



## **Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda**

**Time:** Thursday, February 26, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
**Location:** City of Chula Vista Civic Center, Building C, Training Rooms 111/112  
276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910

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### **Call to Order:** CAC Chair

Chair Breny Aceituno called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **Approval of Minutes:** September 25, 2025 (*Action*)

Vice Chair Susie Murphy moved to approve the September 25, 2025 meeting minutes. CAC member Hale Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).

### **Agenda Items**

#### 1. Approval of 2026 Meeting Dates (*County*) (*Action*)

Joint Staff member Paige Copenhaver reviewed the draft CAC meeting calendar of meeting dates for the rest of the calendar year including 5/21/2026, 8/20/2026, and 11/19/2026. CAC member Hale Richardson moved to approve the meeting calendar. CAC member Rick Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).

#### 2. CAC Letter of Support for OVRP Connections and Restoration Plan Update (*CAC Chair*)

Chair Aceituno provided an update that the CAC sent a letter of support for the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego's application for funding from the Wildlife Conservation Board for the OVRP Connections and Restoration Plan.

#### 3. Caltrans Bridge Update (*Caltrans*)

Julie Ann Jacinto, acting Project Manager of the Caltrans I-805 South Pavement Rehabilitation and Asset Management Project, provided an update on the bike trail between Palm Avenue and Main Street portion of the project.

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Once constructed, the bike trail will include striping, signage, lighting, and a new bridge that will run parallel to the freeway. The bridge alignment was chosen so trail users remain visible from the freeway.

Construction for the bike trail is expected to begin in spring 2026 with about two years of construction anticipated. The trail will be closed to the public during construction.

Chair Aceituno, Vice Chair Murphy, and CAC member Cristina Santa Maria asked for more information about the project, landscaping, and design details. Caltrans confirmed there is a project website and fact sheet for the broader I-805 South Pavement Rehabilitation and Asset Management Project, and that they can prepare a separate fact sheet specific to the bike trail portion of the project.

Questions from public member Joan Schneider focused on design and safety of the ramps on either side of the trail. Caltrans confirmed that the ramps on both ends of the trail will have a grade similar to existing conditions. Curb ramps along I-805 at Palm Avenue and Main Street are being rebuilt to improve visibility and safety for bicyclists.

#### 4. Otay Lakes County Park Overview (*County*)

Joint Staff member Copenhaver provided an overview of Otay Lakes County Park. The overview included information on park amenities, reservable areas, events, and Camp Bashor, which includes a new 600-foot zipline.

### **Ranger Report**

#### 1. Western OVRP (*City of San Diego*)

Senior Park Ranger Mika Shimada-Cicirelli provided an update on how park rangers deliver outcomes in western OVRP. Updates included natural resource management highlights, an overview of the different maps park rangers use during park operations activities, how park rangers protect wildlife and maintain public safety, interpretive and education highlights, an overview of various sensitive species within the park, and recent and upcoming events.

#### 2. Eastern OVRP (*County of San Diego*)

Park Ranger Aaron Escobedo provided an update on recent and upcoming activities and events in eastern OVRP and noted that the playground at Otay Lakes County Park is currently under construction for maintenance.

### **Chair Comments**

Chair Aceituno did not have any comments.

### **Vice Chair Comments**

Vice Chair Murphy did not have any comments.

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## **Subcommittee Reports and Open Discussion**

1. Adjacent Development Review Subcommittee
2. Trails Subcommittee
3. Community Outreach and Youth Involvement Subcommittee
4. Economic/Habitat Restoration Subcommittee
5. Ad-hoc Committees

There were no subcommittee reports. The CAC requested for future OVRP CAC meeting agendas to list subcommittee topics as “Special Topics as Needed” rather than “Subcommittee Reports.” This change will take effect on the next meeting agenda.

## **Adjournment**

Chair Aceituno adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

### **CAC Member Attendees:**

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| Breny Aceituno | Cristina Santa Maria | Rick Richardson |
| Susie Murphy   | Charles Rilli        |                 |
| Cesar Castro   | Hale Richardson      |                 |

### **Staff:**

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| Paige Copenhaver | Harold Phelps          | Mayra Medel    |
| Carey Goldstein  | Mika Shimada-Cicirelli | Aaron Escobedo |

### **Public:**

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| John Zarem     | Joan Schneider    |                  |
| Nick Buenviaje | Julie Ann Jacinto | Lizzie Rodriguez |
|                |                   | Paulina Sierra   |

Please sign in prior to the meeting on attendance lists provided.

**Next CAC Meeting:** May 21, 2026

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