



Shoreline Preservation Working Group

Working Group Charter

Purpose

The Shoreline Preservation Working Group (Working Group) was formed as a committee in the 1980s and currently advises the Regional Planning Committee on issues related to the implementation of the Shoreline Preservation Strategy (Strategy) adopted in 1993, the Coastal Regional Sediment Management (RSM) Plan adopted in 2009, and San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan.

The Strategy proposes an extensive beach building and maintenance program for the critical shoreline erosion areas in the region. It contains a comprehensive set of recommendations on the beach building program and on financing and implementation. The RSM Plan is a guidance and policy document that addresses how management of sediment targeted at coastal erosion can be implemented throughout the San Diego region.

The Working Group has technical expertise and background knowledge of regional shoreline issues, which is useful in applying the principles and goals laid out in the Strategy, the RSM Plan, and San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan. Continuing to support the region's ongoing and future beach nourishment efforts and other sea-level rise adaptation strategies is a top priority for the Working Group. Additionally, in 1996, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) enacted a Regional Shoreline Monitoring Program and the Working Group will continue to oversee and implement this program. The Working Group also will monitor the region's lagoon efforts and projects as part of the larger effort for effective management of sediment resources.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Commitment to unified approach for local decisions on sand replenishment and management of sediment resources
- Address local needs and maximize positive regional impacts
- Encourage cooperation and coordination
- Promote opportunities for beach sand replenishment and other sea-level rise adaptation strategies to enhance region-wide climate resiliency

Line of Reporting

The Working Group, established by the Board of Directors, advises the Regional Planning Committee (RPC) on issues related to the implementation of the Strategy, the RSM Plan, and San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan. Based on the Working Group's input, the RPC makes policy recommendations to the SANDAG Board of Directors. Regular updates on Working Group activities should be made to the RPC to update them on current programs and projects and further strengthen the connection between the two groups.

Responsibilities

The Working Group's main responsibilities are to make recommendations to the RPC on issues related to the implementation of the adopted Strategy, the RSM Plan, and San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan focusing on future beach nourishment opportunities and the shoreline monitoring program.

Membership

The Working Group has 13 voting members, which are elected officials from bayfront and coastal cities, the County of San Diego, and a representative from the San Diego Unified Port District and the U.S. Navy. Additionally, the Working Group has several non-voting advisory members which are representatives from community groups and organizations, environmental groups, state and federal agencies, and other interested stakeholders. Voting members of the Working Group and their alternates are selected by the bodies they represent. Non-voting members of the Working Group also are selected by the bodies they represent and are categorized as either Technical or Community Advisors and provide added knowledge and input to the Working Group. In the event of a lack of participation by a member of the Working Group or the group/agency the member represents, the RPC will consider for approval any potential modifications to the membership roster in order to achieve a quorum and full participation.

Meeting Time and Location

The Working Group meetings are generally held quarterly at 11:30 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month. Meetings are normally held in the 7th floor conference room at the SANDAG offices. Additional meetings also may be scheduled as deemed necessary by the Working Group Chair.

Selection of the Chair

The Working Group's Chair and Vice-Chair are selected by the Chair of the SANDAG Board of Directors and shall serve until replaced.

Duration of Existence

The Working Group was originally created as a committee in the 1980s. The Working Group's current status is that of a standing working group. An evaluation of the group's work will be conducted annually as part of the SANDAG Executive Committee's annual committee/working group review process.