RESILIENCY ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes

THURSDAY, March 19, 2026
1:00-3:00 pm
Location: Civic Center Plaza, 1200 3rd Ave, 4th Floor,
San Diego, CA 92101

Chair: Eric Lardy | **Vice Chair:** Andrew Meyer | **Secretary:** Jamie Garrett

Seated Board members: Ian Clampett, A-bel Gong, Cynthia Rose Harris, Grace Jones, Andrew Meyer, Erika Morgan.

Staff Liaison: Marissa Westerfield, City Planning Department

THURSDAY, March 19, 2026 at 1:00 P.M.

Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call

Call to order at 1:17 pm.

Board Member	Attendance
Ian Clampett	Present
Cynthia Rose Harris	Present
Erika Morgan	Present (virtual)
Eric Lardy	Present
Grace Jones	Absent
A-bel Gong	Present (Tardy, 1:17 pm)
Jamie Garrett	Present
Andrew Meyer	Present

Item 2: Land Acknowledgement

Item 3: Adoption/Modification of Agenda Order

Motion: To correct the agenda date from February 19, 2025 to February 19, 2026.
- **Moved by:** Board Member Harris
- **Seconded by:** Board Member Clampett
- **Vote:** Unanimous (Ayes: All; Nays: None; Abstentions: None)

Item 4: Announcements and Board Member Comments

City Staff Updates:
Marissa Westerfield shared announcement of City budget survey and encouragement for public participation.

Board member Gong shared information regarding two opportunities related to the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative's extreme heat project including artist recruitment for an extreme heat communication campaign and partnership opportunities for nonprofit serving in San Diego region to co-develop pilot projects.

Item 5: Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the February 19, 2026 minutes.
- **Moved by:** Board Member Harris
- **Seconded by:** Board Member Gong
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval.

Item 6: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None.

Item 7: Unfinished Business:

None submitted.

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Item 8: Information Items

a) Resiliency topic: Atmospheric Rivers, Flooding and Climate Change, Dr. Deanna Nash, Center for Western Weather and Water Extremes, Scripps Institution of Oceanography

Dr. Nash presented on atmospheric rivers, emphasizing:
- Atmospheric rivers as a major driver of California's water supply and flood risk
- Increasing precipitation variability and forecasting challenges
- Atmospheric rivers responsible for a significant portion of flooding impacts
- Improvements in forecasting through atmospheric data collection programs
- Climate projections indicating:
  - Fewer rainy days but higher intensity storms
  - Increased atmospheric rivers driven precipitation
  - Greater flood risk and infrastructure strain

Board members discussed ecological impacts, forecasting uncertainty, El Niño/La Niña relationships, infrastructure implications, and changing definitions of storm frequency.

Pubic comment was provide that there are many ties to trees, especially young trees.

b) Phase I Los Penasquitos Lagoon Restoration Project, Brianna Menke, Deputy Director, Stormwater Department; Ronak Rekani, Senior Civil Engineer, Engineering & Capital Projects Department

Staff presented an overview of the Phase 1 Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Restoration Project, including:

- Project goals to restore lagoon function and improve flood resilience
- Sediment management strategies, including sediment basins and watershed coordination
- Ongoing water quality improvement efforts through regional watershed programs
- Monitoring requirements, including sediment tracking and water quality sampling
- Coordination with multiple jurisdictions and regulatory requirements

Board members asked questions regarding definition and implications of 10-year and 100-year storm events, need for updated planning metrics under changing climate conditions and desire for consolidated reporting on sediment reduction trends and project effectiveness.

Item 9: Action Items

a) April Community Meeting, Chair Lardy and Board member Gong

The Board discussed planning for a special community meeting to be held off-site in April 2026. The purpose is to:

- Introduce the Resiliency Advisory Board to the public
- Conduct a listening session to gather community input on resilience priorities
- Facilitate public engagement consistent with Brown Act requirements

Key elements discussed included:

- **Preferred Location:** Valencia Park Malcolm X Library
- **Alternate Locations:** Jacobs Center and Jackie Robinson YMCA.
- **Preferred Date:** April 23, 2026 (6:00 p.m.)
- **Alternate Date:** April 16, 2026 (6:00 p.m.)

Motion: Preferred location Jackie Robinson YMCA, Alternative Location: Valencia Park Malcom X Library. Preferred data April 23rd (6:00 pm), Alternative date April 16th (6 pm) pending board member Jones and Groundworks availability.

- **Moved by:** Board Member Gong.
- **Seconded by:** Board Member Harris.
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval.

Item 10: Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- Chair Lardy to look into February comment regarding quarry to determine action to be taken.

Item 11: Adjournment

Board was adjourned at 3:13 pm.