

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 5**

**SUBJECT: FRAMEWORK FOR OUR FUTURE: ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE BOLD CLIMATE ACTION AT THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

We need to take bold steps to address climate change in San Diego County. Climate change is already impacting our communities, and disproportionately affects those who have contributed the least to our collective problem, furthering climate injustice.

San Diego County needs to do our part. The 2011 General Plan included the development of a Climate Action Plan as mitigation for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with the build-out of the General Plan. Now, almost a decade later, the County still lacks a Climate Action Plan and other regional strategies to address climate justice, climate resilience, mitigation, and adaptation. County staff have begun the environmental review to create a new Climate Action Plan, but this board letter serves to identify and prioritize those climate action objectives we expect.

To achieve bold climate action, we are asking the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a Climate Action Plan that meets and exceeds state mandates and guides our region toward Zero Carbon. The Climate Action Plan will be comprehensive and legally enforceable, use updated data and modeling, and will not rely on the purchase of carbon offsets to meet emission reduction targets. It will be shaped by community input and center environmental justice.

This will just be the first of many actions that support a Framework for Our Future to tackle climate change in San Diego County.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHAIR NATHAN FLETCHER & SUPERVISOR TERRA LAWSON-REMER**

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

1. Develop a Climate Action Plan for the County of San Diego that is comprehensive and legally enforceable, does not rely on the purchase of carbon offsets to meet emission reduction targets, uses updated data and modeling, emphasizing environmental justice and equity, is shaped by community input, and will achieve at a minimum Senate Bill 32 greenhouse gas emissions reductions of 40% below the 1990 level by 2030 and establish actions to meet a goal of net zero carbon emissions by 2045 (in line with Executive Order B-55-18).
2. Conduct stakeholder engagement, hold public hearings, and undertake environmental review.
3. Report back to the Board bi-monthly with progress.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, directing the Chief Administrative Officer to:

1. Develop a Climate Action Plan for the County of San Diego that is comprehensive and legally enforceable, does not rely on the purchase of carbon offsets to meet emission reduction targets, uses updated data and modeling, sets clear goals and measurable metrics that shows how we are ensuring environmental justice and equity, is shaped by community input, and will meet and exceed Senate Bill 32 greenhouse gas emissions reductions of 40% below the 1990 level by 2030 and establish actions to meet a goal of net zero carbon emissions by 2035-2045 (in line with Executive Order -55-18).
2. Conduct stakeholder engagement, hold public hearings, and undertake environmental review.
3. Report back to the Board bi-monthly with progress.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



**Signed**  
by Marvice Mazyck, Chief Deputy