

# Regional Planning Technical Working Group

Thursday, March 11, 2021

3:30 to 5 p.m.

**\*\*Teleconference Meeting\*\***

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# Regional Planning Technical Working Group

Thursday, March 11, 2021

Item No.		Action
1.	Welcome and Introductions	
+2.	<b>Approval of Meeting Minutes</b> The Regional Planning Technical Working Group (RPTWG) is asked to review and approve the minutes from its January 14, 2021, meeting.	Approve
3.	<b>Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments</b> Members of the public shall have the opportunity to address the RPTWG on any issue within the jurisdiction of the RPTWG that is not on this agenda.	
<b>Reports</b>		
+4.	<b>2021 Regional Plan: Series 14 Regional Growth Forecast and Sustainable Communities Strategy Land Use Scenario</b> <i>Allison Wood and Rachel Cortes, SANDAG</i> Staff will provide an overview of the Series 14 Regional Growth Forecast and the approach for the land use scenario to be included in San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). RPTWG members will be asked to discuss uses of data from the SCS land use scenario.	Discussion
5.	<b>UC San Diego Urban Expo 2021</b> <i>Keith Pezzoli, UC San Diego</i> The UC San Diego Urban Expo is a unique event that brings together students, faculty, staff, and the San Diego community to celebrate the research projects of graduating students. UC San Diego faculty will provide an overview of the expo, and graduating students will explain their research on housing, transit-oriented development, and homelessness.	Information
6.	<b>Member Communications</b> <i>RPTWG Members</i> The RPTWG is asked to provide brief updates on the latest planning projects occurring in their jurisdictions, including the impacts on their city planning departments and projects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. This item will allow for the discussion of best practices and solutions facing city and county planning departments. The RPTWG chair may also report on actions taken at the latest Regional Planning Committee meeting.	Information
7.	<b>Future Meeting Topics</b> <i>RPTWG Members</i> The RPTWG is asked to suggest topics for future meetings.	Discussion

**8. Upcoming Meetings**

**Information**

The next RPTWG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 8, 2021, at 1:15 p.m.

**9. Adjournment**

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# **SANDAG**

## **Regional Planning Technical Working Group**

Item: **2**

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Action: **Approve**

### **January 14, 2021, Meeting Minutes**

Chair Karen Brindley, City of San Marcos, called the meeting of the Regional Planning Technical Working Group (RPTWG) to order at 1:17 p.m.

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

#### **2. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Approve)**

Action: Upon a motion by Brian Schoenfisch (City of San Diego) and a second by Joseph Smith (City of Del Mar) the RPTWG approved the minutes from the November 12, 2020, meeting.

Yes: Chair Brindley, Don Neu (City of Carlsbad), Scott Donaghe (City of Chula Vista), Jesse Brown (City of Coronado), Joseph Smith, Tony Shute (City of El Cajon), Jennifer Gates (City of Encinitas), Tyler Foltz (City of Imperial Beach), Allyson Kinnard (City of La Mesa), Noah Alvey (City of Lemon Grove), Jeff Hunt (City of Oceanside), David De Vries (City of Poway), Brian Schoenfisch, Melanie Kush (City of Santee), John Conley (City of Vista).

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: City of Escondido, City of National City, City of Solana Beach, and County of San Diego.

#### **3. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments**

None.

### **Reports**

#### **4. San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (Information)**

Robert Barry, San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission, provided an overview on the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission's current study cycle involving municipal services reviews and spheres of influence updates within the county. The presentation included discussion on policy priorities underlying the study, such as using spheres to guide current and future urban growth – including residential development – to cities and/or existing municipal service providers.

Action: Information only.

#### **5. Bridging the Digital Divide: Developing a Regional Digital Equity Strategy (Discussion)**

Director of Mobility and Innovation Antoinette Meier provided a presentation on the “digital divide” and the efforts underway to develop a regional strategy for closing the digital divide.

Action: Discussion only.

#### **6. Housing Incentive Program (Information)**

Senior Regional Planner Seth Litchney provided an update to the development of the Housing Incentive Program, including its ties to San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan.

Action: Information only.

## **7. Member Communications (Information)**

None.

Action: Information only.

## **8. Future Meeting Topics (Discussion)**

Director of Regional Planning Coleen Clementson suggested the topic of equity.

Action: Discussion only.

## **9. Upcoming Meetings (Information)**

The next RPTWG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 1:15 p.m.

