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DATE: January 10, 2025
TO: Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera, Chair
FROM: Council President Joe LaCava *Joe LaCava*
SUBJECT: 2025 Environment Committee Priorities

Thank you for your January 6, 2025 memorandum and the opportunity to provide my priorities for the 2025 Environment Committee. As chair of the committee for the past three years I appreciate the role this committee plays in creating a sustainable future for San Diego. Whether through the implementation of the Climate Action Plan or the Climate Resilient SD Plan, actions we take on water, waste management, regional parks, open space, stormwater, electrification, energy, and trees have lasting impacts on our communities.

As we continue to work towards our citywide climate goals, the following are my priorities for 2025.

Climate Action Plan (CAP) Implementation

- Enact CAP strategies and corresponding actions as prioritized in the implementation plan.
- Pursue external funding to advance CAP goals.
- Receive input from the Climate Advisory Board on items before the Committee.

Climate Resilient SD Plan

- Enact CAP strategies and corresponding actions as prioritized in the implementation plan.
- Pursue external funding to advance Climate Resilient SD Plan goals.
- Receive input from the Resiliency Advisory Board on items before the Committee.

Energy and Decarbonization

- Advance building and vehicle electrification targets in the CAP.
 - Implement the Municipal Energy Strategy.
 - Implement the Zero Emissions Vehicle Strategy
- Receive updates from San Diego Community Power on their operations and the development of the Regional Energy Network.
- Advance the public power feasibility study.
- Receive updates on the electric and gas franchises, including an update to the Energy Cooperation Agreement, and rate impacts on San Diego customers.

Natural Resources

- Review and update urban forestry policies and monitor implementation of the Ready, set, Grow federal grant.
- Preserve and expand open space.
- Receive updates on the Multiple Species Conservation Program and consistency with the Multiple Habitat Planning Area (MHPA) requirements.
- Monitor federal and local actions to eliminate cross border pollution in the Tijuana River Valley and eliminate hazardous health conditions.
- Advance wetland and habitat restoration plans, including the De Anza Natural Plan.
- Preserve and expand the City's urban tree canopy through best practices and updated policies.
- Enact biodiversity initiatives and expand educational opportunities through the Bee City USA affiliation and the Mayor's Monarch Pledge.

Water and Stormwater

- Monitor Pure Water Phase I construction and continue advancing Pure Water Phase II.
- Receive updates from regional water agencies and evaluate proposals to reduce customer costs.
- Monitor existing stormwater infrastructure projects and develop funding strategies to complete repair backlog.

Waste and Recycling

- Implement Measure B, finalizing the cost-of-service study and billing procedures.
- Monitor the Zero Waste Plan and organics recycling program.

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