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**Tuesday, January 12, 2021
1 to 3 p.m.**

****Teleconference Meeting****

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Environmental Mitigation Program Working Group

Tuesday, January 12, 2020

Item No.		Action
+1.	Approval of Meeting Minutes The Environmental Mitigation Program Working Group (Working Group) is asked to review and approve the minutes from its September 8, 2020, meeting.	Approve Estimated time: 1 – 1:05 p.m.
2.	Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments Members of the public shall have the opportunity to address the Working Group on any issue within the jurisdiction of SANDAG that is not on this agenda.	Estimated time: 1:05 – 1:10 p.m.
Reports		
3.	Regional Plan Vision and San Diego County TerraCount Assessment <i>Allison Wood and Kim Smith, SANDAG;</i> <i>Sarah Pierce, SANDAG</i> <i>Mike Howard, Dudek</i> 3A. San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan and the 5 Big Moves, and how this relates to the draft Regional Habitat Conservation Vision, will be presented to the Working Group. 3B. The project team will provide an overview of SANDAG’s TerraCount project. TerraCount is a scenario-planning tool that models the greenhouse gas and natural resource implications of different development patterns and land management activities. The project team will also seek initial feedback on the land management activities that the model can evaluate. 3C. Working Group members will have an opportunity to discuss how the Regional Habitat Conservation Vision fits into the 2021 Regional Plan, and how future programs and policies related to greenhouse gas reduction and carbon sequestration overlap with the goals and objectives outlined in the Vision.	Discussion Estimated time: 1:10 – 2:25 p.m.
4.	Preserve Metrics <i>Dr. Kris Preston, San Diego Management & Monitoring Program</i> Examples of metrics and a preview of the web portal dashboard that is in development will be provided. In February 2021, San Diego Management & Monitoring Program will hold meetings across different metric categories for interested Working Group members to provide additional input and suggestions.	Discussion Estimated time: 2:25 – 3 p.m.
5.	Upcoming Meetings The next EMPWG meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 1 p.m.	Information
6.	Adjournment	

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January 12, 2021

Action: **Approve**

September 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Chair Kristine Alessio (City of La Mesa) called the meeting of the Environmental Mitigation Program Working Group (Working Group) to order at 1:03 p.m.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Approve)

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair LeAnn Carmichael (County of San Diego) and a second by Candance Wo (The San Diego Foundation), the EMPWG approved the minutes from the June 9, 2020, meeting.

Yes: Chair Alessio, LeAnn Carmichael (County of San Diego), Anne Harvey (San Diego Conservation Network), Cheryl Goddard (City of Chula Vista), Candance Wo (The San Diego Foundation), David Mayer (California Department Fish and Wildlife), James Whalen (Alliance for Habitat Conservation), Kristin Forburger (City of San Diego), Vice Chair Michael Beck (Endangered Habitats League), Robert Fisher (United States Geological Survey [USGS]), Rosanne Humphrey (City of Carlsbad), Stefanie Cervantes (City of Oceanside), Susan Wynn (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), and Trish Smith (The Nature Conservancy).

Abstain: David Mayer (California Department Fish and Wildlife) and Stefanie Cervantes (City of Oceanside).

Absent: Army Corps of Engineers, Building Industry Association, Caltrans, City of Poway, U.S. Forest Service, and Wildlife Conservation Board.

2. Public Comments/Member's Comments (Discussion)

Senior Environmental Planner Kim Smith welcomed Stefanie Cervantes (City of Oceanside) to the Working Group. No additional public comments were made.

Reports

3. Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation: FY 2021-2022 Work Plan and FY 2021 Annual Funding

The Working Group formed an ad hoc committee to review and recommend updates to the FY 2021-2022 Work Plan for regional management and monitoring, and annual allocations of regional management and monitoring funding for FY 2021. Susan Wynn chaired the ad hoc committee and reported out on the recommendations.

Action: Upon a motion by James Whalen (Alliance for Habitat Conservation) and a second by Trish Smith (The Nature Conservancy) the Working Group approved the 2021-2022 Work Plan and FY 2021 annual allocation of funding for regional management and monitoring with the additional recommendation of taking \$200,000 from the existing budget for San Diego Management & Monitoring Program (SDMMP) Program Administrator and redirecting those funds towards biological and administration support.

Yes: Chair Alessio, Vice Chair Carmichael, Anne Harvey (San Diego Conservation Network), Cheryl Goddard (City of Chula Vista), Candance Wo (The San Diego Foundation), David Mayer (California Department Fish and Wildlife), James Whalen (Alliance for Habitat Conservation), Kristin Forburger (City of San Diego), Michael Beck (Endangered Habitats League), Robert Fisher (USGS), Rosanne Humphrey (City of Carlsbad), Stefanie Cervantes (City of Oceanside), Susan Wynn (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), and Trish Smith (The Nature Conservancy).

Abstain: None.

