



**COUNCILMEMBER JOE LACAVA
FIRST COUNCIL DISTRICT**

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DATE: July 21, 2022
TO: Honorable Members of the Environment Committee
FROM: Councilmember Joe LaCava, Chair, Environment Committee
SUBJECT: 2022 Environment Committee Work Plan Update

As we reach the August legislative recess, I want to extend my appreciation for your contributions as members of the Environment Committee and provide you a mid-year update to the Committee's Work Plan.

The update to the Work Plan, enclosed, tracks the Committee's efforts in addressing many of our foundational goals and priority issues. This update is primarily retrospective, and in conjunction with City staff and the Mayor I intend to bring additional actions on many of these focus areas.

The Committee Work Plan was presented during the February 17, 2022 Environment Committee meeting. The specific issues and topics were based on your priorities and the feedback garnered from public comment and the community survey. This robust input contributed to the Work Plan's Core Principles and I remain committed to incorporating these values into our ongoing implementation of the Climate Action Plan, the Climate Resilient SD Plan, and the City's daily service to San Diegans.

I am proud of this committee's notable accomplishments and am inspired by the multitude of community voices that remind us of the urgency and our role to act on climate.

Please do not hesitate to contact Brian Elliott, the Environment Committee Consultant, with any questions on the update to the Work Plan.

Enc.: Update to the 2022 Environment Committee Work Plan

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THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
Environment Committee

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2022 Environment Committee Work Plan

Updated July 21, 2022

The updated work plan will be posted online at <https://www.sandiego.gov/council-committees>. The Committee will continue to provide periodic updates to the work plan and per San Diego Municipal Code §22.0101, Rule 6.1.3 the Committee will produce a year-end report.

Questions related to this work plan or the Committee should be addressed to Brian Elliott, Committee Consultant, at belliott@sandiego.gov.

Meeting Dates

Note: Additional meetings may be added to the legislative calendar. The public will be notified in accordance with Brown Act noticing requirements should meetings be added. Bold text denotes evening meeting.

[January 20, 2022 at 1:00pm](#)

[February 17, 2022 at 1:00pm](#)

[March 17, 2022 at 1:00pm](#)

[April 21, 2022 at 6:00pm](#)

[May 26, 2022 at 1:00pm](#)

[June 23, 2022 at 1:00pm](#)

[June 30, 2022 at 4:00pm \(Special Meeting\)](#)

[July 21, 2022 at 1:00pm](#)

September 15 at 1:00pm

October 13, 2022 at 1:00pm

October 27, 2022 at 6:00pm

Core Principles

- Adopt and advance ambitious climate goals
- Lead with equity
- Acknowledge past harm and need for environmental justice
- Ensure transparency and promote inclusion
- Ensure high quality job standards while expanding a skilled and trained workforce for a green economy
- Partner with government agencies and community organizations to improve strategies and leverage resources

Foundational Goals

To be achieved in line with the Committee's core principles

- Update and implement the City's Climate Action Plan.
- Implement the City's Climate Resilient SD Plan
- Ensure a sustainable San Diego for future generations

Priority Issues

Note: The City’s Climate Equity Index will be applied to the below topics in line with the Core Principle to “lead with equity.” The Committee will review and update the Climate Equity Index as necessary.

Climate Action Plan	CAP Update	Update and implement the City’s Climate Action Plan.	<p>May 26 – Climate Action Plan Staffing Analysis, Item 2</p> <p>May 26 – Informational Update on the County of San Diego’s Regional Decarbonization Framework, Item 3</p> <p>June 30 – 2022 Climate Action Plan—Net Zero by 2035 Up, Item 1</p> <p>June 30 – Climate Action Plan Update Package Municipal Code, Land Development Manual, and Local Coastal Program Amendments (CAP Consistency Regulations), Item 2</p>
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Energy/ Decarbonization	Building Electrification	Adopt building reach codes for all-electric appliances and infrastructure for new construction and a transition plan for existing buildings.	<p>July 21 – Zero Emission Municipal Building and Operations Policy, Item 4</p> <p>July 21 – First Amendment to As-Needed Contract H176852 with Kitchell CEM for Construction Management Services, Item 5</p>
	San Diego Community Power	Monitor roll-out to residential customers, sourcing of renewable energy resources and battery storage, and community benefits.	<p>March 17 – Informational Update Regarding San Diego Community Power, Item 4</p>

