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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM WORKING GROUP

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Tuesday, January 10, 2017

1 to 3 p.m.

SANDAG, 7th Floor Conference Room
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AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- **OVERVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM EFFORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017**
- **MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE AND ONLINE PORTAL DEMONSTRATION**
- **PRELIMINARY RESULTS ON CALIFORNIA GNATCATCHER MONITORING AND ANALYSIS**

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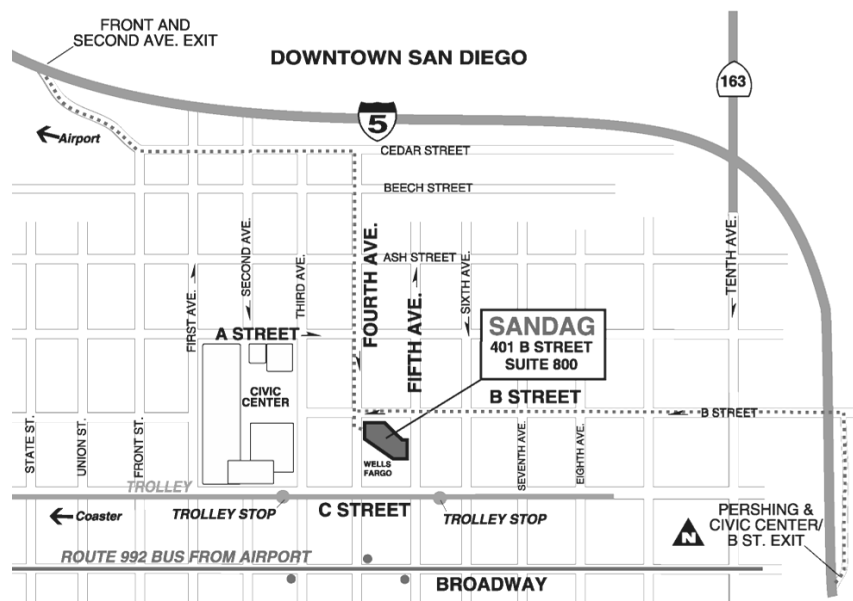
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ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM WORKING GROUP

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

ITEM NO.		RECOMMENDATION
1.	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (Chair, SANDAG First Vice Chair, Terry Sinnott, City of Del Mar Deputy Mayor)	
+2.	APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES The Environmental Mitigation Program Working Group (EMPWG) is asked to review and approve the minutes from its November 8, 2016, meeting.	APPROVE 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.
REPORTS		
4.	OVERVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM EFFORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 (Keith Greer, SANDAG) In February 2008, the SANDAG Board of Directors entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the implementation of the Environmental Mitigation Program. Mr. Greer will present a timeline of the major work products that will be required prior to the expiration of the current MOA. The EMPWG will have an advisory role on several of the work products.	APPROVE Estimated Start Time: 1:10 – 1:30 p.m.
5.	MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE AND ONLINE PORTAL DEMONSTRATION (Yvonne Moore, San Diego Management and Monitoring Program Administrator) In August 2013, the first version of the Management Strategic Plan (MSP) was developed by the San Diego Management and Monitoring Program. The MSP has been updated and converted into an interactive online portal to promote its use. Ms. Moore will discuss the updates to the MSP and demonstrate the use of the portal.	INFORMATION Estimated Start Time: 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

ITEM NO.

RECOMMENDATION

- 6. PRELIMINARY RESULTS ON CALIFORNIA GNATCATCHER MONITORING AND ANALYSIS (Dr. Barbara Kus, U.S. Geological Survey)

INFORMATION/
DISCUSSION

In 2016, a Southern California-wide effort was undertaken to monitor the California gnatcatcher throughout its range in the U.S. While many parties help to obtain the monitoring data, Dr. Kus is leading the effort to analyze the results. Dr. Kus will provide preliminary results on the occupancy of the gnatcatcher as well as plans for the data analyses of their habitat and how the data will link to management.

Estimated Start Time:
2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

- 7. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT

INFORMATION

The next meeting of the EMPWG is TENTATIVELY scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2017. **SANDAG staff will be discussing the potential of a joint off-site meeting with the Shoreline Preservation Working Group. Exact details and logistics will be provided in advance of the meeting.**

Estimated Start Time:
2:45 – 2:50 p.m.

