> ▾	Initiatives ▾	Metrics ▾
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<b>Objective Number</b>
<b>Objective Title</b>
<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Engagement Level</b>

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>In Progress</b>	<b>Complete</b>	<b>To do</b>
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<b>Metric</b>	<b>How collect</b>	<b>Jan 26</b>	<b>Feb 26</b>	<b>Mar 26</b>
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Update once a month

## CAB Work Plan Activities

### Board Liaisons

 CAB - Forestry Board Updates

 CAB - Mobility Board Updates

 CAB - Resiliency Board Updates

#### Liaisons

Tanisha & Cindy

JD & Dustin

Kelly L & Ron

### Activities

File access for each: Liaisons, Chair, Vice-Chair

- Tag-team - take turns
- Review board agenda, minutes, recordings
- Provide 2 minute update at CAB meetings
- Bring forward relevant actions - request CAB agenda item

## CAB Work Plan Activities

### Ad Hoc Committees

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 2026 AHC Building Decarb Plan

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 2026 AHC Public Understanding Plan

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### Docs

- Meeting Notes
- Slide template
- Letter template

File access for each: Members, Chair, Vice-Chair

Full committee name: Ad Hoc Committee on Building Decarbonization to align with staff to plan and sequence CAB engagement

Members: Whitney Pearce (chair), Josh Dean, Kelly Lyndon, Cristina Marquez, Tanisha-Jean Martin (CAB chair)

Full committee name: Ad hoc Committee on CAP Transparency and Public Understanding to recommend initial plan

Members: Dustin DeMatteo (chair), Cindy Lin, Ronald Diaz, Kelly Mills, Tanisha-Jean Martin (CAB chair), Kelly Lyndon (as requested)

### Results

- Provide status each CAB mtg
- Provide slides for result

# Climate Advisory Board

## CAB Work Plan Activities

- Board Member-arranged presos
  - Each member invites an organization, group, individual or staff
    - Can be from your district, another or regional
    - Remote call-in ok
    - Can be you! Activities outside CAB
  - Aligned with CAP Work Plan
  - 10-15 minutes + Q&A
  
- Timing
  - 1 month in advance: preso title, description
  - 2 weeks in advance: slides

Meeting Date	Confirmed	Potential
3/3/2026	D9 Dustin Zoo	
4/7/2026		D8 Ron
5/12/2026		Mayoral Kelly M
6/9/2026		D7 Whitney
7/7/2026		Mayoral JD
8/4/2026		D6 Kelly L
9/1/2026		D4 Madison
10/6/2026		Mayoral Amy
11/10/2026		D3 Mahayla
12/1/2026		D2 Josh
1/5/27		D1 Cindy - Wildcoast - sooner?
2/2/27		Mayoral Tanisha
3/2/27		D5 vacant
4/6/27		Mayoral Cristina
5/4/27		Mayoral vacant

# Item 9: Reports on Related Boards

**Item 10:  
Ad Hoc Committee Status**

**Item 11:  
City Activities Supporting Climate  
Action Plan Implementation**

# Upcoming milestones for City initiatives supporting climate action<sup>1</sup>

Lead Department	Item	Milestone(s)	Estimated Date (subject to change)	Website
City Planning / Development Services	Cost-effective energy efficiency requirements	2025 Building Code Update to Council	March 2, 2026 March 3, 2026	<a href="https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/work/energy-efficiency-requirements">https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/work/energy-efficiency-requirements</a>
		2026 Land Development Code to Land Use & Housing Committee	March 5, 2026	
City Planning	City of San Diego Climate Action Implementation Plan: 2025 Status Update	Bring to Council	March 9, 2026	<a href="https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/work/working-on/cap">https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/work/working-on/cap</a>
Transportation	Comprehensive Speed Management Plan	Bring to Council	March (date TBD)	<a href="https://www.sandiego.gov/vision-zero/safety-initiatives">https://www.sandiego.gov/vision-zero/safety-initiatives</a>
Dept. of Information Technology	Broadband Master Plan	Release draft to public; bring to Council committee (committee TBD)	March (dates TBD)	<a href="https://www.sandiego.gov/it/broadband-master-plan">https://www.sandiego.gov/it/broadband-master-plan</a>
City Planning	Climate Equity Working Group meeting	Next meeting is anticipated in March; future meetings scheduled quarterly or as-needed	March 18, 2026	<a href="https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/work/working-on/climate-equity">https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/work/working-on/climate-equity</a>
All departments	Budget Review Committee (BRC) budget presentation meetings	Presentations by City departments and corresponding Office of the IBA presentations	May 4-8, 2026	