Energy/ Decarbonization, Continued	Municipal Energy Strategy	Expand renewable energy resources and battery storage on municipal facilities.	<p>July 21 – Zero Emission Municipal Building and Operations Policy, Item 4</p> <p>July 21 –First Amendment to As-Needed Contract H176852 with Kitchell CEM for Construction Management Services Item 5</p>
	Electric Vehicle Charging	Build out an electric vehicle charging network that increases citywide EV ownership, maximizes the use of publicly owned land, balances energy demand, and allows for charging when and where drivers need it.	<p>June 30 – 2022 Climate Action Plan—Net Zero by 2035 Up, Item 1</p> <p>Anticipated to be further discussed at committee this fall.</p>
	Gas Leaf Blowers and Small Engine Equipment	Transition away from gas-powered small engine yard tools and replace with electric equipment, including pilot and trade-in programs.	Anticipated to be discussed at committee this fall.
	Waste-to-Energy	Develop strategies that increase economic opportunities and produce renewable power sources.	June 30 – 2022 Climate Action Plan—Net Zero by 2035 Up, Item 1
	Public Power	Advance public power study funded in the FY22 budget.	Monthly Updates during Mayoral Comments
	Electric & Gas Franchise Agreements	Monitor and implement requirements of the electric and gas franchise agreements with San Diego Gas & Electric, including the Energy Cooperation Agreement and the Utility Undergrounding Program.	<p>January 20 – Undergrounding Memorandum of Understanding with SDG&E, Item 4</p> <p>March 17 – Progress Report on Energy Cooperation Agreement Implementation Plan with San Diego Gas & Electric, Item 5</p> <p>May 26 – Informational Update on San Diego Gas & Electric’s Path to Net Zero, Item 4</p> <p>June 23 – Review of the Center for Sustainable Energy (CSE) Solar Equity Program Design per the SDG&E Energy Cooperation Agreement, Item 5</p>

Energy/ Decarbonization, Continued	Telework	Reduce transportation emissions through a City employee telework and commuter benefit policies.	June 30 – 2022 Climate Action Plan—Net Zero by 2035 Up, Item 1
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Water and Sustainability	Pure Water	Monitor Phase I construction and advance Phase II.	<p>April 21 – Pure Water—Second Amendment to the Agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc, for Design Engineering Services for the North City Pure Water Facility (H176846) Item 1</p> <p>April 21 – Pure Water Program—Amendment No.1 to the Agreement with CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc for Engineering Services for the Design of the North City Metropolitan Biosolids Center (MBC) Improvements Project (H176825), Item 2</p> <p>April 21 – Amendment to Agreement with PMWeb, Inc to Provide As-Needed Software Subscription Support for the PMWeb Software System for Pure Water Program (Sole Source #4265; RFP 10071388-16-H), Item 6</p> <p>April 21 – Pure Water Program Update, Item 8</p> <p>July 21 – Authority to Approve Construction change Orders (CCO) for K-21-1807 DBB-3- A Morena Pump Station, Item 3</p>
	Stormwater Infrastructure	Develop funding strategy to meet the needs of the City’s under-resourced stormwater system.	February 17 – Stormwater Funding Strategy Final audit Response, Item 2
	Onsite Water Reuse	Develop implementation plan for municipal and commercial onsite water reuse.	Anticipated to be discussed at committee this fall.

