

AIA Advocacy Tactical Subcommittee: Resiliency + Climate Response

Thursday, February 19, 2026
10:30-11:30am @ AIA Austin

Meeting Agenda
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1. General
 - a. Short report topics:
 - i. February - Water: urban sponge
 - ii. March - Deconstruction (Caroline + Jason Haskins)
 - iii. Spring/Summer: Design Toolkit... open to member suggestions
 - b. Focus on Water 2026
 - i. Roundtables: water + _____
 - ii. Members input: water issues of interest? See 3c. below
2. Short report: Lauren presents on Water: Urban sponge & GI
3. Priority items: Actions and interests
 - a. Bird Friendly Design
 - i. Status at COA & mtg led by Jennifer Bristol 02/25 - LWS & CD
 - ii. New letter draft - incorporate performance-based strategies?
 - b. AEGB Input Cycle opens May 01-June 01 [link here](#)
 - i. Task group / interested members?
 - c. Water issues
 - i. Identify Water Forward / One Water items to support
 1. Purple pipe irrigation
 2. Dual plumbing (Water Forward 2029, missed on first round in 2018)
 3. Incentivize GSI: swales and berms for infiltration
 4. Propose funding mechanisms for affordable projects
 5. Model on passive house affordable incentive program in 2025
 6. San Marcos best practices: low cost natural infrastructure
 7. Watershed items (Matt Hollon)
 - a. Detailed Flood Depth Information
 - b. Unstable Slope Requirements
 - c. Greenfield Standard for Drainage for Redevelopment Projects
 - ii. Mini conference: Water + AEC
 1. Push needle on issue education, prioritization, and action
 2. How to use allocated AIA budget - bring in speakers etc.
 3. Target: Fall/Winter
 4. Task group: Caroline, Lauren, others

Continuing items of interest:

4. Collaboration with other Advocacy Tactical comm's
 - a. Housing
 - i. Green Social Housing resolution being considered (CM Siegel)
 - ii. Initiatives to integrate small retail/commercial with housing
 - b. Mobility
 - i. Initiatives on walkable communities / TODs (with services)
 - ii. Street shade (trees) & I-35 support
5. Ongoing
 - a. Tracking items:
 - i. Green Infrastructure in ROW - draft support letter (Lauren)
 - ii. Resilience stations / programming
 1. Outreach to projects with resilience program element
 - a. Foundation Communities, maybe others
 2. Look for opportunities to collaborate on resilience station points
 - a. ARN partnership and collab (Natalie Lyell)
 - b. Continuing interests
 - i. Cool pavement (San Antonio program)
 - ii. Independent power centers (district or small scale) & microgrids
 - iii. Conservation as a resilience measure (energy)
 - iv. Moratorium on New Construction (Caroline)
 - v. Deconstruction ordinance, with Resource Recovery
 - vi. Explore what's happening in San Antonio, establish connections and a cross-exchange platform to learn about programs and strategies
 - vii. Low carbon materials
 - viii. Standard tree details
 1. Consult City Arborist on best approach since there are pending updates following the recent green infrastructure report / roadmap
 2. Ask Naomi Retromel about how these details are faring out in the world
 - ix. Glass reflectivity (downtown overlay)
 1. needs to be overlaid with BFD
 - x. Low impact foundations
 - xi. Resilient by Design competition
 - xii. WUI recovery/design guide
 - xiii. Design Austin input + collab