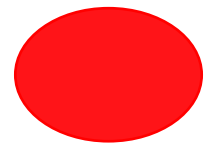


Del Mar City Council Meeting Agenda

Del Mar Town Hall
1050 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, California

March 11, 2026 City Council Meeting

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Robert Silva

From: Anais Muller-Cohn <anaismc4@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:00 PM
To: City Clerk Mail Box
Subject: Red Dot - Native Plant Ordinance

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To Whom This May Concern:

Please find my Red Dot written comment below for the upcoming **City Council Planning Meeting on March 11**. Please let me know if you have any questions! ~Anais

Red Dot Submission:

Scientific consensus warns of a looming extinction crisis that affects not only iconic species but also the insects and pollinators essential to our ecosystem. A proven way to respond is by incorporating native plant species into our gardens, parks, and street landscaping.

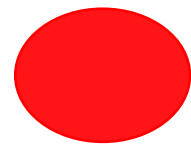
For too long, our landscapes have been designed primarily for aesthetics using non-native plants. It is now vital that our developed spaces contribute to preserving biodiversity. In addition to protecting wild areas, we must "rewild" our developed spaces on a scale appropriate for Del Mar. We have an opportunity to achieve this by enacting a native plant ordinance.

The City of Encinitas has already taken a leadership position by proposing an ordinance that mandates 50% native plants for new projects. This is a fair and effective method for supporting pollinators. Like Encinitas, Del Mar has lost much of its wildlife habitat to a century of development, and this ordinance is a necessary step toward mitigating that loss.

I urge you to pass a Native Plant Ordinance in Del Mar.

Best regards,

Anais Muller-Cohn



Leslie Carrillo

From: Ashok Masilamani <ashok.masilamani@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 9:08 PM
To: City Clerk Mail Box
Subject: Add Creation of Native Plant Ordinance to Work Plan Inbox

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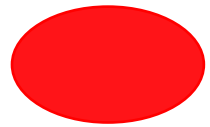
Dear Del Mar City Council,

I strongly recommend **incorporating the establishment of a Native Plant Ordinance into the City's work plan**. Native plants require significantly less water compared to traditional landscaping methods and play a crucial role in supporting local pollinators like hummingbirds and butterflies. I believe it's essential to prioritize planting native plants to strengthen habitat in our urban landscape.

Thank you,

Ashok Masilamani

Leslie Carrillo



From: Paige DeCino <pdecino@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 9:53 PM
To: City Clerk Mail Box
Subject: Native plant ordinance

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Dear city council members and mayor,

Del Mar has a chance to support sustainability and biodiversity by passing a native plant ordinance. By modeling your ordinance after the draft ordinance in Encinitas which uses a CA Native Plant Society list (calscape.org) as a source for acceptable plants, you minimize the need to create and maintain your own plant lists.

Native plants are adapted to our dry Mediterranean climate and create habitat for wildlife and pollinators. Utilizing native plants in landscapes adjacent to natural open spaces is particularly important to lessen the chance of spreading invasive.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Paige DeCino

Leslie Carrillo

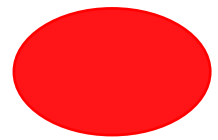
From: Mark Jenne <markjenne@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 12:04 AM
To: City Clerk Mail Box
Subject: Native Plant Ordinance

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Del Mar should have a native plant ordinance, of course! The city has so much potential; despite being small in size it's situated in such a rare place that has lost so much natural diversity. This is a chance for Del Mar to move toward recovery of our native ecosystem.

Regards, Mark Jenne
Cardiff, CA

Leslie Carrillo



From: Harold <haroldloyd99@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 5:39 AM
To: City Clerk Mail Box
Subject: Native Plant Ordinance

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

I am writing to ask you to add the development and adoption of a Native Plant Ordinance to Del Mar's work plan. The reasons to support the use of native plants in landscaping are many. Natives use far less water than typical landscape vegetation and support the proliferation of natural pollinators like butterflies and hummingbirds. Del Mar is flanked by two wonderful wild habitats-the San Dieguito Lagoon and the Torrey Pines Natural Reserve, this ordinance would help to support and connect them. The City is a wonderful oasis on the coast, please help preserve and enhance it through the adoption of the Native Plant Ordinance.

Respectfully,

Harold Standerfer
North County Group/Sierra Club

Leslie Carrillo

From: City Clerk Mail Box
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:48 AM
To: Leslie Carrillo
Subject: Goals & Priorities Setting Workshop

From: Dolores Davies <doloresdj@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 11:01 PM
To: Sarah Krietor <Skrietor@delmar.ca.us>; Tracy Martinez <tmartinez@delmar.ca.us>; John Spelich <jspelich@delmar.ca.us>; Terry Gaasterland <tgaasterland@delmar.ca.us>; Dan Quirk <dquirk@delmar.ca.us>; Ashley Jones <ajones@delmar.ca.us>
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March 10, 2026

To: Del Mar City Council Members & City Manager Ashley Jones

Re: Del Mar Goals & Priorities Setting Workshop

Dear Mayor Martinez, Councilmembers & City Manager Jones,

Given that the City's principal planner, Matt Bator, plans to retire later this year, we are very concerned about the status and future of two very important work plan items in the City's 2026/27 work plan—Tier 2, Item 10: Comprehensive Tree Policy & Regulatory Standards Update and Tier 3, Item 6: Turn the Design Review Guidelines into Design Review Ordinances.

Regarding Tier 2, Item 10, while we certainly understand the need for Matt Bator to receive feedback from our new Fire Chief on CAL FIRE'S new zone zero when updating some relevant tree regulations, we hope this need does not hinder Matt's ability to focus on the numerous other recommendations made by our Sustainability Advisory Committee to preserve and expand our urban tree canopy. These recommendations will both help us meet Del Mar's climate action plan goals, and preserve the distinctive character of our community.

Tier 3, Item 6, a much needed work plan item to turn the Design Review guidelines into Design Review Ordinances, also deserves and requires Matt's attention. If these work plan items are not completed during his remaining months with the City, it is difficult to imagine anyone stepping in for Matt who even remotely possesses his institutional knowledge and experience regarding these complex subjects.

The City Council has been reminded repeatedly over the past several years that the Municipal Code needs to be updated with greater clarity and objectivity in order to better protect our community character in important areas such as preventing incompatible setbacks, excessive hardscape, invasion of privacy, unreasonable landform modification and replacing trees displaced by new development. As an example, even though the Design Guidelines state that rooftop decks in hillside neighborhoods are to be avoided, they are still regularly proposed by applicants and only if neighbors object, can they be avoided. Good design principles are necessary to protect our property values. They should not be negotiable.

For these reasons, we would urge you to move Tier 3, Item 6 to Tier 2. Also, let's please move forward with the many elements of Tier 2, Item 10 that don't intersect with fire policy so we can benefit from Matt's guidance in completing this important work plan item.

Thank you for listening.

Best,

Dolores Davies Jamison & Richard Jamison
Crest Road
Del Mar