



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
Environment Committee

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2022 Environment Committee Work Plan

The 2022 Environment Committee Work Plan is intended to guide the Committee's discussions and actions towards a more sustainable and equitable San Diego. The Committee's core principles, foundational goals and priority issues are the product of community input and feedback of the Committee members. Results from the community survey are detailed in Appendix A to this work plan.

Given the broad jurisdiction of the Committee and the urgency of the climate crisis, the Committee may add meeting dates to address priority issues or meet the operational needs of the City of San Diego.

The work plan will be posted online at <https://www.sandiego.gov/council-committees>. The Committee will 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 belliot@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

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.

Energy/Decarbonization	Building Electrification	Adopt building reach codes for all-electric appliances and infrastructure for new construction and a transition plan for existing buildings.
	San Diego Community Power	Monitor roll-out to residential customers, sourcing of renewable energy resources and battery storage, and community benefits.
	Municipal Energy Strategy	Expand renewable energy resources and battery storage on municipal facilities.
	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.
	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.
	Waste-to-Energy	Develop strategies that increase economic opportunities and produce renewable power sources.
	Public Power	Advance public power study funded in the FY22 budget.
	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.
	Telework	Reduce transportation emissions through a City employee telework and commuter benefit policies.

Priority Issues, Cont.

Water and Sustainability	Pure Water	Monitor Phase I construction and advance Phase II.
	Stormwater Infrastructure	Develop funding strategy to meet the needs of the City’s under-resourced stormwater system.
	Onsite Water Reuse	Develop implementation plan for municipal and commercial onsite water reuse.
	SB 1383	Implement SB 1383 through municipal code amendments, updating franchise agreements, funding, and public education and participation.
	People’s Ordinance	Amend the People’s Ordinance to develop a fair system that equitably delivers waste collection.
	Recycling Ordinance	Update the City’s Recycling Ordinance to further zero waste goals.

Environmental Justice	Indigenous Inclusion	Work with Indigenous Communities to promote and preserve their heritage and contributions; support traditional ecological knowledge for managing climate resilience.
	Equity	Evaluate the Climate Equity Index to ensure equitable climate action and distribution of city resources.
	Oil Drilling	Address oil drilling and the development of new oil wells in California.

Natural Resources	Trees	Expand the urban tree canopy by updating the City’s tree program and leveraging funding of partner agencies/organizations.
	Wildfire Prevention and Brush Management	Review current practices and enhance fire prevention strategies.
	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.
	Expand Wetlands	Review ongoing plans for DeAnza Cove and explore other opportunities.
	Wildlife Management	Balance safety, wild animal protection, and access in public lands.
	Beach Fires	Ensure safe practices and healthy air quality.
	Biodiversity	Develop a citywide biodiversity policy that protects native species, preserves pollinators, and limits pesticide use.

Meeting Participation

Access

All City Council and committee meetings will be held virtually via Zoom Webinar until further notice due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Information for attending the meeting 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.