

Notice of Public Meeting San Diego River Conservancy

A public meeting of the Governing Board of
The San Diego River Conservancy
will be held Thursday,

**November 12, 2020
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

IN PERSON MEETING PARTICIPATION PROHIBITED

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 and N-33-20, to maximize social distancing and public safety, the San Diego River Conservancy will conduct this meeting by video and telephone only. Board members, staff, and the public may participate remotely using the meeting identification and access code noted above.

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Meeting Agenda

The Board may take agenda items out of order to accommodate speakers and to maintain a quorum, unless noted as time specific.

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes (*ACTION*)

Consider approval of minutes for the September 10, 2020 meeting.

3. Public Comment (*INFORMATIONAL*)

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4. Chairperson's and Governing Board Members' Report (*INFORMATIONAL/ ACTION*)

5. Deputy Attorney General Report (*INFORMATIONAL/ ACTION*)

6. Health and Safety Report (*INFORMATIONAL*)

7. Election of Officers (*ACTION*)

The Executive Officer and the Chairman will conduct the biennial election of officers.

Presentation:

Julia Richards, Executive Officer

Ben Clay, Chair

8. Tijuana River Watershed Update (*INFORMATIONAL*)

The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (San Diego Water Board) will provide an update on the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team and progress being made to improve the health of the Tijuana River Valley, including but not limited to: International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) Minute 320, Senate Bills 507 and 1301 (Hueso), U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement funding, and San Diego Water Board efforts (investigative order, permit renewal, and Total Maximum Daily Loads)

Presentation:

Melissa Corona, Water Resource Control Engineer

San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

9. San Diego River Recreational Trail Plan - Overview (INFORMATIONAL/ACTION)

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Presentation:

Julia Richards, Executive Officer

10. San Diego River Recreational Trail Plan – Reach 1 (ACTION)

The San Diego River Recreational Trail Plan (Plan), Reach 1 includes gap numbers 1-63B. The Plan contains the San Diego River Trail, a multi-purpose trail for pedestrians, bicycles, and other non-motorized users. This connected trail system serves as the unifying thread for the San Diego River Park system and offers multiple recreational opportunities, access to parks and open space and the natural environment. The vision of the River Trail includes equestrian users east of Mission Trails Regional Park into Santee, Lakeside and the upper watershed. The Governing Board will consider adoption of the San Diego River Trail, Reach 1.

Presentation:

Dustin Harrison, Environmental Scientist

11. Executive Officer’s Report (INFORMATIONAL/ ACTION)

The following topics may be included in the Executive Officer’s Report. The Board may take action regarding any of them:

- Proposition 1, Round 5 project rankings
- **Proposition 68 Update, Round 2, Key action dates:**

Concept Proposal:	January 4 – February 26, 2021
Final Application:	May 31, 2021
Board Review/ Approval:	July, September, November 2021

12. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held January 14, 2021, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

13. Adjournment

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State of California
San Diego River Conservancy

Meeting of November 12, 2020

ITEM: 1

SUBJECT: ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

State of California
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ITEM: **2**

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ACTION)**
The Board will consider adoption of the **September 10, 2020** Board Meeting.

PURPOSE: The minutes of the Board Meeting are attached for review.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve minutes

SAN DIEGO RIVER CONSERVANCY

Minutes of September 10, 2020 Public Meeting
(Draft Minutes for Approval on November 12, 2020)

CONSERVANCY Board Chair, Ben Clay called the September 10, 2020 meeting of the San Diego River Conservancy to order at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Item 1. Roll Call

Members Present

Richard Burg	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Ben Clay, Chair	Public at Large
John Donnelly	Wildlife Conservation Board
Clarissa Falcon	Public at Large (called in 2:45pm)
Ruth Hayward	Public at Large
Stephen Houlahan	City of Santee
Dianne Jacob	Supervisor, County of San Diego, Second District
Sally Lukenbill	Department of Finance
Amanda Martin	Natural Resources Agency
Gina Moran	Department of Parks and Recreation
Cody Petterson	Speaker of the Assembly
Elsa Saxod	Public at Large
Gary Strawn	San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
Conrad Wear	Mayor, City of San Diego, Designee

Absent

Scott Sherman	Councilmember, City of San Diego, District 7
John Elliott	Kumeyaay Diegueño Land Conservancy
Ray Lennox	Department of Parks and Recreation

Staff Members Present

Julia Richards	Executive Officer
Wendell Taper	Administrative Services Manager
Dustin Harrison	Environmental Scientist
Hayley Peterson	Deputy Attorney General

Item 2. Approval of Minutes

Cody Petterson moved for approval of the minutes for the May 14, 2020 meeting and Dianna Jacob seconded. Roll Call: Ayes: Ben Clay, Ruth Hayward, Amanda Martin, Gina Moran, Richard Burg, Dianne Jacob, Cody Petterson, Conrad Wear, Stephen Houlahan, (9-0-0)

Item 3. Public Comment (*INFORMATIONAL*)

No public comment.

