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## ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM WORKING GROUP

The Environmental Mitigation Program Working Group may take action on any item appearing on this agenda.

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

1 to 3 p.m.

SANDAG, 7th Floor Conference Room  
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## AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- **PANEL DISCUSSION: CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATURAL RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS**

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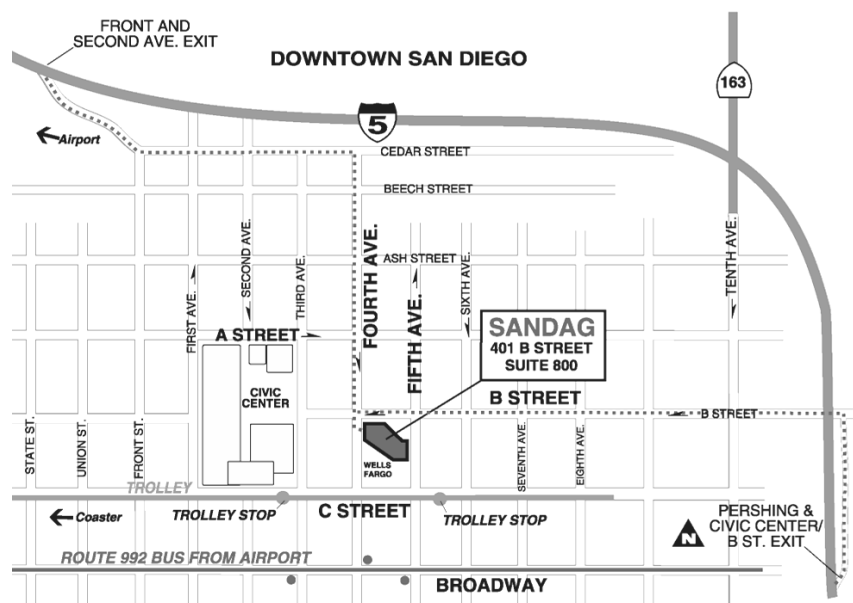
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Tuesday, November 8, 2016

ITEM NO.		RECOMMENDATION
1.	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (Chair, SANDAG Frist Vice Chair, Terry Sinnott, City of Del Mar Deputy Mayor)	
+2.	APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES	APPROVE
The Environmental Mitigation Program Working Group (EMPWG) is asked to review and approve the minutes from its September 13, 2016, meeting.		Estimated Start Time: 1:00 – 1:05 p.m.
3.	PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS	
Members of the public shall have the opportunity to address the EMPWG on any issue within the jurisdiction of SANDAG that is not on this agenda. Anyone desiring to speak shall reserve time by completing a "Request to Speak" form and giving it to the EMPWG coordinator prior to speaking. Public speakers should notify the EMPWG coordinator if they have a handout for distribution to EMPWG members. Public speakers are limited to three minutes or less per person. EMPWG members also may provide information and announcements under this agenda item.		Estimated Start Time: 1:05 – 1:10 p.m.
4.	NOMINATION COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION FOR NEW VICE CHAIR (Vice Chair Mike Grim, City of Carlsbad)	APPROVE
The EMPWG formed a nomination committee at its September 13, 2016, meeting to solicit and review nominees to replace outgoing Vice Chair Grim. The nomination committee is recommending EMPWG member LeAnn Carmichael (County of San Diego) to fill this role. Vice Chair Grim chaired the committee and will provide information to the EMPWG prior to SANDAG staff's request to approve Ms. Carmichael's selection as Vice Chair.		Estimated Start Time: 1:10 – 1:20 p.m.
5.	RECOGNITION OF VICE CHAIR GRIM (Chair, SANDAG Frist Vice Chair, Terry Sinnott, City of Del Mar Deputy Mayor)	INFORMATION
Vice Chair Grim will be starting a new job and will be stepping down from the EMPWG. The EMPWG members will be recognizing Mr. Grim's 11 years of service on the EMPWG, including almost 6 years as the Vice Chair.		Estimated Start Time: 1:20 – 1:30 p.m.

