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# MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

## ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM WORKING GROUP

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Tuesday, September 12, 2017

1 to 3 p.m.

SANDAG, 7th Floor Conference Room  
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## AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- **ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM TEN-YEAR HIGHLIGHT REPORT: STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND REGIONAL MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING**
- **SHOT HOLE BORER BEETLE PANEL DISCUSSION: WHAT IS HAPPENING?**

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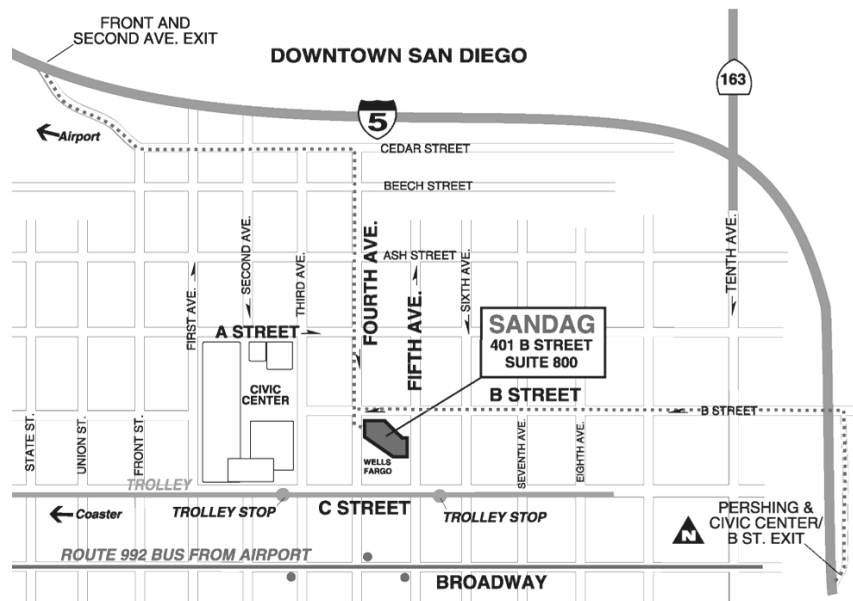
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# ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM WORKING GROUP

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

ITEM NO.		RECOMMENDATION
1.	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (Chair Terry Sinnott, City of Del Mar)	
+2.	APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES The Environmental Mitigation Program Working Group (EMPWG) is asked to review and approve the minutes from its July 11, 2017, meeting.	APPROVE Estimated Start Time: 1:00 – 1:10 p.m.
3.	PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS 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 meeting coordinator prior to speaking. Public speakers should notify the meeting coordinator if they have a handout for distribution to working group 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: 1:10 – 1:15 p.m.
<b>REPORTS</b>		
4.	ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM TEN-YEAR HIGHLIGHT REPORT: STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND REGIONAL MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING (Yvonne Moore, San Diego Management and Monitoring Program; Keith Greer) The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for implementing the Environmental Mitigation Program is set to expire in February 2018. At its May and July meetings, the EMPWG was presented with an outline of information that will be part of a future ten-year highlight report that will accompany a revised MOA. Staff will continue to discuss the status of transportation projects mitigated through the MOA, and walk through the regional management and monitoring highlights.	DISCUSSION Estimated Start Time: 1:15 – 2:00 p.m.
5.	SHOT HOLE BORER BEETLE PANEL DISCUSSION: WHAT IS HAPPENING? (Scarlett Howell, U.S. Geological Survey; Dr. Akif Eskalen, UC Riverside; Shannon Lynch, UC Santa Cruz; Hans Sin, California Department of Fish and Wildlife) The viability of native riparian habitat is under threat from invasive shot hole borer beetle species. The EMPWG was presented with a discussion of the regional implications of this threat at its January 12, 2016, meeting. Since then, SANDAG has funded several projects which, when combined with other regional efforts, will help to address this emerging threat. A panel of experts will discuss implementation efforts in San Diego County and how they fit into larger statewide efforts.	INFORMATION Estimated Start Time: 2:00 – 2:50 p.m.

**6. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**INFORMATION**

The next EMPWG meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at 1 p.m.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM WORKING GROUP**

September 12, 2017

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **2**

**Action Requested: APPROVE**

JULY 11, 2017, MEETING MINUTES

File Number 3200100

**Please Note:** Audio file of the meeting is available on the SANDAG website at sandag.org, on the Environmental Mitigation Program Working Group (EMPWG) webpage.

The meeting of the EMPWG was called to order by Acting Chair James Whalen (Alliance for Habitat Conservation) at 1:07 p.m.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Action: Upon a motion by Susan Wynn (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services) and a second by Matt Adams (Building Industry Association), the EMPWG approved the minutes from the July 11, 2017, meeting. Yes – Ms. Wynn, Mr. Adams, David Mayer (Department of Fish and Wildlife), James Whalen (Alliance for Habitat Conservation), Bruce April (Caltrans), Lance Criley (U.S. Forest Service), Kristen Forburger (City of San Diego), Jeff Hunt (City of Oceanside), Cheryl Goddard (City of Chula Vista), Melanie Kush (City of Santee), Candace Wo (The San Diego Foundation), Michael Beck (Endangered Habitats League), Deborah Mosely (County of San Diego), Trish Smith (The Nature Conservancy). No – None. Abstain – Anne Harvey (San Diego Conservation Network). Absent – City of Del Mar, Army Corps of Engineers, City of Poway, U.S. Geological Survey, and Wildlife Conservation Board.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Fred Sandquist, Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation, announced that he received the first installment of the check and that the contracts are being finalized. The project for the \$100,000 resiliency grant for a study on the Batiquitos Lagoon in conjunction with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve will start in August.

