The City of SAN DIEGO

RESILIENCY ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 28, 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: Julia Chase, City Planning Department

THURSDAY, May 28, 2026 at 1:00 P.M.

Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call

Call to order at 1:07 p.m.

Board Member	Attendance
Ian Clampett	Present
Cynthia Rose Harris	Present
Erika Morgan	Present
Eric Lardy	Present
Grace Jones	Absent
A-bel Gong	Present
Jamie Garrett	Absent
Andrew Meyer	Present

Item 2: Land Acknowledgement

Item 3: Adoption/Modification of Agenda Order

Item 4: Announcements and Board Member Comments

City Staff Updates: Staff announced that Armon Harvey, founder and executive director of the Harvey Family Foundation, had been appointed as the District 4 appointee to the Resiliency Advisory Board, pending confirmation by the City Council.

Board member Meyer provided an update on behalf of Secretary Garrett regarding an Encinitas non-profit, Plastic Beach, who will be supporting plastic recycling under SB 54.

Board member Gong shared about a border region plastic workshop happening in June.

Item 5: Approval of Minutes

> **Motion:** Approve minutes as presented
> **Moved by:** Board Member Morgan
> **Seconded by:** Board Member Gong
> **Vote:** Passed unanimously

Item 6: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None.

Item 7: Unfinished Business: Mission Gorge Rock Quarry Follow Up

The Board discussed prior public comments regarding the Mission Gorge Rock Quarry and concerns associated with the East County Water Purification Project and related conditional use permit matters.

Chair Lardy stated that while the matter was not directly within the Board's formal jurisdiction, it was appropriate to acknowledge concerns raised by members of the public and transmit those concerns to the appropriate reviewing bodies.

Public Comment
Kevin Sullivan, representing the Navajo Planning Group, spoke in support of the proposed action and encouraged the Planning Commission to review the issues raised.

> **Motion:** Submit correspondence to Planning Commission Chair and Planning Director summarizing public concerns previously raised to Board and refer the matter for further review.
> **Moved by:** Chair Lardy
> **Seconded by:** Board Member Morgan
> **Vote:** Passed unanimously

Item 8: Information Items

Item 8a: Stormwater Overview and Projects, Sumer Hasenin, PE., MSCE, Deputy Director; Iman Hosseini Shakib, PhD, PE., Associate Civil; Anthony Salvani, PE. – Associate Civil Engineer. Stormwater Department.

Stormwater Department staff provided an overview of the City's stormwater system, capital improvement program (CIP) planning methodology, climate adaptation design criteria, funding challenges, and examples of ongoing resiliency-focused stormwater infrastructure projects. Staff stated that the City's estimated stormwater infrastructure funding, calculated based off of the Watershed Asset Management Plan, need exceeds $5 billion over the next 20 years.

Board members asked questions regarding the amount of funding needed for stormwater projects, WIFIA funding, staffing levels, evaluation of assets for climate related risks, use of the California Climate Assessment, and how atmospheric river events are being considered.

Chair Lardy noted the opportunity for the board to provide recommendations on this topic area.

Public Comment
Kevin Sullivan provided public comment and raised questions regarding translating necessary maintenance requirements into budget needs.

Chair Lardy and Board member Meyer stated interest in more information regarding funding opportunities, Development Impact Fees, and stormwater fees.

Item 8b: Urban Forestry Program, Brian Widener, City Forester, Transportation Department.

Staff presented an overview of the City's Urban Forestry Program, including tree canopy goals, maintenance operations, urban greening efforts, and long-term urban forest management priorities.

Board members asked questions regarding utility undergrounding and tree planting/replacement, urban forestry staffing and public safety consideration, contribution of private properties to tree canopy and educational resources available to community members and Homeowners Associations.

Public Comment
Kevin Sullivan provided public comment related to importance of capturing metrics of Communities of Concern and thanked City for trees in their community.

Anne Fege provided public comment related to importance of tree maintenance and public safety, the need for maintenance and watering of trees, and underscored the importance of trees and shade in parks and associated tree maintenance.

Board members asked questions about outreach to homeowners and tenant and if there are tree canopy requirements for new development.

Item 8c: Resiliency Topic: Energy Resilience in the San Diego Region, Brenda Castruita, Energy Program Manager, San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative; Yichao Gu, Senior Policy Analyst, Energy Policy Initiatives Center

Presenters provided an overview of the San Diego Regional Energy Academy, a multi-day educational program intended to improve energy literacy and understanding of the San Diego region's energy systems among community leaders and practitioners.

Board members asked questions regarding flood and climate related risk to electrical infrastructure, battery storage adoption, regional renewable energy needs grid resilience and how the Energy Academy adapts over time.

Item 9: Action Items:

Item 9a: SB 707 Joint Letter of Recommendation
Item 9a was postponed for future meeting.

Item 9b: City of San Diego FY 2027 Budget Letter of Recommendation

Motion: A motion was initially made to cross-reference prior Board recommendations with proposed budget reductions and recommend opposition to reductions affecting previously identified priorities.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion: Motion to authorize the Vice Chair to send the draft budget recommendation letter on behalf of the Board, including incorporation of relevant recommendations and cross-checking against the Board's prior annual report.

Moved by: Chair Lardy
Seconded by: Board member Meyer
Motion to Amend Motion: Board member Harris to recommend maintain funding for the Neil Good Center.
Second: Chair Lardy
Vote to amend motion: Yea – 5, Abstention – 1 (Clampett)

Motion: Motion to authorize the Vice Chair to send the draft budget recommendation letter on behalf of the Board, including incorporation of relevant recommendations and cross-checking against the Board's prior annual report and recommend to maintain funding for the Neil Good Center.
Board member Clampett clarified he was voting on his own accord and not on behalf of his employers.
Vote on motion: Passed unanimously.

Item 10: Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Item 11: Adjournment

Board was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.