<sup>1</sup> This list includes items led by City Planning and shared with City Planning by other departments

# Upcoming milestones for City initiatives supporting climate action<sup>1</sup>

Lead Department	Item	Milestone(s)	Estimated Date (subject to change)	Website
Engineering & Capital Projects	Mission Bay Park Programmatic Environmental Impact Report	Present to Mission Bay Park Committee	May/June 2026	<a href="https://www.sandiego.gov/cip/project-info/project-profiles/mission-bay-peir">https://www.sandiego.gov/cip/project-info/project-profiles/mission-bay-peir</a>
City Planning	Bicycle Master Plan Update	Release draft to public	Fall 2026	<a href="https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/work/working-on/bicycle-master-plan">https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/work/working-on/bicycle-master-plan</a>

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Item 12:  
Recommendation Letter Encouraging  
Continued City Engagement on SB 1221  
Neighborhood Decarbonization Pilots

Draft (2/26/2026)

March 3, 2026

Mayor Todd

Gloria

Council President Joe LaCava  
Council Member Sean Elo-Rivera, Chair Environment  
Committee Andrew Martin, Chief Sustainability Officer  
Randy Wilde, Mayoral Senior Policy Advisor  
Heather Werner, Deputy Director, Energy  
Division

Subject: Continued City Engagement on **SB 1221 Neighborhood Decarbonization Pilots**

On behalf of the City of San Diego **Climate Advisory Board (CAB)**, we write to encourage continued engagement by City leadership and staff in the implementation of SB 1221 Neighborhood Decarbonization Pilots.

SB 1221 presents a meaningful opportunity to advance the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP), particularly **Measure 1.1: Decarbonize Existing Buildings**, by redirecting utility funding from replacing old gas pipelines toward community-approved electrification projects. These pilots can improve public health, safety, and climate resilience while supporting the CAP's goal of expanding equitable access to climate solutions, **without direct fiscal impacts to the City**.

In July 2025, the CAB submitted a letter recommending City support for SB 1221 pilots, and we appreciate the City's submission of supportive comments at the August 2025 CPUC Public Participation Hearing.

As implementation proceeds, the CAB encourages the City to remain actively engaged, including through participation in the **upcoming SB 1221 virtual informational session** hosted by SDG&E on **March 9, 2026** from 1-3, more information here:

<https://www.sdge.com/sb-1221-gathering-notice>.

We note that expressions of support for SB 1221 pilots are indications of interest rather than binding commitments. Continued engagement at this stage enables the City to elevate community-informed priorities, assess local fit, and help shape pilot proposals consistent with City policies and CAP objectives.

The CAB also notes that SDG&E has updated its SB 1221 [map](#) to include priority neighborhood decarbonization zones encompassing **21 census tracts within the City of San Diego**, underscoring the importance of City participation in how pilots are proposed and implemented.

The CAB encourages the City to coordinate with SDG&E to advance pilot proposals within the City of San Diego, particularly in areas impacted by the January 2024 flooding, implemented utilizing a skilled and trained local workforce.

Thank you for your continued attention to this important opportunity.

Respectfully,  
**City of San Diego Climate Advisory Board**

cc:

Brian Elliott, D1 Deputy Chief of Staff  
Rosa Olascoaga, D9 Deputy Chief of Strategic Initiatives  
Heidi Vonblum, City Planning Director  
Kelley Stanco, City Planning Deputy Director

Item 13:  
Proposed Agenda Items for Future  
Meetings

# Potential Board Member Presentation Dates/Topics

	A	B	C	D	E
1	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Confirmed</b>	<b>Potential</b>		
2	3/3/2026	D9 Dustin Zoo			
3	4/7/2026	SDREN			
4	5/12/2026	Mayoral JD - ebike sharing?			
5	6/9/2026	D3 Mahayla - SD Climate Week?			
6	7/7/2026	D7 Whitney - Mission Trails Regional Park?			
7	8/4/2026	Mayoral Cristina - CAC - School District Electrification Resolutions?			
8	9/1/2026		D1 Cindy - Wildcoast		
9	10/6/2026		D8 Ron		
10	11/10/2026		Mayoral Kelly M		
11	12/1/2026		D6 Kelly L		
12	1/5/27		D4 Madison		
13	2/2/27		Mayoral Amy		
14	3/2/27		D2 Josh		
15	4/6/27		Mayoral Tanisha		
16	5/4/27		D5 vacant		
17			Mayoral vacant		
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**Item 14:  
Adjournment**