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San Diego Association of Governments
ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM
WORKING GROUP

January 10, 2017

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **2**

Action Requested: APPROVE

NOVEMBER 8, 2016, MEETING MINUTES

File Number 3200100

The meeting of the Environmental Mitigation Program Working Group (EMPWG) was called to order by Chair Terry Sinnott (SANDAG Board of Director Vice Chair, City of Del Mar) at 1:02 p.m.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The attendance sheet for the meeting is included.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (APPROVE)

Action: Upon a motion by Michael Beck (Endangered Habitats League) and a second by Vice Chair Mike Grim (City of Carlsbad), the EMPWG approved the minutes from the September 13, 2016, meeting. Yes – Chair Sinnott, Vice Chair Grim, Susan Wynn (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), Cheryl Goddard (City of Chula Vista), James Whalen (Alliance for Habitat Conservation), LeAnn Carmichael (County of San Diego), David Mayer (California Department of Fish and Wildlife), Bruce April (Caltrans), Lance Criley (U.S. Forest Service), Kristen Forburger (City of San Diego), Bridget Strickland (The San Diego Foundation), Mr. Beck. No – None. Abstain – None. Absent – The Nature Conservancy, Army Corps of Engineers, Building Industry Association, City of Poway, U.S. Geological Survey, San Diego Conservation Network, Wildlife Conservation Board, City of Santee.¹

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Christina Schaefer (Schaefer Ecological Solutions/Member of the Public) introduced herself and let the working group members know that she would be taking notes on behalf of the City of Oceanside for the current meeting.

¹ In attendance for panel discussion.

Keith Greer (SANDAG) announced that Jeff Hunt (City of Oceanside) will be filling the vacant seat for the City of Oceanside and will be serving as an alternate for the North County Coastal Subregion. Mr. Greer also informed working group members of a recent court case ruling that approved the listing of species based on climate change predictions.

4. NOMINATION COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION FOR NEW VICE CHAIR (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 Ms. Carmichael 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.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Whalen and a second by Ms. Wynn, the EMPWG approved the selection of Ms. Carmichael as Vice Chair of the EMPWG. Yes – Chair Sinnott, Vice Chair Grim, Ms. Wynn, Ms. Goddard, Mr. Whalen, Ms. Carmichael, Mr. Mayer, Mr. April, Mr. Criley, Ms. Forburger, Ms. Strickland, Mr. Beck. No – None. Abstain – None. Absent – The Nature Conservancy, Army Corps of Engineers, Building Industry Association, City of Poway, U.S. Geological Survey, San Diego Conservation Network, Wildlife Conservation Board, City of Santee.

5. RECOGNITION OF VICE CHAIR GRIM (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.

Action: This item was for information only.

6. PANEL DISCUSSION: CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATURAL RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS (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. Amber Pairis (Climate Science Alliance), 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.

Ms. Schaefer asked the panel if there was any opportunity to prioritize habitats for management based on the vulnerability assessments, including inland habitats that may not be directly influenced by sea level rise.

Action: This item was for information only.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT (INFORMATION)

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Chair Sinnott adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

**ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM WORKING GROUP
 MEETING ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

REPRESENTATION	JURISDICTION/ORGANIZATION	NAME	MEMBER/ ALTERNATE	ATTENDING
Environmental Mitigation Program Working Group Chair	Councilmember, City of Del Mar	Hon. Terry Sinnott	Chair	YES
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	Rosanne Humphreys	Member	YES
	City of Oceanside	Jeff Hunt	Alternate	NO
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	NO
		Kristen Forburger	Alternate	YES
County of San Diego Subregion	County of San Diego	LeAnn Carmichael	Vice Chair/ Member	YES
		Deborah Mosley	Alternate	NO
Other Public Agencies	Army Corps of Engineers	Richard Van Sant	Member	NO
		Vacant	Alternate	N/A
	U.S. Forest Service	Kirsten Winter	Member	NO
		Lance Criley	Alternate	YES
	Caltrans	Bruce April	Member	YES
		Kim Smith	Alternate	NO
	Department of Fish and Wildlife	David Mayer	Member	YES
		Gail Sevens	Alternate	NO
	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Susan Wynn	Member	YES
		David Zoutendyk	Alternate	NO
	U.S. Geological Survey	Robert Fisher	Member	NO
		Carlton Rochester	Alternate	NO
	Wildlife Conservation Board	Peter Perrine	Member	NO
		John Walsh	Alternate	NO
Non-Profits	Endangered Habitats League	Michael Beck	Member	YES
		Scott Grimes	Alternate	NO
	San Diego Conservation Network	Anne Harvey	Member	NO
		Vacant	Alternate	N/A

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Non-Profits (continued)	The Nature Conservancy	Trish Smith	Member	NO
		Cara Lacey	Alternate	NO
	The San Diego Foundation	Bridget Strickland	Member	YES
		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