**REPORTS**

4. FIRST *TRANSNET* TEN-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM REVIEW (Ariana zur Nieden)

The *TransNet* Extension Ordinance requires that the Board of Directors, acting as the San Diego County Regional Transportation Commission, conduct a Ten-Year Comprehensive Program Review of all *TransNet* projects and programs to evaluate and improve performance of the overall program. Arianna Zur Neiden, SANDAG staff, presented the approach for the Ten-Year Review, including draft work plan concepts as approved by the SANDAG Board of Directors.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM WORKING GROUP AD HOC COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION OF FY 2018 FUNDING AND PROPOSED CRITERIA FOR 9TH CYCLE OF LAND MANAGEMENT GRANTS (Susan Wynn, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Sarah Pierce)

At its May meeting the EMPWG formed an ad hoc committee to develop recommendations for FY 2018 funding for consideration by the EMPWG. In addition, the ad hoc committee created recommendations for the 9th cycle of land management grants. The EMPWG reviewed the ad hoc committee's proposals and recommended that the Regional Planning Committee recommend that the Board of the Directors approve the allocation of \$4 million for FY 2018 regional management and monitoring activities and release the call for projects for the 9th cycle of land management grants.

Action: Upon a motion by Mr. April and a second by Ms. Goddard, the EMPWG approved the allocation of \$4 million for FY 2018 regional management and monitoring activities. Yes – Mr. April, Ms. Goddard, Mr. Mayer, Mr. Whalen, Ms. Wynn, Mr. Criley, Ms. Forburger, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Adams, Ms. Kush, Ms. Wo, Mr. Beck, Ms. Harvey, Ms. Mosely, Ms. Smith. No – None. Abstain – None. Absent – City of Del Mar, Army Corps of Engineers, City of Poway, U.S. Geological Survey, and Wildlife Conservation Board.

Action: Upon a motion by Ms. Smith and a second by Mr. April, the EMPWG approved the ad hoc committee's recommendations for a 9th cycle of land management grants. Yes – Ms. Smith, Mr. April, Mr. Mayer, Mr. Whalen, Ms. Wynn, Mr. Criley, Ms. Forburger, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Adams, Ms. Kush, Ms. Wo, Mr. Beck, Ms. Harvey, Ms. Mosely, Ms. Goddard. No – None. Abstain – None. Absent – City of Del Mar, Army Corps of Engineers, City of Poway, U.S. Geological Survey, and Wildlife Conservation Board.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM TEN-YEAR HIGHLIGHT DISCUSSION REPORT: USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM FUNDS OVER FIRST TEN YEARS (Keith Greer)

The Memorandum of Agreement for implementing the Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP) is set to expire in February 2018. At its May meeting the EMPWG was presented with an outline of a report that will highlight the use of EMP funding over the last ten years. Keith Greer, Principal Regional Planner at SANDAG, provided information on the use of funds for land acquisition, restoration, and management as of the end of FY 2017, as well as for the regional management and monitoring efforts. This information will serve as the basis for future determination of economic benefit and cost savings under the EMP, as well as be included in the Ten-Year Highlight Report

7. QUINO CHECKERSPOT BUTTERFLY RECOVERY EFFORTS INFORMATION (Spring Strahm, Conservation Biology Institute)

Last winter, 1400 larvae of the endangered Quino checkerspot butterfly were released on part of the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge where the butterfly had been absent for almost a decade. Emergence of Quino checkerspot adults this spring demonstrates a proof of concept for rearing and reintroducing the species, which is likely to become necessary under climate change. Spring Strahm, Conservation Biology Institute, presented the reintroduction process and results.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the EMPWG is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 1 p.m.

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	Rosanne Humphrey	Member	No
	City of Oceanside	Jeff Hunt	Alternate	Yes
North County Inland Subregion	City of Poway	Oda Audish	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	No
		Deborah Mosley	Alternate	Yes
Other Public Agencies	Army Corps of Engineers	Richard Van Sant	Member	No
		Vacant	Alternate	--
	U.S. Forest Service	Kirsten Winter	Member	No
		Lance Criley	Alternate	Yes
	Caltrans	Bruce April	Member	Yes
		Kim Smith	Alternate	Yes
	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
	USGS	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	No
		Scott Grimes	Alternate	No
	San Diego Conservation Network	Anne Harvey	Member	Yes
		Vacant	Alternate	--
	The Nature Conservancy	Trish Smith	Member	Yes
		Cara Lacey	Alternate	No
	The San Diego Foundation	Candace Wo	Member	Yes
		Cami Mattson	Alternate	No

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Business	Alliance for Habitat Conservation	James Whalen	Member	Yes
		Nick Doenges	Alternate	No
	Building Industry Association	Matt Adams	Member	Yes
		Vacant	Alternate	--

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