Item 4. Chairperson's and Governing Board Members' Report (*INFORMATIONAL*)

Ben Clay mentioned Senator Hueso introduced a bill and wanted the Conservancy's input. Ben Clay discussed with Senator Hueso it is up to Sacramento to support the bill. It initially wanted to include the San Diego River Conservancy to direct funds as a subset of government agencies dealing with the Tijuana River. Ben announced the Conservancy did not take a position on the bill.

Item 5. Deputy Attorney General Report (*INFORMATIONAL/ACTION*)

Hayley Peterson no report.

Item 6. Health and Safety Report (*INFORMATIONAL/ACTION*)

Ben Clay no report.

Item 7. Helix Water District (*INFORMATIONAL/ACTION*)

Julia Richards thanked Ben and Hayley. The documents related to this item are located in the board materials and on the front page of SDRC's website under agenda item #7. The presentation is item 7.5, please click on this link now.

Helix Water District (Helix) discussed selling approximately 98 acres to the County of San Diego and the remaining acreage to River Valley Equestrian Center (RVEC), which currently leases that land from Helix. Under Public Resources Code section 32646, the Conservancy has the First Right of Refusal (FROR) to acquire the properties as they are public lands suitable for park and open space within the Conservancy's jurisdiction. The Conservancy will consider whether to exercise its FROR or take other action to allow negotiations with the County and River Valley Equestrian Center to proceed. If Helix does not sell the property to the County and River Valley Equestrian Center, the Conservancy will retain its FROR with respect to future transactions.

On March 18, 2020, Helix Water District surplused several parcels in Lakeside, California. The surplus land includes portions of APNs: 392-050-47, 382-060-43, and 392-130-47. On July 8, 2020 Helix Water District sent letter to the Conservancy for notification of several surplus parcels in El Monte Valley in Lakeside. Today's board materials include that letter, a map of the parcels and Summary of Salient Facts and Conclusions.

I would like to introduce Helix Water District's Attorney and staff with us today. Bruce Beach, Partner at Best, Best and Krieger and from Helix Water District, Jim Tomasulo, Director of Engineering. They will provide brief presentation and answer any questions you may have.

Ben Clay asked about the other parcel number listed.

Julia Richards noted it as an error.

Bruce Beach introduced himself as Special Council for Helix Water District. He asked Board members to look at page 22 of 50. The colored map represents three areas or parcels. Parcel 1 is 76 acres valued as 2.68 million zoned limited ag and sand mining. It is leased to Embrey and Pillsbury. The other part is used for little league. Parcel #2 is 21 acres in size valued at 655K. The areas in green is limited ag and sand mining leased to Tumbleweed Riding

Academy. Parcel 3 is almost 8 acres and is leased to River Valley Equestrian. It is valued at 254K, also zone limited ag and sand mining. Total value is 3.374 Mill. Moving forward, the Conservancy has FROR by statute. The County of San Diego is interested in this property for open space. They have or will be filing a letter with Helix regarding the purchase. A surplus sale is meeting requirements in order to sell as surplus property to River Valley Equestrian Center for horse utilization. Either a waiver of FROR by the Conservancy to move forward with County negotiations and a waiver on parcel 3 to include the sale provisions by law. He thanked the Board and asked if anyone had questions.

Dianne Jacob discussed the history of this sale. She met with Julia, Lakeside's River Park Conservancy and Helix Water District. This is an important property within the San Diego River and watershed to keep in public ownership. There is a high public interest. She asked the Board to support this and transfer the first right of refusal to the County of San Diego to purchase these properties and enter into negotiations.