Absent: Army Corps of Engineers, Building Industry Association, Caltrans, City of Poway, U.S. Forest Service, and Wildlife Conservation Board

4. Ad Hoc Committee Request for Land Management Grant Criteria Review

Senior Environmental Planner Kim Smith requested the formation of an ad hoc committee to review the last Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant criteria/process and make a recommendation for the tenth Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant cycle.

Action: Upon a motion by Chair Alessio and a second by Candance Wo (The San Diego Foundation), the Working Group approved the formation of an ad hoc committee consisting of Vice Chair Carmichael, James Whalen (Alliance for Habitat Conservation), Trish Smith (Nature Conservancy), Robert Fisher (USGS), Susan Wynn (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), Candice Wo (San Diego Foundation) and Dave Mayer (California Department of Fish and Wildlife) to review the last Land Management Grant criteria/process and make a recommendation for the tenth Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant cycle.

Yes: Chair Alessio, Vice Chair Carmichael, Anne Harvey (San Diego Conservation Network), Cheryl Goddard (City of Chula Vista), Candance Wo (The San Diego Foundation), David Mayer (California Department Fish and Wildlife), James Whalen (Alliance for Habitat Conservation), Kristin Forburger (City of San Diego), Michael Beck (Endangered Habitats League), Robert Fisher (USGS), Rosanne Humphrey (City of Carlsbad), Stefanie Cervantes (City of Oceanside), Susan Wynn (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), and Trish Smith (The Nature Conservancy).

Abstain: None.

Absent: Army Corps of Engineers, Building Industry Association, Caltrans, City of Poway, U.S. Forest Service, and Wildlife Conservation Board.

5. Preserve Metrics

An overview of the framework for the draft report on Preserve Metrics was presented.

6. Status of the San Elijo Lagoon Restoration Project and Other Mitigation Properties Conserved Under the Environmental Mitigation Program

An overview of the status on the San Elijo Lagoon Restoration project was presented. It is on schedule to complete construction by September 1, 2020. In addition, an overview of the restoration efforts at other Environmental Mitigation program mitigation sites also was presented.

7. Upcoming Meetings

The next Working Group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 1 p.m.

8. Adjournment

Chair Alessio adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG Environmental Mitigation Program Working Group Meeting

September 8, 2020

Jurisdiction	Name	Attended	Comments
City of La Mesa	Chair Kristine Alessio	Yes	
	Vacant		
County of San Diego	Vice Chair LeAnn Carmichael	Yes	
	Deborah Mosley	No	
City of San Diego	Kristin Forburger	Yes	
	Heidi VonBlum	No	
	Dan Monroe	No	
City of Santee	Melanie Kush	Yes	
	Christina Rios	No	
City of Carlsbad	Rosanne Humphrey	Yes	
City of Oceanside	Stephanie Cervantes	Yes	
City of Poway	Scott Nespor	No	
	Oda Audish	No	
City of Chula Vista	Cheryl Goodard	Yes	
	Dai Hoang	No	
Army Corps of Engineers	Kyle Dahl	No	
	Michelle Lynch	No	
Caltrans	Bruce April	No	
	David Nagy	No	
Department of Fish and Wildlife	David Mayer	Yes	
	Hans Sin	No	
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Susan Wynn	Yes	
	David Zoutendyk	Yes	
U.S. Forest Service	Kirsten Winter	No	
	Lance Criley	No	
U.S. Geological Survey	Robert Fisher	Yes	
	Carlton Rochester	Yes	
Wildlife Conservation Board	Rebecca Fris	No	
	John Walsh	No	
Endangered Habitats League	Michael Beck	Yes	
	Scott Grimes	No	
San Diego Conservation Network	Anne Harvey	Yes	
	Vacant		
The Nature Conservancy	Cara Lacey	No	
	Trish Smith	Yes	

The San Diego Foundation	Candace Wo	Yes
	Cami Mattson	No
Alliance for Habitat Conservation	James Whalen	Yes
	Tyler Martin	No
Building Industry Association	Matt Adams	No
	Vacant	

Other Attendees

Kris Preston	SDMMP
Sarah McCutcheon	SDMMP
Emily Perkins	SDMMP
Isaac Brown	Public Member
Katheen Pollett	San Diego Habitat Conservancy
Bob Leiter	Public Member
Kai Palenscar	Public Member
Scott Fleury	Public Member
Jerre Ann Stallcup	Public Member
Patrick Atchison	Public Member
Milan Mitrovich	Public Member
Michelle Blake	Public Member
Shea O'Keefe	Public Member
Shirley Innecken	Escondido Creek Conservancy
David Hill	Public Member
K Muri	Dudek
Andrew Meyer	San Diego Audubon Society
Kanani Leslie	California Coastal Commission
Christina Schaefer	Public Member
Elizabeth Douglass	Public Member
Chris Jacobs	City of Santee
Alanna Sullivan	Public Member
Fred Sandquist	Public Member
Deborah Knight	Public Member

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Kim Smith
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