CLIMATE ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 6, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Civic Center Plaza Building
4th Floor Conference Room
1200 Third Avenue
San Diego, CA 92101

Members: Cindy Lin (D1), Josh Dean (D2), Mahayla Slackerelli (D3), Madison Swayne (D4), Kelly Lyndon (Vice-Chair, D6), Whitney Pearce (D7), Ronald Diaz (D8), Dustin DeMatteo (D9), Kelly Mills (Mayoral), Amy Ly (Mayoral), Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair, Mayoral), Cristina Marquez (Mayoral)

Staff Liaison: Andrew Martin, City Planning Department

Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call (12:00 p.m.)
The meeting was called to order by Kelly Lyndon (Vice-Chair), who chaired the meeting.

Board Member	Seat	Attendance
Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair)	Mayoral	Present – Arrived at 12:15 p.m.
Kelly Lyndon (Vice-Chair)	D6	Present
Vacant	Mayoral	Absent
Cristina Marquez	Mayoral	Present
Amy Ly	Mayoral	Present
Kelly Mills	Mayoral	Present
Vacant	Mayoral	Absent
Cindy Lin	D1	Present
Josh Dean	D2	Present
Mahayla Slackerelli	D3	Present
Madison Swayne	D4	Absent
Vacant	D5	Absent
Whitney Pearce	D7	Present
Ronald Diaz	D8	Present
Dustin DeMatteo	D9	Absent

Item 2: Land Acknowledgement
Cindy Lin (member) read the Land Acknowledgement.

Item 3: Adoption/Modification of Agenda Order (Action)
Cindy Lin (member) moved to adopt the agenda without modification. The motion to adopt the agenda without modification was seconded by Josh Dean (member) and passed unanimously.

Item 4: Approval of Minutes (Action)
Cristina Marquez (member) moved to adopt the minutes for the September 1, 2026, meeting without amendment. The motion to adopt the minutes without amendment was seconded by Kelly Mills (member) and passed unanimously.

Item 5: Announcements (Information)
Staff
Andrew Martin (Staff Liaison) informed the Board that the second of four CicloSDias open street events will take place on October 18, 2026, in the San Ysidro Community from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Board
Tanisha-Jean Martin (Chair) informed the Board that the Green Diaspora Forum is scheduled to take place from November 8-12, 2026, in Belize City, Belize.

Martin also informed the Board that the Teen Fall EcoFestival, hosted by Ecoffirmative, will take place on Saturday, October 31, 2026, at the Skyline Hills Library.

Kelly Lyndon (Vice-Chair) informed the Board that the Board letter sent to the Rules Committee in June regarding California Senate Bill 707 was accepted and that the City is developing virtual-attendance guidelines for boards and commissions.

Item 6: Non-Agenda Public Comment
Dorene Dias Pesta (member of the public) stated that the Stormwater Department will host public workshops on the Jamacha Waterway Revitalization Project on Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Monday, November 9, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library.

Item 7: San Diego Environmental Film Festival (Information)
Cindy Lin (member) provided an overview of the 5th annual San Diego Environmental Film Festival, to be held November 20-22, 2026.

Item 8: Updates to the Climate Action Plan and Climate Resilient SD (Information)
Andrew Martin (Staff Liaison) provided an overview of forthcoming updates to the City's Climate Action Plan and Climate Resilient SD, which are the City's plans for reducing climate pollution and preparing for climate hazards.

Public Comment
Dorene Dias Pesta (member of the public) spoke in support of the City's plan to combine climate action with climate resiliency and encouraged greater utilization of the City's Inclusive Public Engagement Guide.

Item 9: Climate Advisory Board Annual Report (Information; Possible Action)
Kelly Lyndon (Vice-Chair) presented a proposed Climate Advisory Board Annual Report, addressing the activities and accomplishments of the Board during Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026) and next steps for the upcoming year.

Public Comment
Dorene Dias Pesta (member of the public) requested that the Board hear from experts on native plants and their use near stormwater channels, as well as experts on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), to advise on resiliency efforts.

Item 10: San Diego Climate Week (Information)
Mahayla Slackerelli (member) led a discussion on the Climate Action Plan Listening Session to be held by Board members at the San Diego Climate Week Air Summit Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Item 11: Climate Advisory Board Work Plan Discussion (Information)
Kelly Lyndon (Vice-Chair) led a discussion on the Climate Advisory Board Work Plan to identify areas of Board prioritization during the remainder of the current term, which concludes at the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2027.

Item 12: Proposed Climate Advisory Board Meeting Dates for 2027 (Information)
Kelly Lyndon (Vice-Chair) led a discussion on proposed Climate Advisory Board meeting dates for calendar year 2027.

Item 13: Reports on Related Boards (Information)
Ronald Diaz (member) reported that the Resiliency Advisory Board received a comprehensive Water and Wastewater 101 overview alongside the Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan in the September meeting. The Resiliency Advisory Board is also working on their draft 2026 annual report.

Cindy Lin (member) reported that the Community Forest Advisory Board has filled its seat for District 6.

Item 14: City Activities Supporting Climate Action Plan Implementation (Information)
Marissa Westerfield (City Planning Staff) informed the Board that the Bicycle Master Plan Update will be released in October and that the De Anza Natural Amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan is tentatively scheduled to go before City Council in late fall.

Item 15: Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings
Kelly Lyndon (Vice-Chair) reported that she is coordinating with the University of San Diego Law School's Energy Policy Initiatives Center (EPIC) to bring an item on emerging ideas in climate action planning within the region.

Ronald Diaz (member) is working to bring an item on the Tree San Diego organization in December.

Kelly Lyndon (Vice-Chair) reminded the Board that nomination and election of 2027 Board officers will take place at the December meeting.

Item 16: Adjournment
Kelly Lyndon (Vice-Chair) adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.