



**CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION WORKING GROUP OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

**ACTIONS FOR THE WORKING GROUP MEETING OF
FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2016, AT 10:30 P.M.
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM A – 12TH FLOOR
202 “C” STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

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Working Group members present: Alvarez, Sherman, Escobar Eck, Adams, LaCava,
Capretz, Lopez, Blackson, Karafin, Grene, Parent, Steirer, Bekkar

Working Group members absent: Anderson, Mitrosky, South

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Alvarez welcomed all present to the first meeting of the Climate Action Plan Implementation Working Group (CAPIWG) meeting and provided a brief background of how the Working Group was formed.
- II. INTRODUCTIONS AND WORKING GROUP MEMBER COMMENT:** The following Working Group members introduced themselves:

Chair: Councilmember David Alvarez

Vice Chair: Councilmember Scott Sherman

At-Large: Marcela Escobar Eck, Principal, Atlantis Group

Building & Construction Industry: Matthew Adams, Vice President, Building Industry Association

Business Owner/Advocate: Vacant

Community Representative: Joe LaCava, Community Advocate

Energy Provider: Rob Anderson, Director of Resource Planning, San Diego Gas and Electric

Environmental Advocate: Nicole Capretz, Executive Director, Climate Action Campaign

Environmental Justice: Monique Lopez, Senior Planner and Policy Advocate,
Environmental Health Coalition

Labor Representative: Micah Mitrosky, LEED Green Associate, IBEW Local 569
Land Use Planning: Howard Blackson, Urban Design Studio Manager, RBF/Baker International
Regional Chamber of Commerce: Sean Karafin, Executive Director of Policy & Economic Research
Solid Waste and Disposal Industry: Steve South, President and CEO, EDCO Disposal Corp.
Sustainable Energy: Hanna Grene, Policy Manager, Energy Efficiency and Building Performance, Center for Sustainable Energy
Transportation Planning: Colin Parent, Policy Counsel, Circulate San Diego
Water/Potable Reuse: Marsi Steirer, Principal, MAS-Agua Water Resources & Utility Management Consulting
Climate Research: Vacant
Public Health: Bruce E. Bekkar, M.D.

Chair Alvarez also asked the following individuals to introduce themselves:
Cody Hooven with the City's Economic Development Department
Chris Ojeda with the Independent Budget Analyst's office

Chair Alvarez reminded the Working Group members that the CAPIWG is a public meeting and governed by the Brown Act.

Chair Alvarez also stated that CAPIWG members should consider and determine for themselves, based upon a memorandum provided by the City Attorney's Office, if they could have a 1090 conflict of interest in the future by participating in the CAPIWG.

III. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND INTENT OF THE CAPIWG: Chair Alvarez stated the purpose and intent of the CAPIWG is to advise the Environment Committee on the implementation of the CAP, including adaptation, on a quarterly basis, or as needed.

IV. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: None

V. CAP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN UPDATE: CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND FY17 OUTLOOK- CODY HOOVEN, SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

This is an informational item only, no action required by the Working Group.

VI. DISCUSSION OF FY17 PRIORITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

- a. Strategy 1: Water & Energy Efficient Buildings
- b. Strategy 2: Clean & Renewable Energy
- c. Strategy 3: Bicycling, Walking, Transit & Land Use
- d. Strategy 4: Zero Waste
- e. Strategy 5: Climate Resiliency

Chair Alvarez suggested the City needs the SANDAG quality of life measure to include adequate funding and focus on public transit goals in all areas of the city to ensure CAP goals are met. He also asked that staff provide the Working Group with “next steps” that the City needs to take to hit the CAP goals, ranging from funding to coordination with other organizations. He requested staff examine whether the city should continue investing in CNG fuel. He also mentioned the need to develop a community plan CAP compliance checklist.

Vice Chair Sherman mentioned the need to consult with landscaping professionals when installing the tree canopy to ensure the best and most efficient types of trees are used. Also, they should be consulted on the latest technologies such as rain gauges.

Matt Adams suggested adding an element that specifically addresses a campaign for community outreach and education.

Bruce Bekkar suggested exploring how the fiscal impacts of the health impacts and improvements from implementing the CAP can be quantified.

Nicole Capretz expressed the need for detailed data from SANDAG on how much infill paired with transit/bike/walk infrastructure is needed and where to ensure bike/walk/transit mode share goals are met, particularly as community plan updates move forward. She suggested that the City should be more engaged on the SANDAG quality of life measure to help ensure sufficient funding to meet Climate Action Plan goals. She also recommended that the Economic Development Department increase its level of staffing for CAP implementation in FY17 and beyond.

Marcela Escobar-Eck suggested that City Planning Department staff have a presence at all community planning group meetings in order to ensure they can provide groups with professional feedback on various planning related issues. Also suggested that the City review existing plans that have density numbers that have not been achieved.

Sean Karafin raised the issue of whether the City should provide the upfront investment for a city-wide charging network for electric vehicles.

Joe LaCava requested building permit statistics.

Monique Lopez suggested staff determine and consider how SANDAGs RTP will impact the CAP goals and how that impact will be analyzed. Also stated that increased tree canopy coverage should be prioritized in disadvantaged communities.

Colin Parent distributed a letter ([attached](#)) to the Working Group outlining 13 suggestions for the CAPIWG to consider including in its recommendations for the implementation plan regarding Strategy 3.

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VII. Next Steps

a. Possible meeting dates:

- i.** Friday, April 22, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- ii.** Thursday, April 28, 10:15 AM – 12:15 PM
- iii.** Friday, April 29, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

This is an informational item only, no action required by the Working Group. However, the Working Group indicated a preference for meeting on Friday, April 29, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM., assuming there were no major conflicts.

Chair Alvarez requested that the members be prepared to submit recommendations for the Working Group to take action on at the next meeting.

VIII. Adjournment



David Alvarez
Chair