

Article 6: Board and Commissions

Division 10: Resiliency Advisory Board

*(“Wetlands Advisory Board” added on 9–9–1991 by O–17674 N.S.)
(Retitled from “Wetlands Advisory Board” to “Resiliency Advisory Board”
on 3-17-2023 by O-21625 N.S.; effective 4-16-2023.)*

§26.1001 Purpose and Intent

It is the purpose and intent of the City Council to establish a Resiliency Advisory Board to serve as an advisory body to the Mayor and the City Council on natural resource conservation, climate resiliency and adaptation, wetlands, habitat preservation, biodiversity, and the Climate Resilient SD Plan, and to assist the City of San Diego in attaining its stated goals in these areas. The Board shall develop a cooperative and supportive atmosphere on behalf of the resiliency, open space, indigenous, and environmental justice stakeholders and communities in relation to the City of San Diego and its implementation of the Climate Resilient SD Plan and related activities.

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§26.1002 Resiliency Advisory Board Established

(a) Establishment

There is hereby established a Resiliency Advisory Board consisting of 11 members, who shall serve without compensation. The members shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

(b) Qualification of Members

(1) In nominating, appointing, and confirming members, the Mayor and City Council shall give preference to those: having expertise in climate resiliency and adaptation, climate or environmental science, biodiversity or biology, outdoor recreation access, emergency readiness or response, food security, agriculture, or natural resource conservation; or those representing environmental justice organizations, labor organizations, youth leadership, or citizen of a federally recognized tribe. For purposes of this section environmental or energy justice organizations mean organizations that address

historical inequities suffered by people of color and marginalized communities to allow everyone to fairly share the same benefits and burdens of climate solutions and development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies to attain full and equal access to opportunities, and youth leadership means a person 25 years of age or younger with a demonstrated leadership role in climate or resiliency-related advocacy.

- (2) The Mayor shall appoint two members, giving preference to those with the qualifications set forth in section 26.1002(b)(1) above.
- (3) The Mayor shall appoint the remaining nine members to represent each Council district based on nominations provided by each Councilmember. Preference shall be given to nominees with the qualifications set forth in section 26.1002(b)(1) above.
- (4) Board membership should be generally representative of San Diego’s demographic composition, including diversity of background and experience. At least four members should primarily reside or work in Communities of Concern, as designated by the City’s Climate Equity Index.
- (5) No member shall be employed by or otherwise contracted or hired by, or serve on the board of directors of, any for-profit business serving in a major contracting role with the City of San Diego. For purposes of this section, major contracting role means major public works contracts; contracts for goods or contracts for services that provide for expenditure of an amount greater than \$1,000,000 as awarded; consultant contracts that provide for expenditure of an amount greater than \$500,000 as awarded; any franchise agreement or contract pursuant to Charter sections 103, 103.1, 104, and 105; or any combination of major public works contracts, minor public works contracts, contracts for goods, contracts for services, or consultant contracts, when the sum of expenditures for such contracts with the for-profit business exceeds \$3,000,000. The terms major public works contract, minor public works contract, contract for goods, contract for services, and consultant contract have the same meaning as in San Diego Municipal Code section 22.3003.

(c) Terms

- (1) Members shall serve two-year terms, and each member shall serve until a successor is duly appointed and confirmed. Members are limited to a maximum of eight consecutive years. Appointments shall be made in such a manner that the terms of not more than six members shall expire in any year.
- (2) Initial members shall be appointed in such a manner as to allow the terms to be staggered. For the initial appointments, five members shall be appointed to one-year terms, and six members shall be appointed to two-year terms. Initial appointments that are less than the full term of two years shall not have the initial term count for purposes of the eight-year limit.
- (3) The expiration date of all terms shall be August 1. Any vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- (4) The Board shall select from among its members a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and any other positions it chooses to define.

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§26.1003 Resiliency Advisory Board – Duties and Functions

The Resiliency Advisory Board shall:

- (a) Advise the Mayor, City Council, and relevant City departments on resiliency-related policies, including the City's Climate Resilient SD Plan, as amended from time to time, Multiple Species Conservation Program, Biodiverse SD, Climate Action Plan Strategy 5, Resilient Infrastructure and Healthy Ecosystems, and other conservation and open space programs.
- (b) Advise the Mayor, City Council, and relevant City departments on issues related to climate mitigation and adaptation, natural space restoration, wetlands, biodiversity, and conservation, as they relate to the purposes of this Board.
- (c) Advise the Mayor, City Council, and relevant City departments on the best approaches for implementing the City's resiliency, biodiversity, and other related goals.

- (d) Develop recommendations on how the City can engage residents, communities, and non-governmental organizations to guide the implementation of the Climate Resilient SD Plan and other relevant plans or strategies, including providing input on plans, measures, budget priorities, and other community engagement initiatives.
- (e) Engage with regional businesses, political leaders, and public interest groups in the issues of resiliency, climate conservation, biodiversity, environmental justice, and wetlands, and hold public forums for such input.
- (f) Coordinate with other City advisory boards and City departments, such as the Community Forest Advisory Board, Planning Commission, the Climate Advisory Board, and Open Space Community Advisory Committees as needed and as it relates to the purposes of this Board.
- (g) Provide periodic reports to the Environment Committee, and make recommendations for the City to engage in regional resiliency and biodiversity issues at the state and federal level, including securing state and federal funding for resiliency-related issues.

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