

September 18, 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.

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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
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

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