If for some reason county and helix can't come to terms it would revert to the Conservancy. She asked why didn't the Conservancy purchase it? If that's not possible, she would like the County to enter into negotiations with Helix. She also met with the lease holders who are supportive of retaining their operations. Dianne will take an action to the Board next Wednesday to formalize acquiring these properties. She will allocate 500,000 to assist in the purchase of these properties. Everything in place by the end of this year to secure the purchase. The Department of Parks and Recreation Dept of General Services is online the call today.

Ben Clay the state does not have money available given the constraints with the cost of the virus. It is a good idea the County purchase this and move ahead.

Cody Petterson agrees with Supervisor Jacob. Regarding parcel 3 or River Valley Equestrian Center (RVEC) it is unclear what the relationship between lakeside polo club. To what extent they're nonprofits or owned by the Bankhead's. Who would ultimately own the parcel to whom we are waiving the First Right of Refusal (FROR). These are zoned ag and sandmining and he is concerned giving a FROR to a non-public organization. There is no guarantee they would use it for extractive use or up zone to development. What is the benefit to giving to private individuals or giving to the County which would continue with existing lease?

Dianne Jacob the polo field. It's a part of the Polo operations. Most of it is already in private ownership, otherwise she agrees with Cody. The County could buy it and sell it to the polo club. It is a great operation.

Jim Tomasulo added, the map showing parcels 1 and 2 in yellow and the other green. The two APN equate almost 7 acres. Its specifically carving out that area impacting the River Valley Equestrian operations. They have provided their own PowerPoint shows this portion of land is contained within their operation. That is how Helix carved out the parcels. They also oversee activities going on in the river valley.

Darrin Bankhead confirmed Jim's Statements. The previous owner kip herring sold the property. The concern with sand mining is not an option. They do not plan to sell this family ranch and property. They are willing to sign legal documents, but it would be detrimental to their operations if they lost this property. They have a high school middle school teams training for polo.

Ruth Hayward thanked the Bankhead's for being on the call. She asked how their will is set up and how their organization coexist with the River Valley Equestrian Center.

Darrin Bankhead responded the RVEC is the corporation set up about 6 years ago and everything else is underneath that, other than the Lakeside Polo Youth Foundation which is a separate 501(c) 3 organization. As far as the will goes to their four boys who live and work out there as well. Lakeside Polo Club has been around since 1956 but never had a corporation set up. They went with River Valley Equestrian Center.

Ruth Hayward to clarify, she asked if the RVEC is a 501(C) 3 but the Polo Club is not?

Darrin Bankhead RVEC is an LLC Lakeside Youth Polo Foundation is.

Elsa Saxod the supervisor mentioned putting a caveat in the lease for no changes. Cab that be added so the County is not committed to changing the use of this property.

Dianne Jacob asked if this property were to be sold directly could that be deed restricted? If a reversion clause in the future it would go back to public entity. A deed restriction would ensure in perpetuity the use would remain the same.

Bruce Beach responded he is not sure if a portion of sand mining zone could be removed, but agreed it would be great if it wasn't zoned for sand mining.

Dianne Jacob if all parcels go through the County then the County could deal directly with the owners of Parcel 3 and deed restrict it. Or Helix could sell directly to the Polo Club with a deed restriction. The idea it being in perpetuity.

Cody Petterson appreciates Supervisor Jacob's suggestions and would approve either to waive the rights to the County and have the County negotiation or do it ourselves and deed restrict it.

Ben Clay thanked Cody for his comments. Ben suggests the County and Helix work through the deed restrictions.

Richard Burg asked is this deed restriction to prevent sand mining on this particular parcel into the future regardless of who owns it?

Dianne Jacob confirmed, yes, it is to prevent sand mining and preserve the current use. If Helix and property owner agree, why doesn't the Conservancy waive the FROR on the condition there be a deed to restrict it to its existing use. Our actions require deed restriction which would be faster to get Parcel 3 into the hands of the Polo Club.

Hayley Peterson if Helix can indicate they are amenable to, but if not, maybe the Board can accommodate.

Jim Tomasulo replied it seems the owners of the Ranch are acceptable to it so he deferred to Bruce.

Bruce Beach a deed restriction to stay in existing use. One problem is condition subsequent. If a restriction is violated the property goes back to previous owner. Under California law that's been abolished. They can look at dealing with Valley REC with a deed to comply with Helix and RVEC keeping Julia and Hayley in the loop.

Carlos Lugo asked if the Conservancy takes action, they would love for the County to take the lead. They will work through it for a suitable solution.

