



**CITY OF SAN DIEGO
OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER RAUL A. CAMPILLO
SEVENTH DISTRICT**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 7, 2022

TO: Councilmember Joe LaCava, Chair, Environment Committee

FROM: Councilmember Raul A. Campillo, Seventh Council District

SUBJECT: 2022 Environment Committee Priorities

Thank you for the opportunity to share my priorities for the Environment Committee's Workplan for calendar year 2022. I look forward to working with my fellow committee members to address the City of San Diego's environmental goals, including pursuing the objectives of the Climate Action Plan and the Climate Resilient SD Plan. I have outlined several priorities for you to consider for the Committee's Work Plan this year.

Climate Equity Index

- Review the indicators of the Climate Equity Index, including, but not limited to:
 - How they are weighted
 - How they relate to statewide CalEnviroScreen data
 - How they relate to San Diego-specific CalEnviroScreen data
- Review sources of local, non-CalEnviroScreen data
- Review disparities between the 2019 and 2021 versions, including, but not limited to, the number of census tracts eligible for Climate Equity Fund in the two iterations
- Consider revisions to index given the context of communities that are now ineligible for Climate Equity Fund dollars due to the 2021 update to the index

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San Diego River Park Master Plan

- Receive update on San Diego River Park Master Plan regarding project coordination with City Departments and the Capital Improvements Program, regional partnerships with stakeholders on projects, a funding strategy, and an implementation plan

Equity-Focused Solar Expansion Program

- Receive update regarding the new Equity-Focused Solar Expansion Program, approved by City Council as a part of the City's Energy Companion Agreement with SDG&E

Public Power Feasibility Study

- Receive results of the Public Power Feasibility Study
- Receive update regarding the formation of a Public Power Task Force, approved at the October 2021 Rules Committee meeting

Air Pollution Reduction

- Receive update from San Diego County Air Pollution Control District on Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP) to comply with AB 617
- Receive update on Port of San Diego's Maritime Clean Air Strategy, and its recently announced goal of requiring the transition of at least 40 percent of freight trucks that visit the terminals in Barrio Logan and National City to zero-emission by 2026, and diesel cargo-handling equipment to zero-emission technology by 2030
- Identify opportunities for collaboration with stakeholders, community members, and other government agencies

Climate Action Plan Update (CAP)

- Review the Climate Action Plan Update, and ensure the inclusion of the following considerations:
 - Expanding the City's Transportation Alternatives Program to incentivize transit for City employees
 - Implementing Complete Streets to allow for more walking, biking and transit
 - Incentives for Transit Oriented Development, Urban Infill Development, and developments that provide improved access to walking, biking and transit
- Ensure alignment with County's Regional Decarbonization Plan
- Review the CAP Implementation Plan, developed in response to recommendation #6 from the 2020 Audit on the City's Climate Action Plan

Climate Resilient SD

- Receive update on the Climate Resilient SD Plan and progress updates from appropriate City Departments

Municipal Energy Implementation Plan

- Review Municipal Energy Implementation Plan Update
- Ensure inclusion of a robust Electrification Strategy for the City's fleet, expansion of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure, as well as a building electrification plan with equitable retrofitting and a just transition for workers
- Identify potential federal and state grants and infrastructure funding
- Align with County's Regional Decarbonization Plan

Open Space/Brush Management

- Receive update from appropriate Departments on maintenance of open space and right-of-way areas of the City including proactive inspection of brush areas, fire prevention plans, open space preservation plans, and outreach/educational programs offered to City residents on preparedness/response.

Undergrounding

- Receive update on the Utilities Undergrounding Program on updated timelines that align with new franchise agreement

Environmental Justice Element

- Review the Draft Environmental Justice Element to be adopted into the City's General Plan

San Diego Community Power

- Receive update from San Diego Community Power on the implementation of the Community Choice Aggregation program

Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP)/Multiple Habitat Protection Areas (MHPA)

- The committee should consider the following to strengthen the City's commitment to the MSCP and the MHPA, including:
 - An update on the MSCP Performance Audit prepared by the Office of the City Auditor
 - A thorough review of the City's MHPA program
 - An MHPA Needs Assessment to evaluate the program and generate potential recommendations for future planning, monitoring, and enforcement, and a budget for optimal management of the resource into the future.

Stormwater Funding Strategy

- Receive update from the Stormwater Department on the future stormwater funding strategy

Urban Forestry Five-Year Plan

- Receive update on the City's Five-Year Plan including status on implementing its three outlined goals
- Receive update on the City's Free Tree SD Program
- Review potential revisions to Plan, including to account for trees lost as part of residential or commercial development

Zero Waste

- Receive update on progress to implement the City's Zero Waste Plan, which calls for 90 percent of trash to be diverted from landfills by 2035, with all trash diverted by 2040
- Review City's refuse collection policies and methane reduction efforts

SB 1383

- Review SB 1383 compliance requirements, funding strategy and status of state provision of local grants for implementation

Water Cost of Service Study

- Receive Cost of Service Study with details on the allocation of expenses to different customer classes and on potential rate adjustments

Maintenance of Water/Wastewater infrastructure

- Review infrastructure needs of the Public Utilities Department to enable preventative maintenance of assets
- Review potential expansions of methane conversion engines to generate renewable energy and allow for cost savings

Street Sweeping Audit

- Monitor implementation of the 2020 Audit on the City's Street Sweeping Program

Pure Water

- Receive update on construction phase of Phase 1, planning phase of Phase 2, and on state and federal funding

Trails Master Plan Update

- Receive an update on the City's Trails Master Plan, approved as part of the newly adopted Parks Master Plan

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