

May 15, 2025

March 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes

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Senior Regional Planner Sara Toma called the meeting of the Sustainable Communities Working Group (SCWG) to order at 1:31 p.m.

1. Public Comment/Communications/Member Comments

Member Comments: None.

Public Comments: None.

Agency Comments: Senior Regional Planner Sara Toma.

Consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The SCWG was asked to approve the minutes from its January 16, 2025, meeting.

Public Comments: None.

Action: Upon a motion by Jesse Brown (Coronado), and a second by Noah Alvey (El Cajon), the SCWG voted to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion passed.

Yes: Robb Efird (Carlsbad), Desmond Corley (Chula Vista), Jesse Brown, Noah Alvey, Meagan Openshaw (Imperial Beach), Jared Chavez (La Mesa), Carlos Aguirre (National City), Stan Donn (Poway), Seth Litchney (City of San Diego), and Scott Nightingale (San Marcos).

No: None.

Abstain: Crystal Najera (Encinitas), Joseph Lim (Solana Beach), Joe Vacca (Vista).

Absent: County of San Diego, Del Mar, Escondido, Lemon Grove, Oceanside, Santee.

Reports

3. Sustainable Communities Working Group 2025 Workplan

Regional Planner Chesley DeLeon presented the proposed Sustainable Communities Working Group 2025 Workplan for discussion.

Public Comments: None.

Action: Discussion.

4. Flexible Fleets Pilot Grant Program Call for Projects

Associate Regional Planner Emily Doss and Grants Program Manager Jenny Russo presented an overview of the new grant program and sought feedback on the draft call for projects from SCWG members.

Public Comments: None.

Action: Discussion.

5. TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program: A Year in Review and What's Next for Regional Habitat Conservation?

Senior Regional Planner Kim Smith presented an update on key achievements of the TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program, with a focus on work completed in FY 2024, including efforts made to identify the needs and opportunities for conservation in the San Diego region.

Public Comments: None.

Action: Information.

6. Adjournment

The next meeting of the SCWG is scheduled for May 15, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Sara Toma adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Confirmed Attendance at Sustainable Communities Working Group Meeting

| Jurisdiction | Name | Attended |
|------------------------|------------------|----------|
| Chair (non-voting) | Tracy Martinez | No |
| City of Carlsbad | Jeff Murphy | No |
| | Eric Lardy | No |
| | Robb Efird | Yes |
| | Todd Philips | No |
| City of Chula Vista | Laura Black | No |
| | Desmond Corley | Yes |
| | Richard Grunow | No |
| City of Coronado | Jesse Brown | Yes |
| | Jasmine Bridges | No |
| | Rami Talleh | No |
| County of San Diego | Tara Lieberman | No |
| | Julie Marlett | No |
| | Karen Brindley | No |
| City of Del Mar | Clem Brown | No |
| | Amanda Lee | No |
| | Noah Alvey | Yes |
| City of El Cajon | Mike Viglione | No |
| | Patty Anders | No |
| City of Encinitas | Crystal Najera | Yes |
| | Veronica Morones | No |
| City of Escondido | Oscar Romero | No |
| | Meagan Openshaw | Yes |
| City of Imperial Beach | Reyna Ayala | No |
| | Ryan Pua | No |
| | Lynnette Santos | No |
| City of La Mesa | Jared Chavez | Yes |
| | Michael Fellows | No |
| City of Lemon Grove | Vacant | -- |
| | Angelita Palma | No |
| City of National City | Carlos Aguirre | Yes |
| | Martin Reader | No |

| Jurisdiction | Name | Attended |
|---|---------------------|----------|
| City of Oceanside | Sergio Madera | No |
| | Darlene Nicandro | No |
| City of Poway | Julie Procopio | No |
| | Stann Donn | Yes |
| City of San Diego | Heidi Vonblum | No |
| | Tail Galloway | No |
| | Seth Litchney | Yes |
| | Coby Tomlin | No |
| City of San Marcos | Saima Qureshy | No |
| | Joe Farace | No |
| | Scott Nightingale | Yes |
| City of Santee | Vacant | No |
| | Sandi Hazelwood | No |
| City of Solana Beach | Joseph Lim | Yes |
| | Corey Andrews | No |
| City of Vista | Patsy Chow | No |
| | Michael Ressler | No |
| | Joseph Vacca | Yes |
| Advisory Members | Name | |
| Air Pollution Control District | Mike Watt | No |
| | Kathy Keehan | No |
| | Eric Luther | No |
| Caltrans | Reece Allen | No |
| | Brandon Tobias | Yes |
| | Kim Dodson | No |
| San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission | Keene Simonds | No |
| | Priscilla Mumpower | No |
| | Joelle Burila | Yes |
| North County Transit District | Lillian Doherty | Yes |
| | Katie Persons | No |
| Metropolitan Transit System | Brent Boyd | Yes |
| | Beverly Neff | No |
| | Larry Renteria-Luna | No |

| Jurisdiction | Name | Attended |
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| San Diego County Regional Airport Authority | Sidney Noyce | Yes |
| | Ralph Redman | No |
| San Diego County Water Authority | Jeff Stephenson | No |
| | Tim Bombardier | No |
| Port of San Diego | Sureena Basra | No |
| | Vacant | N/A |
| SoCal Tribal Chairman's Association | Vacant | N/A |
| | Vacant | N/A |