



## Resiliency Advisory Board

### Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, February 20, 2025, 1:00-3:00 pm

**Location:** Civic Center Plaza, 1200 3rd Ave, 4th Floor, San Diego, CA 92101

**Seated Board members:** Ian Clampett, Jamie Garrett, A-bel Gong, Cynthia Rose Harris, Eric Lardy, Andrew Meyer, Erika Morgan, Stan Williams

**Staff Liaison:** Julia Chase, Chief Resilience Officer, City Planning Department

#### Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call

Board Member	Attendance
Ian Clampett	Absent (Excused)
Jamie Garrett	Present
A-bel Gong	Present
Cynthia Rose Harris	Present
Andrew Meyer	Present
Erika Morgan	Present
Stan Williams	Present
Jamie Garrett	Present

#### Item 2: Land Acknowledgement

#### Item 3: Adoption/Modification of Agenda Order

Motion: Board Member Morgan to adopt agenda order as is.

Second: Board Member Gong.

Passes unanimously.

#### Item 4: Announcements and Board Member Comments

- Board Member Meyer: San Diego Bird Alliance is engaging in an effort to change the City flower from the carnation to a native flower. Public voting will be open mid-March, information will be on San Diego Bird Alliance website ([sandiegobirdalliance.org](http://sandiegobirdalliance.org))

- Board Member Williams: Tidal project is underway in South San Diego Bay. Led by US Fish and Wildlife services. It is a mitigation project for Carlsbad desalination plant. Planting native plants is the next phase.
- Staff Liaison:
  - The California Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP) awarded the City an Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Grant; San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative and other cities were also recipients. The City will develop a Heat Action Plan and will engage the community in the effort. The project also includes a pilot implementation project.
  - The City Planning Climate Resilience team attended the February 1, 2025, Love your Wetlands Day where they shared planning initiatives and programs, and engaged with the community.
  - Mayor announced new cost savings measures and, in doing so, reorganized the Sustainability and Mobility Department. Now, Climate Action Plan team will now be joining the City Planning department.

**Item 5: Approval of Minutes: January 16, 2025**

- Motion: Board Member Meyer motion to approve minutes.
- Second: Board Member Lardy.
- Passes unanimously.

**Item 6: Non-Agenda Public Comment**

- None

**Item 7: Unfinished Business – None submitted, no items.**

- None

**Item 8: Action Items**

- a) [2025 Annual Work Plan](#) - Discussion and adoption of the amended RAB Work Plan for 2025.
  - Motion to approve with the modification of one word (“building” to “build” in Priority Goal #1, fourth Objective): Board Member Meyer
  - Second: Board Member Gong
  - Passes unanimously
- b) **Assignment of Board Members to Coordinate Resilience Topics** - Assignment of each Board Member to select a climate resilience or biodiversity-related topic for an informational presentation and RAB discussion at each future meeting of 2025.
  - March - Board Member Meyer (Native plants and Native landscaping)
  - April- Board Member Garrett (Water/Energy)
  - May- Board Member Gong (Extreme heat)
  - June Board Member Morgan (Energy resilience)
  - July Board Member Lardy (Agriculture and habitat or the working waterfront and fisheries)

- August (RECESS)
- September- None (Tentative joint meeting)
- October- Board Member Clampett (TBD)
- November- Board Member Williams (Water)

Discussion clarified Resilience Topics will each encompass 20 minutes of presentation

- Motion to approve this tentative assignment and list of resilience topics: Board Member Morgan.
  - Second: Board Member Meyer.
  - Passes unanimously.
- c) **Creation of Ad Hoc Subcommittees on 2025 Annual Work Plan Priority Goals – Formation of ad hoc entity to oversee and implement the Priority Goal #1 proposed in the 2025 RAB Annual Work Plan.**
- a. Motion to establish a subcommittee for Priority Goal 1: Establish a strong foundation, which will consist of Board Members Meyer, Gong, and Garrett, and Chair Harris. Motion by Board Member Garrett.
  - b. Second: Board Member Meyer.
  - c. Passes unanimously.

#### **Item 9: Information Items**

- Report of Ad Hoc Subcommittee for Priority Goal #2: Improve Community Wildfire Resilience. Ad Hoc Subcommittee will share recommendations on approach and initial areas to focus on for Priority Goal #2.
  - Presentation from Board Member Williams, defining and organizing an approach to Priority Goal #2. The following conversation focused on how to focus the Resiliency Advisory Board's efforts in an impactful, meaningful way regarding wildfire resilience.
- Discussion of Objection letter to City of San Diego regarding NORA for Brush Management Services. Board to discuss letter to City that details concerns regarding brush management implementation and how Priority Goal #2 may address some of the concerns raised.
  - Board Member Meyer provided context for and interpretation of the letter.
  - Board Member Lardy commented that this letter emphasizes how multifaceted and complicated this resiliency is. He requested City staff apprise the Board when there is a response/action from the City, so the Board can advise if necessary.

#### **Item 10: Proposed Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

- Requested presentations from both the San Diego Fire Department Community Risk Reduction Division on community wildfire preparedness and the City Planning Department on coordination for [AB747](#), [AB1409](#), [SB99](#).
- Board Member Meyer to present on native plants and native landscaping
- Update from Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Priority Goal 2 on a more focused approach for the Board to make an impact on community wildfire resiliency.

**Item 11: Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:34 pm.

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