



CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

TIME: Thursday, December 12, 2024, 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

CALL TO ORDER: CAC Chair Breny Aceituno called the meeting to order at 2:09pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 6, 2024 and September 9, 2024 (*Action*)

Item continued to next meeting due to lack of quorum.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Elections (*County*) (*Action*)

Item continued to next meeting due to lack of quorum.

2. Approval of 2025 Meeting Dates (*County*) (*Action*)

Item continued to next meeting due to lack of quorum.

3. Stormwater Wetland Mitigation Projects in the OVRP (*City of San Diego*) (*Informational*)

Emma Moan, Ashton Reynolds, and Anastasia Brewster from City of San Diego's Stormwater Department provided an informational update on the City of San Diego Stormwater Wetland Mitigation Projects in the OVRP. The presentation provided an overview of the Stormwater Department mission and goals, an overview of compensatory mitigation, and overviews of Otay Reed, Hollister Quarry, and Beyer mitigation projects within OVRP. The overview of the three mitigation sites included existing site conditions, conceptual plans, project phasing and tentative schedules from awarding contracts through maintenance and monitoring. The Hollister Quarry Mitigation Project is currently in the Bid and Contracting Phase and will include a five-year monitoring and maintenance period and long-term management. The Otay Reed Wetland Mitigation Project currently in the beginning of the Construction Phase and will include a five-year monitoring and maintenance period and long-term management. The Beyer Wetland Mitigation Project is currently in the beginning of the Design Phase.

RANGER REPORT

1. Western OVRP, City of San Diego

City of San Diego Senior Ranger Mika Shimada reported out on events and maintenance

efforts throughout western OVRP.

From September 15, 2024 to December 12, 2024, over 100 invasive plants were abated from the bottom of the Otay River, including invasive arundo and Brazilian pepper. Vegetation clearing took place in known areas of homeless encampments to discourage encampments and prevent fire, and for vegetation fire suppression.

Additionally, the following events were reported on: Dia de los Muertos Milkweed planting event in partnership with the San Diego Bird Alliance, River Day Cleanup in partnership with San Diego Coastkeeper, and Republic Services and Urban Corps Neighborhood National Promise Day.

Ranger Shimada also noted the upcoming OVRP Arbor Day tree planting event on January 25, 2025 in partnership with San Diego Coastkeeper.

2. Eastern OVRP, County of San Diego

County Senior Ranger Aaron Escobedo reported that Otay Lakes Park hosted 35 students from St. Augustine High School, who volunteered for a cleanup throughout the park. Students came out to help clean the trails, spread Fibar woodchips on the playground, and assist with general park improvements.

Ranger Escobedo also reported that Boy Scouts of America are beginning to use Camp Bashor. Their zipline is nearing completion.

CHAIR COMMENTS

CAC Chair Breny Aceituno made a call for volunteers for anyone who would like to join the Ad-hoc committee for research for the Enhancing Connections and Restoration Project within OVRP Project, as they have not been able to complete substantial research to date. CAC Member Hale Richardson recommended contacting the Natural History Museum for help on the matter.

VICE CHAIR COMMENTS - None

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OPEN DISCUSSION

1. Adjacent Development Review Subcommittee –
CAC Member Charles Rilli asked for a status update on the Nakano Project.
2. Trails Subcommittee
None
3. Community Outreach and Youth Involvement Subcommittee
CAC Member Marie Diaz mentioned that San Diego Coastkeeper is working with OVRP Staff on the tree planting event in January.
4. Economic/Habitat Restoration Subcommittee
None.

5. Ad-hoc Committees

CAC Chair Breny Aceituno referred back to her comments during the Chair Comments portion of the agenda. No other Enhancing Connections and Restoration Project within OVRP Project research Ad-hoc Committee members were present.

ADJOURNMENT 2:51

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

Next CAC Meeting: TBD

CAC MEMBER ATTENDEES:

Breny Aceituno
Marie Diaz
Charles Rilli
Hale Richardson

STAFF:

Juliette Orozco
Carey Goldstein
Harold Phelps
Charles Gailband
Aaron Escobedo
Mika Shimada
Emma Moan
Ashton Reynolds
Anastasia Brewster
Robert Broomfield

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Joan Schneider