Water and Sustainability, Continued	SB 1383	Implement SB 1383 through municipal code amendments, updating franchise agreements, funding, and public education and participation.	<p>February 17 – Information Update report for Senate Bill 1383 Implementation, Item 3</p> <p>March 17 – Amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 6, Article 6, Divisions 1 and 7 for Senate Bill 1383 Organic Waste Requirements and related Solid Waste Management Franchise provisions, Item 2</p> <p>March 17 – Amendments to Non-exclusive Solid Waste Collection Franchise Agreements, Item 3</p>
	People’s Ordinance	Amend the People’s Ordinance to develop a fair system that equitably delivers waste collection.	This item was discussed at Rules Committee
	Recycling Ordinance	Update the City’s Recycling Ordinance to further zero waste goals.	March 17 – Amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 6, Article 6, Divisions 1 and 7 for Senate Bill 1383 Organic Waste Requirements and related Solid Waste Management Franchise provisions, Item 2

Environmental Justice	Indigenous Inclusion	Work with Indigenous Communities to promote and preserve their heritage and contributions; support traditional ecological knowledge for managing climate resilience.	<p>June 30 – 2022 Climate Action Plan—Net Zero by 2035, Item 1</p> <p>Anticipated to be further discussed at committee this fall.</p>
	Equity	Evaluate the Climate Equity Index to ensure equitable climate action and distribution of city resources.	Anticipated to be discussed at committee this fall.
	Oil Drilling	Address oil drilling and the development of new oil wells in California.	April 21 – Resolution in Support of Ending Oil and Gas Drilling in California, Item 5

Natural Resources	Trees	Expand the urban tree canopy by updating the City’s tree program and leveraging funding of partner agencies/organizations.	June 30 – 2022 Climate Action Plan—Net Zero by 2035, Item 1 Will be further discussed by committee this fall.
	Wildfire Prevention and Brush Management	Review current practices and enhance fire prevention strategies.	Anticipated to be discussed at committee this fall.
	Open Space Preservation	Review Multiple Species Conservation Program and initiate Trails Master Plan; Dedicate and manage vital habitat; Analyze river park and preserve lands, including the San Diego River Park Master Plan.	February 17 – Authorization to Transfer an Expend Funds from the Habitat Acquisition Fund (HAF) for East Elliott Property acquisitions from willing sellers, Item 1 April 21 – Proposed Seasonal Closure of Point La Jolla and Boomer Beach, Item 7
	Expand Wetlands	Review ongoing plans for DeAnza Cove and explore other opportunities.	Anticipated to be discussed at committee this fall.
	Wildlife Management	Balance safety, wild animal protection, and access in public lands.	April 21 – Proposed Seasonal Closure of Point La Jolla and Boomer Beach, Item 7
	Beach Fires	Ensure safe practices and healthy air quality.	May 26 – Amendments to the San Diego Municipal Code Regarding Beach fires, Item 1
	Biodiversity	Develop a citywide biodiversity policy that protects native species, preserves pollinators, and limits pesticide use.	Anticipated to be discussed at committee this fall.

Meeting Participation

Access

All City Council and committee meetings will be held both in-person at Council Chambers and virtually via Zoom Webinar until further notice due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Information for attending the meeting in-person, virtually or viewing the broadcast on CityTV can be found on the City Clerk's website and on each committee meeting agenda.

Non-agenda public comment

At each meeting, any member of the public can provide non-agenda public comment, which is held soon after the meeting begins. Non-agenda public comment is for offering remarks for any topic relevant to the Committee that is not being discussed as an agenda item. Speakers for non-agenda public comment will have 2 minutes to provide their remarks, although there will be no discussion among the committee members of the topics addressed during non-agenda public comment.

Public comment

Members of the public will have an opportunity to comment on each agenda item following staff presentations on the item. Depending on the number of speakers, each speaker will have 1-2 minutes to provide their remarks, which must be applicable to the item being heard. Following the conclusion of public comment, committee members will deliberate on the item. At the discretion of the chair, organized presentations can be arranged in advance. Instructions for providing public comment are included on the meeting agenda and are promulgated at the meeting.