



Sustainable Communities Working Group Charter

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Sustainable Communities Working Group (SCWG) is to serve as a critical resource to carry out and promote cross-agency coordination on the development and implementation of the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) of the SANDAG Regional Plan.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The SCWG provides an institutional forum and structure for regional stakeholders to: (1) collaborate, coordinate, research, and peer exchange innovative solutions to address regional issues related to land use, housing, sustainability, habitat conservation, climate resilience and equity; (2) identify legislative and regulatory barriers and opportunities; (3) implement regional solutions that require cross-jurisdictional coordination; (4) develop guidelines that will facilitate implementation of policies, programs and solutions across the region; and (5) promote best practices and technical assistance that helps local jurisdictions align policies and programs with the Regional Plan and SCS. The SCWG also provides SANDAG staff and the Regional Planning Committee (RPC) with input and recommendations on preparation and implementation of the Regional Plan and SCS.

SCWG activities are identified through annual workplans. SANDAG staff will update the workplan in coordination with the SCWG to foster collaboration and consensus on priority projects that advance the goals and projects contained in the Regional Plan and SCS.

LINE OF REPORTING

The SCWG will make recommendations to SANDAG staff and the Regional Planning Committee.

MEMBERSHIP

The SCWG membership shall include one voting member and one or more alternate members from each SANDAG member agency, including the region's 18 cities and the County of San Diego. Each member agency shall have one vote. SCWG agency representatives shall be appointed by the membership agency to serve a two-year term and be an executive or senior staff level. Membership may also include participation from non-voting agency partners including, but not limited to, Caltrans, Metropolitan Transit System, North County Transit District, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, San Diego County Water Authority, Air Pollution Control District, the Local Agency Formations Commission, Department of Defense, Southern California Tribal Chairman's Association, and the Port of San Diego.

CHAIR

The Chair of the Regional Planning Committee shall appoint a Regional Planning Committee member to serve as a non-voting Chair of the SCWG for a period of one year. The

Chair shall preside at all SCWG meetings, call the meetings, and represent the SCWG at the Regional Planning Committee. In the event that the Chair is unavailable to perform these duties, the SCWG staff coordinator shall act in place of the Chair.

MEETING FREQUENCY

The SCWG will meet every other month or as needed. Meetings shall be noticed according to and shall otherwise fully comply with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

DURATION OF EXISTENCE

The SCWG will function on an on-going basis, subject to annual review by the SANDAG Executive Committee.