6. **PANEL DISCUSSION: CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATURAL RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS (Dr. Amber Pairis, Climate Science Alliance; Danielle Boudreau, Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve; Vice Chair Grim; Dr. Megan Jennings, San Diego State University)**

**INFORMATION/  
DISCUSSION**

The Climate Science Alliance is building a community of practice to support land managers and others to bring climate considerations into natural resource management. Facilitated by Dr. Pairis, panelists will provide an overview of climate impacts to the region and what that means to the resources we manage here in San Diego. Panelists will cover topics such as climate resilient connectivity, scenario planning and adaptation in the Tijuana Estuary, and opportunities and challenges at local preserve level. EMPWG members will have an opportunity to dialog with the panelists to further our goals of resilient ecosystems under changing climatic conditions.

Estimated Start Time:  
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

7. **NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT**

**INFORMATION**

The next meeting of the EMPWG is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2017, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Estimated Start Time:  
2:30 – 2:35 p.m.

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**San Diego Association of Governments**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM**  
**WORKING GROUP**

November 8, 2016

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **2**

**Action Requested: APPROVE**

SEPTEMBER 13, 2016, MEETING MINUTES

File Number 3200100

The meeting of the Environmental Mitigation Program Working Group was called to order by Vice Chair Mike Grim (City of Carlsbad) at 1:06 p.m.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Attendance sheet is attached.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (APPROVE)

Action: Upon a motion by LeAnn Carmichael (County of San Diego) and a second by James Whalen (Alliance for Habitat Conservation), the Environmental Mitigation Program Working Group approved the minutes from the July 12, 2016, meeting. Yes – Vice Chair Grim, Robert Fisher (USGS), Susan Wynn (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), Anne Harvey (San Diego Conservation Network), Cheryl Goddard (City of Chula Vista), Melanie Kush (City of Santee), Mr. Whalen, Ms. Carmichael, David Mayer (California Department of Fish and Wildlife), Kim Smith (Caltrans). No – None. Abstain – Alyssa Muto (City of San Diego), Teri Muzik (Wildlife Conservation Board), Kirsten Winter (U.S. Forest Service). Absent – Endangered Habitats League, The Nature Conservancy, The San Diego Foundation, Army Corps of Engineers, Building Industry Association, City of Poway, City of Del Mar.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS (COMMENT)

Members of the public will have the opportunity to address the EMPWG on any issue within the jurisdiction of the EMPWG. Speakers are limited to three minutes each.

Vice Chair Grim announced that this will be the final EMPWG meeting for Teri Muzik. Ms. Muzik's seat will be filled by member Peter Perrine and alternate John Walsh. Vice Chair Grim also introduced Kirsten Winter of the U.S. Forest Service as a new member of the EMPWG. The U.S. Forest Service will be replacing the position on the panel vacated by the California Coastal Commission.

Ms. Goddard informed members that during a recent tour of the Otay Valley River Park, no signs of the invasive Shot Hole Borer were found in the surveyed area. Members of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Forest Service also were in attendance.

Mr. Fisher announced that the "California Amphibian and Reptile Species of Special Concern" book came out, and it no longer lists the orange-throated whiptail as a species of special concern. Mr. Fisher

also summarized the current status of Southern California badgers and provided updates of work being performed.

Yvonne Moore (San Diego Management and Monitoring Program [SDMMP]) introduced new members of the SDMMP team to EMPWG members.

There were no public comments.

#### 4. LAND MANAGEMENT GRANTS: AD HOC COMMITTEE'S PRIORITIZATION AND FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS (RECOMMEND)

The EMPWG formed an ad hoc committee to review, prioritize, and make a funding recommendation on applications received under the eighth call for projects for land management grants. A total of 32 grant applications were received. Vice Chair Grim chaired the ad hoc committee and will report out on the recommendations with the assistance of Sarah Pierce (SANDAG).

Action: Upon a motion by Ms. Wynn and a second by Mr. Mayer, the EMPWG approved the ad hoc committee's prioritization and funding recommendations. Yes – Vice Chair Grim, Mr. Fisher, Ms. Wynn, Ms. Harvey, Ms. Goddard, Ms. Kush, Mr. Whalen, Ms. Carmichael, Mr. Mayer, Ms. Smith, Ms. Muto, Ms. Muzik, Ms. Winter. No – None. Abstain – None. Absent – Endangered Habitats League, The Nature Conservancy, The San Diego Foundation, Army Corps of Engineers, Building Industry Association, City of Poway, City of Del Mar.

