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Regional Planning Committee 2026 Work Plan

Overview

SANDAG [Board Policy No. 001](#) requires that the Executive Committee (EC) annually review all SANDAG Policy Advisory Committees (PACs) and Working Groups (WGs) to determine whether they are needed or if there are any revisions to functions or membership.

During 2025, SANDAG conducted an external assessment of the PACs and WGs based on feedback from the Board of Directors. Some of the goals that were outlined for this work included ensuring clear roles and responsibilities, streamlining decision-making processes, and improving communication channels between all stakeholders to address challenges in decision-making, accountability, and operational effectiveness.

Action: Discussion

Staff will present an overview of key discussion items anticipated for consideration by the Regional Planning Committee in 2026.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

None.

Key Considerations

On [July 11, 2025](#), the EC received an update on an initial review of SANDAG governing statute and requirements, member surveys, Board and staff interviews, and a scan of peer Metropolitan Planning Organizations. More than 120 people contributed feedback. The EC discussed several important considerations for how SANDAG's PACs and WGs function today and how they might evolve.

At its meeting on [November 21, 2025](#), the Board approved amendments to Board Policy No. 001 to strengthen the effectiveness of its PACs and improve how they support Board decision-making. All changes to Regional Planning Committee's (RPC's) responsibilities are included in the red-lined Board Policy No. 001 attachment.

Consistent with these amendments, the general role of the RPC is to provide a venue for discussing and proposing actions related to SANDAG's regional land use, housing, and resilience responsibilities. In particular, the RPC has now been delegated to review and make recommendations to the Board regarding the Regional Housing Needs Allocation for the San Diego region.

In addition, the meeting frequency for the RPC was adjusted to a quarterly cadence to align with SANDAG's annual work plan and allow for more substantive, policy-focused discussions by the Committee.

Next Steps

Staff will work with the RPC Chair to develop future agendas and discussion topics based on feedback from the Committee.

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Attachment: 1. Board Policy No. 001