



**City of San Diego**  
**Pure Water North City Phase I Projects**  
**Working Group**

**Principles of Participation**

**Mission**

Pure Water North City Phase I Working Groups are being convened to provide informed input and feedback to the City of San Diego regarding opportunities to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential impacts from the construction of planned North City Phase I projects, as well as to assist the City with implementing the conditions that are part of the approved site development permit. The Working Groups are not being established to reopen issues addressed in the adopted EIR/EIS approved by City Council or to consider alternative alignments.

**Role of Working Group Members**

To meet the mission of the Working Group, the City is asking participants to:

- Become familiar with the Pure Water Program and how it fits into the larger regional water supply program
- Become familiar with North City Phase I projects and the City's plan for construction
- Ensure that community concerns regarding the construction of the North City Phase I projects are identified and understood by the City
- Propose ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate concerns associated with the construction and operation of North City Phase I projects and implement the conditions set forth in the approved site development permit
- Read all agenda and background materials distributed prior to the meetings by the project team
- Listen carefully to others; the Working Group will function best when we understand and value one another's views and experiences
- Help create a respectful and productive working environment

**Representation**

To ensure representation from a wide range of perspectives in the community as well as consistent attendance at meetings, the project team has invited community members to participate in a series of up to four meetings. Participants are being sought based upon several qualities:

- Willingness to work cooperatively with other Working Group members
- Demonstrated ability to present the perspective of an organization or constituency concerned with issues related to the construction of the approved North City Phase I projects
- Commitment to attending all scheduled Working Group meetings

Every Working Group member is asked to report back to his or her respective constituency to keep them aware of the Group's discussions and the issues that have been identified. City staff and consultants will be available to assist in this communication process, if desired.

### **Discussion Process**

Working Group members agree to abide by the following discussion process during the meetings:

- All perspectives are valued
- One person speaks at a time
- Comments should be concise and constructive so that others can also speak
- The preferred deliberation process is collaborative problem solving. In cases of mixed opinions, alternative perspectives will be documented
- Working Group members treat the project team and each other with respect
- A neutral third-party will facilitate the meetings

### **Attendance**

For the process to work effectively, full participation of representatives will be essential. Working Group members are asked to commit to attend all scheduled meetings. Meetings will be held during the late afternoon on a weekday. Given the relatively intensive nature of the meetings and process, alternates will not be designated.

### **Support**

A neutral third-party facilitator will facilitate all Working Group meetings. The role of the facilitator is to ensure all perspectives are heard through a collaborative discussion process. The project team will provide technical and logistical support, including making presentations, answering questions, coordinating meetings and documenting meeting content.

### **Meeting Agendas**

The project team will be responsible for preparing the agendas, with consideration of input from Working Group members. Agendas and assigned reference materials will be distributed by email in advance of each meeting.

### **Observers**

Observers are welcome at Working Group meetings. However, meetings are intended for the benefit of Working Group members to promote balanced, constructive interaction. Observers will be asked to refrain from commenting during the proceedings. There will be an opportunity for limited public comment at the end of each meeting.

### **Media**

The media will not be invited to, nor excluded from, the Working Group meetings. Media present, if any, will be identified for the benefit of Working Group members.

While the Working Group is in discussion about the opportunities to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential construction impacts of the North City Phase I projects, members are asked not to make statements about the group's deliberations to the media that would hamper constructive discussions and the Working Group's ability to work cooperatively. City staff and consultants will also refrain from making such statements about the Working Group's deliberations.

**Audio/Video Recording**

As a participant in the Working Group you consent to any audio or video recording that may take place either by the City or members of the public. The meetings will be audio recorded by the City for the specific purpose of developing a meeting summary to ensure factual documentation.

**Information Sharing**

Working Group members may want to share information and documents with other members during the Working Group process. To ensure that all members have the same information available to them, all documents are to be distributed through an established point of contact.