Dianne Jacob reiterated the motion for the Conservancy to transfer the FROR to County of Sand Diego to purchase the properties with a deed restriction on parcel 3 to continue existing uses. Helix would like the County to purchase all of it. A faster way for the polo folks to acquire the parcel depends on the deed restrictions. The County

Jody Mays introduced herself with County Department of General Services. If Helix sells entire including parcel 3 that could be more complicated than splitting parcel 3 and selling directly to private property owner. The county gets into surplus property statues which could complicate subsequent sale.

Dianne Jacob thanked Jody. Dianne moved the Conservancy transfer their FROR on parcels 1 and 2 which allows the County to enter into negotiations with Helix Water District. The Second part of the motion is the Conservancy waive its FROR on parcel 3 with a condition there is a deed restriction to continue existing uses, essentially separating out what the County of San Diego would purchase.

Hayley Peterson had discussion with County Council who identified provisions within Surplus Property Statute that would allow Helix to negotiation directly with County without the necessity of Conservancy transferring. Rather than a transfer she recommends a waiver with respect to two parcels to County of San Diego as well as a waiver to RVEC with a condition of deed restriction included as well.

Cody Petterson RVEC and Helix understand the nature of the suggested deed restriction. He seconds Supervisor Jacobs motion.

Ben Clay thanked Helix. If parcel 3 doesn't work out, then Helix would be required to come back to the Conservancy.

Jim Tomasulo mentioned they will coordinate with Julia through the whole process.

Hayley Peterson suggested two separate motions; one to waive to the County of San Diego parcels 1 and 2 and another motion to waive to the RVEC.

Dianne Jacob moved for the San Diego River Conservancy to waive its First Right of Refusal under Public Resources Code section 32646 with respect to Helix Water District's proposed sale of portions of Assessor Parcel Number 392-130-47 containing .44-acre, portion of Assessor Parcel Number 392-050-47 containing approximately 3.73 acres. Roll Call: Ayes: Ben Clay, Ruth Hayward, Amanda Martin, Sally Lukenbill, Gina Moran, Richard Burg, Dianne Jacob, Cody Petterson, Conrad Wear, Stephen Houlahan, Elsa Saxod. (11-0-0)

Dianne Jacob moved for waiver of PRC 32646 for a portion of 392-060-43 containing approximately 2.91 acres to RVEC with the condition that a deed restriction be included to continue existing uses of the property and specifically prohibit sand mining. If the proposed sale to RVEC does not close subject to conditions, the Conservancy retains if FROR with respect to future sale of that parcel. Stephen Houlahan seconded. Roll Call: Ayes: Ben Clay, Ruth Hayward, Amanda Martin, Sally Lukenbill, Gina Moran, Richard Burg, Dianne Jacob, Cody Petterson, Conrad Wear, Stephen Houlahan, Elsa Saxod. (11-0-0)

Item 8. Summary of Final Applications for Proposition 1, Round 5 (INFORMATIONAL)

Dustin Harrison California voters passed Proposition 1, The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Bond Act of 2014, on November 4, 2014 (Prop 1). This measure provides funding to implement the three objectives of the California Water Action Plan which are more reliable water supplies, the restoration of important species and habitat, and a more resilient and sustainably managed water infrastructure.

Chapter 6 of the Bond, Protecting River, Lakes, Streams, Coastal Waters and Watersheds includes an allocation of \$17 million for the San Diego River Conservancy to fund ecosystems and watershed protection and restoration, water supply infrastructure projects, including surface and groundwater storage, and drinking water protection. One provision within the legislation states “at least 25 percent of the funds available pursuant to this section shall be allocated for projects that benefit disadvantaged communities. “Disadvantaged community” means a community with an annual median household income that is less than 80 percent of the statewide annual median household income.

Of the \$17 million, \$340,000 is for statewide bond cost and \$850,000 for program delivery. That leaves approximately \$15.8 million for project implementation. To date, the Conservancy has received 52 Concept Proposals requesting more than \$36 million. 20 projects have been brought before the Board and approved for approximately \$10 million.

A brief summary of those projects includes: 12 invasive plant removal and/or native habitat restoration/enhancement projects totaling 120 acres, 5 water quality improvement projects covering 512 acres, 2 acquisitions conserving 112 acres in perpetuity, and 1 multi-benefit project. 6 projects are located in a disadvantaged community and total \$2.6 million. 10 projects (50%) have been completed and approximately \$6 million remains for existing and future grants.

