

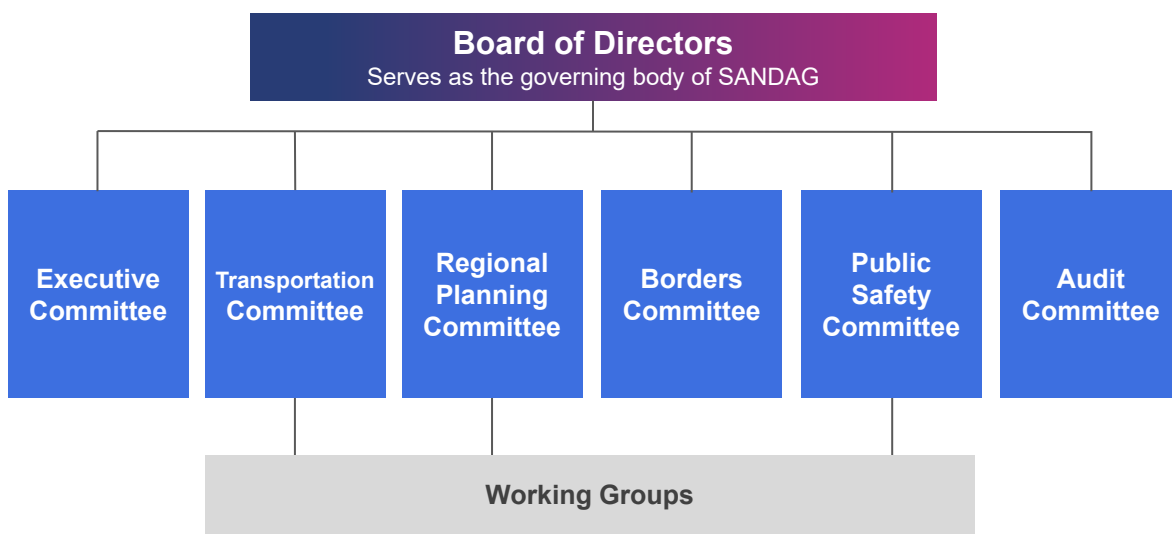


# Regional Planning Committee: 2026 Work Plan

Regional Planning Committee | Item 4  
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## Governance Structure



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## Policy Advisory Committee Refresh Project

- Modernize SANDAG’s governance framework to ensure clear roles and responsibilities, streamlined decision making processes, and improved communication channels between all stakeholders to address challenges in decision-making, accountability, and operational effectiveness.
- Review of SANDAG governing statute and requirements, member surveys, Board and staff interviews, and peer MPOs
- Recommendations for RPC
  - Re-establish RPC as a fully engaged Policy Advisory Committee, parallel in role to the Transportation Committee, focused on land use, housing, and climate resilience.
  - Adjust meeting frequency to align with SANDAG’s annual work plan, with quarterly meetings recommended for 2026.

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## RPC Membership

**Voting Members:** a representative from East County, North County Coastal, North County Inland, South County, and the mayor or a council member from the City of San Diego, and a supervisor from the County of San Diego

**Advisory Members:** a representative from Caltrans District 11, Department of Defense, Metropolitan Transit System, North County Transit District, Southern California Tribal Chairmen’s Association, San Diego County Water Authority, Port of San Diego, The Association of Planning Groups

*Primary and alternate members are strongly encouraged to attend all Committee meetings.*

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## RPC Primary Responsibilities - Existing

- Provide coordinated oversight with the Transportation Committee for recommendations on the preparation and implementation of components of the Regional Plan.
- Approve distribution of funds from the California Coastal Commission Beach Sand Mitigation Fund and California Coastal Commission Public Recreational Beach Impact Mitigation Fund.
- Recommend project selection criteria for, and recommend projects for funding under, the TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Program and Environmental Mitigation Program and other grant programs that support implementation of the Regional Plan.

## RPC Primary Responsibilities - New

- Comment on behalf of SANDAG or provide recommendations to the Board regarding comments on third party environmental documents.
- Review and make recommendations to the Board on regional land use, housing and resilience issues where other advisory forums are unable to find consensus or which need additional discussion before Board action.
- Review and make recommendations to the Board regarding the Regional Housing Needs Allocation for the San Diego region.

**Discussion -  
2026  
Potential  
Topics**

- **2026 Housing Legislation**
- **RHNA**
- **Shoreline Preservation Policy  
& Programs**
- **Grant Programs**
- **Environmental Mitigation  
Program (EMP)**