



**City Council Meeting**  
**Public Comments**  
**December 10, 2025**

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 10/12/25

Item # 11

Subject Climate

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Joanne Tenney

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I'm writing to request that there be a creation of a climate commission to item #11 of the agenda.

## Escondido Neighbors for Solutions

December 7, 2025  
Mayor White and City Council Members  
City of Escondido  
Via email

**RE: Request to establish a Climate Commission per requirements in the Escondido Climate Action Plan as part of agenda item #11.**

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Escondido Neighbors for Solutions (ENSOL) understands that the establishment and assigning of subcommittees and commissions will be discussed and decided as item 11 on the December 10, 2025 agenda. We are writing to request that a Climate Commission, (**required** in the Escondido Climate Action Plan) finally be established as part of or separately from this action.

The creation of a public advisory body was a major request, **and commitment**, by the city in the development of the Escondido Climate Action Plan (ECAP).

Please see one reference here. Chapter 4, p. 4-1 states (emphasis added)

*Implementing this CAP will involve the City Council, Planning Commission, a full time Sustainability or Climate Coordinator to lead planning and coordination across City departments, the establishment of a new Climate Commission, and coordination with other boards and commissions. The Climate Commission will include representative stakeholders and experts to provide ongoing program support and guidance, identification of potential funding sources, facilitate partnerships, and monitor implementation*

This action was a significant agreement between the community members of the Escondido Community Advisory Group for Climate and Environmental Action (ECAG) and city leadership codified in the ECAP. Staff and elected officials who were part of that effort will remember that this was a collaborative and positive example of government and community members working together.

We agree with the findings of the ECAG, that

*... that this group should not merely be a version of a planning commission but, rather, a public advisory group that promotes real involvement and engagement around the various climate actions outlined in the ECAP. There are many models of public engagement that could be pursued. (ECAG, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 letter)*

We further agree that there are many ways to accomplish such a public engagement mechanism around climate emission reduction to increase buy-in for, education about, and engagement in climate action. It could help the city increase its emission reductions and cost-savings in addition to the many reasons to act on climate change.

The creation of a Climate Commission has been repeatedly requested over the intervening years. We have attached the April 7, 2021 letter requesting this action outlining options for establishing a commission. It is long overdue. Many of those signed below were also members of the ECAG.

Please include this commission in the city's action. In the alternative, please provide a path by which it will be instituted.

Thank you for your consideration,

*Gregg Oliver*  
*Pam Albergo*  
*Kate Barba*  
*Kathy Rulon*  
*Victoria Nayak*  
*Denise Rolan*  
*Laura Hunter*  
*Brenda and Dan Townsend*  
*Lisa Richards*  
*Joanne Tenney*  
*Christine Nava*  
*Ron Forster*  
*Cathy Haven*  
*Tim Swift*  
*Tracie Barham*

cc.

Mr. Sean McGlynn, City Manager  
Ms. Veronica Morones, Director Planning and Development  
Mr. Zack Beck, City Clerk

Attch/  
Escondido Community Advisory Group on Climate and Environmental Action letter to City Council, April 7, 2021

Escondido Community Advisory Group on Climate and Environmental Action  
Subcommittee on Equitable and Effective Measures for the ECAP



April 7, 2021

Mr. Mike Strong, Director  
Community Development Department  
City of Escondido  
Via Email

Dear Mike,

The Escondido Community Advisory Group for Environmental and Climate Action (ECAG) is excited to begin the implementation of the Escondido Climate Action Plan (ECAP). One of the most important elements of the ECAP was the commitment to create a climate commission.

It is our view that this group should not merely be a version of a planning commission but, rather, a public advisory group that promotes real involvement and engagement around the various climate actions outlined in the ECAP. There are many models of public engagement that could be pursued. We have outlined a proposal below that we think capitalizes on the goals of increasing buy-in for, education about, and engagement in climate action. It is different than other types of commissions the city has created.

Further, we believe this will reduce the burden on staff while maximizing participation of community partners. Once you have had a chance to review this, we request an opportunity to go over this with you.

Thank you for your consideration and help,

*Members of the ECAG*

cc. Mayor and City Council  
Planning Commission

Attch. ECAG Proposal for Escondido Climate Engagement Commission

Escondido Community Advisory Group on Climate and Environmental Action  
Subcommittee on Equitable and Effective Measures for the ECAP



## ECAG PROPOSAL FOR Escondido Climate Engagement Commission

The Climate Engagement Commission is an advisory body to the Escondido City Council which will include representative stakeholders and experts to:

1. Provide ongoing program support and guidance,
2. Identify and assist the city in securing potential funding sources,
3. Provide opportunities for the public to actively engage in climate action
4. Foster partnerships to further the implementation of the ECAP
5. Assist in the creation and investment of an Escondido Climate Action Fund
6. Monitor implementation of ECAP overall
7. Ensure and promote implementation related to social equity including the creation of the Energy Equity Program and Climate Ambassadors;
8. Coordinate with and provide education for other city Boards and Commissions.

### Membership:

The membership should include representative stakeholder organizations, individuals, and experts to be guide the activities of the city and enhance partnerships and collective action and engagement in ECAP implementation. It is critical that the organization be named and then that entity designate their own representative to participate.

A large Engagement Commission is recommended to ensure broad involvement and partnership and that each member would name an alternate to serve when they could not.

**Non-Profit Organizations:** Represented by a member or their designee or alternate

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| 1. Apartment Coalition                                     | 14. San Dieguito River Conservancy  |
| 2. Building Industry Association                           | 15. Sierra Club NCG                 |
| 3. Climate Action Campaign                                 | 16. Climate Science Alliance        |
| 4. ECOLife   | 17. Interfaith                      |
| 5. Education COMPACT                                       | 18. End Extinction San Diego        |
| 6. Escondido Creek Conservancy                             | 19. San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance |
| 7. Escondido Chamber of Commerce                           |                                     |
| 8. Escondido Chamber of Citizens                           |                                     |
| 9. Escondido Rotary  |                                     |
| 10. KatesTrees or California Native Plant Society          |                                     |
| 11. North County Climate Change Alliance                   |                                     |
| 12. North San Diego County NAACP Climate Justice Committee |                                     |
| 13. San Diego County Farm Bureau                           |                                     |

### Planning

1. Member of the Planning Commission
2. Escondido Specific Planning Groups

### Experts

1. Scripps Institute—
2. Science Educators--Cheryl Peach
3. Climate Champions

## **Advisory Roles**

### **Governments and Agencies: *Representatives of***

1. San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians
2. Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer
3. Supervisor Jim Desmond
4. Senator Dianne Feinstein
5. Senator Alex Padilla
6. Rep. Darrell Issa
7. Escondido School District Elem
8. Escondido School District HS
9. NTCB
10. SANDAG

### **Meetings:**

Full ECEC meetings would take place at least quarterly. Each member would have an alternate to ensure quorum at 4terly meetings. There would be the expectation that various relevant Ad-Hoc Subcommittees would be established each year and would work between meetings, reporting back to the full committee. Potential Ad-Hoc Committees could include:

- Urban Forest and Green Infrastructure planning
- Fundraising and Grants
- Environmental Justice and Equity Implementation
- Transportation
- Clean Energy Equity Implementation
- Community Power
- Agroecology and urban agriculture
- Zero Waste Reduction

### **Infrastructure and Support:**

- Web site or web page for the ECEC
- Access to Zoom account for meetings and Ad-Hoc meetings
- Staff support for Full ECEC meetings
- Contact email