For FY 2020-21, the Conservancy announced the availability of approximately \$2 million for its 5th Round of Proposition 1 solicitation and received 10 Concept Proposals requesting \$10.4 million.

On August 28, 2020, the Conservancy received 7 Full Applications and has prepared this summary for the Board's review. From the slide show yellow indicates DACs. 3 invasive removal and restoration projects of up to 30 acres, 3 water quality enhancement projects potentially treating up to 30 acres, 1 project to acquire up to 75 acres, 1 multi-benefit project up to 51 acres, 2 of these listed projects are within a DAC requesting \$3,250,000.

Conservancy staff anticipates recommending projects for the Board's approval at its regularly scheduled Board Meeting in November 2020 and January 2021. Any questions?

Item 9. Guidelines for Greening San Diego (ACTION)

Julia Richards thanked Ben. For those online, please click on the presentation under Item #9. Climate change impacts natural and human systems through increases in surface temperature, extreme weather events, rising sea levels and ocean acidification.

In November 2019, the Conservancy's staff provided an overview of Greening San Diego Program to the Governing Board Members. The Conservancy's staff was instructed to develop grant program guidelines. Those guidelines are included in the Board material today. Staff gathered and included public input in the final guidelines being presented today for Board approval.

Later in the presentation We will review eligibility requirements, operations and maintenance agreements post grant period and discuss public outreach.

Eligible entities include, public agencies, special districts, joint powers authority, public colleges, public universities, any nonprofit organization that qualifies under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, and whose purposes are consistent with the Conservancy's enabling legislation, Indian Tribes that are either federally recognized or listed on the Native American Heritage Commission's California Tribal Consultation List.

Eligible Locations include the following watersheds: San Diego River, Sweetwater River, Otay River and Tijuana River. Project Locations are required to be on publicly owned land, public parks, open space, trails, public schools, public libraries, fire stations, forests, other state facilities.

The Conservancy posted the draft guidelines on its website for 30-day public review starting on August 4, and sought early input from local partners some of those are listed here.

At the November meeting staff recommended 2 years maintenance and operation after the end of the grant term, but Board members commented, the maintenance period is crucial, "two years is too short it should be longer." Some Board members expressed concern it should be 8 or 10 years after grant ends. As a result, these guidelines recommend a minimum of 5 years for operation and maintenance (post grant term), or longer if funding comes from state bonds.

Next Steps for this program: request Board approval for guidelines, develop application process, identify funding sources, and solicit proposals. Lastly, to achieve sustainable communities, it is necessary to integrate climate change measures into planning. It is vital to improve education, awareness and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation and employ adaptive management techniques to reduce the effects of global warming. Final Guidelines are posted online for review. Are there any questions?

Amanda Martin if the next steps are in order, one might have to redo the application process depending on the funding. For example, if bond funds are identified, there may be additional requirement so the application may have to be changed. Each bond has different requirements that she wanted to flag.

Julia Richards commented if grants are funded by state bond funds, a 20-year maintenance and operation agreement is required. If this ties into future bonds, it will be amended to reflect those funding conditions.

Stephen Houlahan moved for approval of Greening San Diego Guidelines and **Clarissa Falcon** seconded.
Roll Call: Ayes: Ben Clay, Ruth Hayward, Amanda Martin, Sally Lukenbill, Gina Moran, Richard Burg, Dianne Jacob, Cody Petterson, Conrad Wear, Stephen Houlahan, Clarissa Falcon, Elsa Saxod. (12-0-0)

Item 10. Executive Officer's Report (INFORMATIONAL/ACTION)

Julia Richards thanked Ben. At the Governor's Budget in January, the state was projecting a surplus of \$5.6 billion. At the May Revision, the state confronted a budget deficit of \$54.3 BILLION. This 4-month swing of \$60 BILLION was caused by the COVID-19 Recession.

The State has implemented various measures to mitigate against the budget shortfall including reduction in employee compensation and budget reductions to provide savings for the state budget. Fiscal Year 20-21, or current year, state will include employee pay reduction of 10% of salary and 2 furlough days per month. Fiscal Year 21-22, or budget year, this will include employee pay reduction of 10% of salary and 2 furlough days per month in addition to an overall 5% reduction across the board.

Understanding the two furlough days per month which is 6 days for three people who won't be in the office. This is maintenance current service levels. Some things may have to be postponed. The 5% reduction is across whole operating budget reducing \$17,500.

