

## AIA Advocacy Tactical Subcommittee: Resiliency + Climate Response

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

Meeting Agenda  
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Agenda:

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