#### 5. FORMATION OF VICE CHAIR NOMINATION COMMITTEE (DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION)

Vice Chair Grim will be starting a new job and will be stepping down from the EMPWG. Pursuant to the EMPWG Charter, the members of the EMPWG will select a Vice Chair. SANDAG staff has recommended the formation of a 3-4 person nomination committee to review potential Vice Chair nominees.

Action: The EMPWG formed a Vice Chair nomination committee composed of the following members: Vice Chair Grim, Mr. Whalen, and Ms. Wynn.

#### 6. PANEL DISCUSSION: RARE PLANT MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT EFFORTS (INFORMATION)

Over the last two years, the SDMMP, in cooperation with the Conservation Biology Institute (CBI) and multiple land managers, has engaged in a collaborative regional effort to survey rare plants in San Diego. Dr. Kristine Preston (SDMMP) and Jessie Vinje (CBI) will present the collaborative nature of the effort, preliminary results, and major findings. In addition, Kimberly Roeland (City of San Diego) will share the results of management of *Brachypodium distachyon* on City of San Diego San Diego thornmint (*Acanthomintha ilicifolia*) sites using the SANDAG-funded herbicide treatment developed by CBI.

During discussion, Tom Oberbauer (AECOM/Member of the Public) recommended that efforts aimed at seed bank replenishment of threatened/endangered plant species should be performed during high rainfall years if possible.

Action: This item was for information only.

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS (INFORMATION)

The next meeting of the EMPWG is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 2016, from 1 to 3 p.m. (Happy Election Day!).

8. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Grim adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

**ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM WORKING GROUP  
MEETING ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2016**

REPRESENTATION	JURISDICTION/ORGANIZATION	NAME	MEMBER/ ALTERNATE	ATTENDING
Environmental Mitigation Program Working Group Chair	Councilmember, City of Del Mar	Hon. Terry Sinnott	Chair	NO
South County Subregion	City of Chula Vista	Cheryl Goddard	Member	YES
	City of Chula Vista	Scott Donaghe	Alternate	NO
North County Coastal Subregion	City of Carlsbad	Mike Grim	Vice Chair/ Member	YES
	City of Oceanside	Vacant	Alternate	N/A
North County Inland Subregion	City of Poway	Oda Ausidh	Member	NO
	City of Poway	Carol Rosas	Alternate	NO
East County Subregion	City of Santee	Melanie Kush	Member	YES
	City of Santee	Christina Rios	Alternate	NO
City of San Diego Subregion	City of San Diego	Alyssa Muto	Member	YES
		Kristen Forburger	Alternate	NO
County of San Diego Subregion	County of San Diego	LeAnn Carmichael	Member	YES
		Christine Sloan-Tolchin	Alternate	NO
Other Public Agencies	Army Corps of Engineers	Richard Van Sant	Member	NO
		Meris Guerrero	Alternate	NO
	U.S. Forest Service	Kirsten Winter	Member	YES
		Lance Criley	Alternate	NO
	Caltrans	Bruce April	Member	YES
		Kim Smith	Alternate	YES
	Department of Fish and Wildlife	David Mayer	Member	YES
		Gail Sevens	Alternate	YES
	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Susan Wynn	Member	YES
		David Zoutendyk	Alternate	NO
	USGS	Robert Fisher	Member	YES
		Carlton Rochester	Alternate	NO
	Wildlife Conservation Board	Teri Muzik	Member	YES
		John Walsh	Alternate	NO
Non-Profits	Endangered Habitats League	Michael Beck	Member	NO
		Scott Grimes	Alternate	NO
	San Diego Conservation Network	Anne Harvey	Member	YES
		Vacant	Alternate	N/A



	The Nature Conservancy	Trish Smith	Member	NO
		Cara Lacey	Alternate	NO
	The San Diego Foundation	Bridget Strickland	Member	NO
		Nicola Hedge	Alternate	NO
Business	Alliance for Habitat Conservation	James Whalen	Member	YES
		Nick Doenges	Alternate	NO
	Building Industry Association	Matt Adams	Member	NO
		Vacant	Alternate	N/A