Amanda Martin confirmed the 5%. Instructions of how department take that 5% has not be provided yet.

Sally Lukenbill

Ben Clay requested DGS reduce their costs for contract with the Conservancy.

Staff members are provided opportunity to telework and the office is open every weekday. Currently, staff worked with DGS- Accounting and Budget offices to close out last year and prepare for existing budget year

In the Board materials are proposed Board Meeting dates for 2021. These meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of every other month beginning in January. January 14th, March 11th, May 13th, July 8th, September 9th, and November 11th.

Amanda Martin requested November 11th be changed since it is Veterans Day.

Julia Richards suggested November 12th.

Julia included the Conservancy's draft Nepotism Policy in the Board materials, which the Conservancy has no record of adoption. This policy is before the Board today to request approval.

This is a standard state policy, stating that nepotism is directly opposite to the State's merit-based personnel system. The Conservancy is committed to the state's policy of recruiting, hiring and assigning employees on the basis of merit.

Amanda Martin moved for approval of the Nepotism Policy and **Stephen Houlahan** seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ben Clay, Ruth Hayward, Amanda Martin, Sally Lukenbill, Gina Moran, Richard Burg, Dianne Jacob, Cody Petterson, Conrad Wear, Stephen Houlahan, Clarissa Falcon, Elsa Saxod. (12-0-0)

Julia Richards two final items. SANDAG notified the Conservancy its plans to use decomposed granite instead of cement for the Carlton Oaks Trail segment of the San Diego River Trail GAPS 44 and 45. This is an important update because at the beginning of the process, approximately 10 years, SANDAG planned cement, but received community opposition. SANDAG is working with the landowners to determine maintenance and operation of the trail post construction. City of San Diego and TY Investments (Carlton Oaks Golf Course) The estimated completion date is 2024.

Stephen Houlahan supported the use of decomposed granite for this segment of the trail. It will complete a large section and take the trails from Mission Trails Regional Park on the western border of Santee to Town Center Park, travelling all the way through Santee.

Gary Strawn commented about the fire adjacent to Carlton Oaks going on. There are dozens of homeless in the area which is a source of the fires.

Julia Richards commented lastly, Prop 68 Solicitation for Round 2 concept proposals begins January 4, 2021 and ends on February 15, 2021.

Ben Clay agreed and adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:21 pm

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ITEM: 3

SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT

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ITEM: 4

SUBJECT: CHAIRPERSON'S AND GOVERNING BOARD
MEMBERS' REPORTS (*INFORMATIONAL/ACTION*)

PURPOSE: These items are for Board discussion only and the Board
will take no formal action.

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ITEM: 5

SUBJECT: DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT
(INFORMATIONAL/ACTION)

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ITEM: 6

SUBJECT: HEALTH AND SAFETY (*INFORMATIONAL*)

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ITEM: 7

SUBJECT: **ELECTION OF OFFICERS (*ACTION*)**
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Presentation:
Julia Richards, Executive Officer
Ben Clay, Chair

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ITEM: 8

SUBJECT: **Tijuana River Watershed Update (*INFORMATIONAL*)**
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Presentation:

Melissa Corona, Water Resource Control Engineer
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

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ITEM: 9

SUBJECT: **SAN DIEGO RIVER RECREATIONAL TRAIL PLAN –
OVERVIEW (*INFORMATIONAL/ACTION*)**

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Presentation:

Julia Richards, Executive Officer, San Diego River Conservancy

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SUBJECT: **SAN DIEGO RIVER RECREATIONAL TRAIL PLAN –
REACH 1 (ACTION)**

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Presentation:

Dustin Harrison, Environmental Scientist

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(INFORMATIONAL/ACTION)

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Rank	Applicant	Project Title
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2.	San Diego State University Research Foundation	Alvarado Creek Invasive Restoration – SDSU Phase
3.	San Diego Canyonlands	Ruffin Canyon Invasive Restoration Phase 2
4.	City of El Cajon	Broadway Creek Trash Capture Device
5.	San Diego State University	SDSU Mission Valley Development - Water Quality Improvements
6.	Lakeside’s River Park Conservancy	El Monte Valley Alluvial Habitat Invasive Restoration
7.	Lakeside’s River Park Conservancy	Constructed Wetland Revamp

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SUBJECT: NEXT MEETING

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SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT