

# Escondido Neighbors for Solutions

December 7, 2025  
Mayor White and City Council Members  
City of Escondido  
Via email

**RE: Request to establish a Climate Commission per requirements in the Escondido Climate Action Plan as part of agenda item #11.**

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Escondido Neighbors for Solutions (ENSOL) understands that the establishment and assigning of subcommittees and commissions will be discussed and decided as item 11 on the December 10, 2025 agenda. We are writing to request that a Climate Commission, (**required** in the Escondido Climate Action Plan) finally be established as part of or separately from this action.

The creation of a public advisory body was a major request, **and commitment**, by the city in the development of the Escondido Climate Action Plan (ECAP).

Please see one reference here. Chapter 4, p. 4-1 states (emphasis added)

*Implementing this CAP will involve the City Council, Planning Commission, a full time Sustainability or Climate Coordinator to lead planning and coordination across City departments, **the establishment of a new Climate Commission, and coordination with other boards and commissions. The Climate Commission will include representative stakeholders and experts to provide ongoing program support and guidance, identification of potential funding sources, facilitate partnerships, and monitor implementation***

This action was a significant agreement between the community members of the Escondido Community Advisory Group for Climate and Environmental Action (ECAG) and city leadership codified in the ECAP. Staff and elected officials who were part of that effort will remember that this was a collaborative and positive example of government and community members working together.

We agree with the findings of the ECAG, that

*... that this group should not merely be a version of a planning commission but, rather, a public advisory group that promotes real involvement and engagement around the various climate actions outlined in the ECAP. There are many models of public engagement that could be pursued. (ECAG, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 letter)*

We further agree that there are many ways to accomplish such a public engagement mechanism around climate emission reduction to increase buy-in for, education about, and engagement in climate action. It could help the city increase its emission reductions and cost-savings in addition to the many reasons to act on climate change.

The creation of a Climate Commission has been repeatedly requested over the intervening years. We have attached the April 7, 2021 letter requesting this action outlining options for establishing a commission. It is long overdue. Many of those signed below were also members of the ECAG.

Please include this commission in the city's action. In the alternative, please provide a path by which it will be instituted.

Thank you for your consideration,

*Gregg Oliver*

*Pam Albergo*

*Kate Barba*

*Kathy Rulon*

*Victoria Nayak*

*Denise Rolen*

*Laura Hunter*

*Brenda and Dan Townsend*

*Lisa Richards*

*Joanne Tenney*

*Christine Nava*

*Ron Forster*

*Cathy Haven*

*Tim Swift*

*Tracie Barham*

cc.

Mr. Sean McGlynn, City Manager

Ms. Veronica Morones, Director Planning and Development

Mr. Zack Beck, City Clerk

Attch/

Escondido Community Advisory Group on Climate and Environmental Action letter to City Council, April 7, 2021