



**CITY OF DEL MAR  
LAGOON COMMITTEE AGENDA  
Del Mar Town Hall  
1050 Camino del Mar, Del Mar CA 92014  
March 16, 2026, 5:00 p.m.**

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**Public Comment:** Members of the public wishing to address the Lagoon Committee on agenda items may do so when the item they wish to speak on is announced by the Committee Chair. Members of the public wishing to speak on non-agenda items may do so during public oral communications. The Committee Chair will recognize each speaker and invite them to make their comment. Public speakers will have three minutes for their comments. Written comments the day of the meeting will be distributed to the committee prior to the meeting and must be submitted to [cityclerk@delmar.ca.us](mailto:cityclerk@delmar.ca.us) by no later than 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

**Council Liaisons:** Deputy Mayor John Spelich

**City Staff:** Special Projects and Programs Manager Kaitlyn Elliott-Norgrove

**Members:** Chair Udo Wahn; Vice Chair Frederique Duranton; Secretary Jeffrey Barnouw; Nitza Leichtling; Donna Shaw

**1) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

**2) PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Non-action items):** State law precludes the Committee from acting on any topic which is not an action item on the posted agenda. Information received under public oral communications may be placed on a future agenda or referred to staff for appropriate follow-up.

**3) COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Discuss and Approve the Proposed FY 2026-27 Work Plan**

Committee to discuss and approve the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Lagoon Committee Work Plan.

**4) ADJOURNMENT**

**5) CERTIFICATION**

I, Robert Silva, Administrative Assistant for the City of Del Mar, hereby certify that a copy of this agenda was posted at City Hall on March 12, 2026 at approximately 3:45 p.m.

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Robert Silva, Administrative Assistant

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A – Draft Proposed FY 2026-27 Lagoon Committee Work Plan



# CITY OF DEL MAR

## LAGOON COMMITTEE DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 PROPOSED WORK PLAN

Below is a draft proposed Committee workplan initially prepared by staff for the Committee's consideration and feedback.

### **Item #1: Receive Updates and Provide Comments on Lagoon Health**

- **Description:** Receive updates and review reports on dredging, water quality, wildlife, and plant life, including the City's new bi-annual water quality monitoring program for the San Dieguito Lagoon. Through staff coordination, receive additional water quality monitoring data for the San Dieguito Lagoon from other agencies. Receive annual Lagoon report provided by consultants working for Southern California Edison as required by the Coastal Permit for Lagoon restoration. Provide questions and comments on reports to City staff and Council Liaisons at committee meetings. Through staff, organize outside speakers to attend meetings and present on the health of the lagoons.
- **Subcommittee:** Water Quality Subcommittee
- **Resources Requested:** Staff time to prepare updates for regularly scheduled committee meetings. Reports forwarded to committee members for review. Staff time to coordinate presentation from outside speakers.
- **Additional Information:** Coordinate requests for data and speakers from the following agencies: California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Los Penasquitos Lagoon Foundation, San Dieguito River Park JPA, San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, California Coastal Commission, and Coastal Environments (consultant for Southern California Edison's San Dieguito Lagoon Restoration Project), Wildcoast, and Surfrider.
- **Priority: 1 (Highest)**

### **Item #2: Receive Updates About Developments/Projects Adjacent to or Impacting the Lagoons**

- **Description:** Receive updates and presentations on pending developments and/or projects that are adjacent to or may impact the San Dieguito Lagoon (e.g., Camino del Mar Bridge Replacement Project, Riverpath Del Mar Extension Phase 3, San Dieguito Lagoon Shoreline Protection Planning Project, Polo Fields, San Dieguito Doubletrack Project, LOSSAN Rail Realignment Project, Watermark, Del Mar Fairgrounds east parking lot), San Dieguito River Park JPA Coast to Crest Trail, and City of San Diego's El Camino Real bridge project. Provide questions and comments to City staff and Council Liaisons at committee meetings.
- **Subcommittee:** N/A
- **Resources Requested:** Staff time to develop updates and/or presentations for regularly scheduled committee meetings.
- **Additional Information:** N/A
- **Priority: 2**

**Item #3: Fishing in the San Dieguito Lagoon**

- **Description:** Seek to understand how fishing is impacting the San Dieguito Lagoon. Engage with other stakeholder agencies (SDRP JPA and California Department of Fish and Wildlife) to understand how fishing impacts them. Receive education and provide outreach about fishing rules, regulations, current usage, and seasonal considerations. Receive a presentation from Marine Protective Areas (MPA) Collaborative. Discuss potential recommendations to City Council.
- **Subcommittee:** Fishing Subcommittee
- **Resources Requested:** None
- **Additional Information:** N/A
- **Priority:** 3

**Item #4: Lagoon-Related Outreach**

- **Description:** Coordinate with City staff using currently available communication tools to raise awareness about the lagoons and trails within the City of Del Mar through education, field work, and outreach. Participate at outside agency events involving the lagoon as representatives of the Lagoon Committee.
- **Subcommittee:** N/A
- **Resources Requested:** Currently available City communication tools and staff time for review of any electronic publications or materials that would be handed out at events.
- **Additional Information:** N/A
- **Priority:** 4

**Item #5: Blue Carbon Collaborative**

- **Description:** Lagoon Committee members to participate in the Blue Carbon Collaborative sponsored by WILD Coast and Coastal Quest. Provide report out of activities at quarterly committee meetings.
- **Subcommittee:** Blue Carbon/Restoration Subcommittee
- **Resources Requested:** None
- **Additional Information:** N/A
- **Priority:** 5

**Item #6: Monitor Condition of Trails Surrounding Lagoons**

- **Description:** Monitor trails surrounding the lagoons within the City of Del Mar. Provide updates, questions and comments to City staff and Council liaisons to share with the Parks and Recreation Committee, or, if there are potential follow up actions, work with Council liaisons to obtain City Council approval (if not on City staff's annual work plan). Request presentations from the San Dieguito River Park JPA on their "Reach the Beach" trail project.
- **Subcommittee:** N/A
- **Resources Requested:** None

- **Additional Information:** N/A
- **Priority:** 6

***Item #7: San Dieguito River Park Citizen's Advisory Committee Meetings***

- **Description:** Appoint a Lagoon Committee member to participate in monthly San Dieguito River Park Citizen's Advisory Committee meetings and provide summary of meetings at quarterly committee meetings.
- **Subcommittee:** CAC Subcommittee
- **Resources Requested:** None
- **Additional Information:** N/A
- **Priority:** 7

***Item #8: Attend San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy Meetings***

- **Description:** Lagoon Committee members to attend monthly San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy meetings and provide summary of meetings at quarterly committee meetings.
- **Subcommittee:** Lagoon Committee Members
- **Resources Requested:** None
- **Additional Information:** N/A
- **Priority:** 8