Action: Information only.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

## Confirmed Attendance at Regional Planning Technical Working Group Meeting

January 14, 2021

Jurisdiction	Name	Attended	Comments
City of Carlsbad	Jeff Murphey	Yes	
	Don Neu, AICP, Alternate	No	
	David De Cordova, Alternate	No	
City of Chula Vista	Tiffany Allen	No	Leilani Hines was present
	Scott Donaghe, Alternate	Yes	
City of Coronado	Rich Grunow	No	
	Jesse Brown, Alternate	Yes	
City of Del Mar	Joseph Smith	Yes	
	Amanda Lee, Alternate	No	
City of El Cajon	Tony Shute, Vice Chair	Yes	
	Melissa Devine, Alternate	No	
City of Encinitas	Jennifer M. Gates	Yes	
	Roy Sapa'u, Alternate	Yes	
City of Escondido	Michael (Mike) Strong	No	
City of Imperial Beach	Tyler Foltz, AICP	Yes	
	Meagan Openshaw, Alternate	No	
City of La Mesa	Kerry Kusiak	No	
	Allyson Kinnard, Alternate	Yes	
City of Lemon Grove	Noah Alvey	Yes	
	Mike Viglione, Alternate	No	
City of National City	Martin Reeder	No	
	Vacant, Alternate	No	
City of Oceanside	Jeff Hunt	Yes	
	Russ Cunningham, Alternate	No	
	Jonathan Borrego, Alternate	No	
City of Poway	Robert (Bob) Manis	No	
	David De Vries, AICP, Alternate	Yes	
City of San Diego	Brian Schoenfisch	Yes	
	Alyssa Muto, Alternate	No	
	Tait Galloway, Alternate	No	
City of San Marcos	Karen Brindley, Chair	Yes	
	Saima Qureshy, Alternate	No	
City of Santee	Melanie Kush	Yes	
	Chris Jacobs, Alternate	Yes	

	Michael Coyne, Alternate	No
City of Solana Beach	Joseph Lim	No
	Corey Andrews, Alternate	No
City of Vista	John Conley, AICP	Yes
	Patsy Chow, Alternate	No
County of San Diego	Vacant	No
	Vacant, Alternate	No
<b>Advisory Members</b>		
Air Pollution Control District	Kathy Keehan	No
Caltrans	Ann Fox	No
	Barby Valentine, Alternate	Yes
	Seth Cutter	No
Local Agency Formation Commission	Robert Barry, AICP	Yes
	Keene Simonds, Alternate	No
Metropolitan Transit System	Denis Desmond	No
North County Transit District	Katie Persons	No
San Diego County Regional Airport Authority	Brendan Reed	Yes
San Diego County Regional Water Authority	Seevani Bista	No
San Diego Unified Port District	Lesley Nishihira	No
U.S. Department of Defense	Mary Beth Dreusike	No
	David Zajac	No

**Other Attendees**

**SANDAG Staff**

- Allison Wood
- Antoinette Meier
- Ariana zur Nieden
- Coleen Clementson
- Nicole Zanchetta
- Samuel Solis
- Seth Litchney
- Tuere Fa'aola



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Action: **Discussion**

## **2021 Regional Plan: Series 14 Regional Growth Forecast and Sustainable Communities Strategy Land Use Scenario**

### **Introduction**

Every three to four years, SANDAG produces a long-range forecast of population, housing, and employment that is used as a resource by public agencies, elected officials, planners, academics, and the general public. Among these other applications, the Series 14 Regional Growth Forecast is the basis for San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan (2021 Regional Plan), including its Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS).

In April 2020, SANDAG staff and the Regional Planning Technical Working Group (RPTWG) discussed the use of the Department of Finance projections as the basis for the Regional Growth Forecast. At that time, we also discussed the development of the SCS land use pattern for use in the 2021 Regional Plan. Now that those data have been developed, SANDAG staff will present on the development of the Series 14 Regional Growth Forecast and its SCS and seek input from RPTWG members on uses of the forecast scenarios for local agency planning and research needs.

### **Discussion**

In 2016, SANDAG staff visited each jurisdiction to collect information about housing unit capacity to be used as an input in the development of the Series 14 Regional Growth Forecast. For the 2021 Regional Plan, these data were used in conjunction with the Regional Housing Needs Assessment Plan and the transportation system envisioned by the 5 Big Moves to develop the land use pattern for the SCS.

SANDAG is interested in feedback from RPTWG members on how information from the forecast is used by local agencies so that SANDAG can prepare documentation to assist local agency staff in deriving the most benefit from forecast data for local planning efforts. Specifically, we are interested in:

- What are the key data and levels of geography you rely on from the forecast? How do you use this information (Climate Action Plans, research, etc.)? What details on the Regional Growth Forecast and SCS land use scenario would be most helpful to include in guidance and documentation?
- As SANDAG begins coordination on Series 15, are there key planning updates or policies that should be considered?

### **Next Steps**

In conjunction with the 2021 Regional Plan, SANDAG plans to document possible use cases of the Series 14 Regional Growth Forecast and its SCS Land Use Scenario and develop guidance and documentation outlining the differences between each version for planning or research work. The forecast and the SCS scenario will be included in the Draft 2021 Regional Plan anticipated for release in May. SANDAG plans to reach out to RPTWG members to begin collecting information for the Series 15 Regional Growth Forecast later this year.

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