

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,

March 2, 2023
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Meeting Location

County of San Diego Administration Center (CAC)
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302
San Diego, California 92101

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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 November 10, 2022 meeting.

3. Public Comment (*INFORMATIONAL*)

Any person may address the Governing Board at this time regarding any matter within the Board's authority. Presentations will be limited to three minutes for individuals and five minutes for representatives of organizations. Submission of information in writing is encouraged. The Board is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters that are discussed that are not on the agenda; no adverse conclusions should be drawn by the Board's not responding to such matters or public comments.

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. Assemblymember Christopher Ward (*INFORMATIONAL*)

Assemblymember Ward will provide updated on the current Legislative session and state priorities.

Presentation:

Chris Ward, Assembly Member, 78th District

9. San Diego Fire-Rescue Foundation Proposal for New Dry Suits (*ACTION*)

The proposed project will replace old dry suits used by San Diego Lifeguards who are tasked with entering inland waters during emergencies. New dry suits would reduce Lifeguards' exposure to contamination from potentially hazardous water and allow them to safely perform their job duties in rivers and flooded areas, such as the San Diego and Tijuana Rivers. San Diego Fire-Rescue Foundation requested funding for \$37,068.42 and the Conservancy staff recommends fully funding this project.

Presentation:

Wendy Robinson, San Diego Fire-Rescue Foundation

Recommendation: Approval of Resolution 23-01

10. San Diego State University's Mission Valley and River Park Interpretive Signage Proposal (*ACTION*)

The proposed project for interpretation and storytelling will be accomplished in several ways. The proposal will provide signage along the hiking and biking trails network, highlighting the cultural, historical and biological resources of the San Diego River area. This includes interpretive signage, boulder etchings, and other mileage signage to enhance the significance of the San Diego River and educate the public about these resources. San Diego State University requested funding for \$150,065 and the Conservancy staff recommends fully funding this project.

Presentation:

Paul Jackson, Program Manager, Mission Valley Development, San Diego State University

Recommendation: Approval of Resolution 23-02

11. San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board Project (ACTION)

The Conservancy and other state agencies were requested to assist with the administration of legislative priority allocations contained in the Budget Act of 2022. The Legislature appropriated \$175,000 to the San Diego River Conservancy for the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) for technical assistance services. The Water Board will use the funding to prepare a binational water quality report with protection measures for transboundary issues in the Tijuana River Basin. The proposed report will include a scoping level feasibility analysis of 10-15 projects in the U.S. and Mexico to address sediment, trash and water quality problems that are not already addressed by ongoing state and federal efforts in both countries. Minute 320 of the 1944 Treaty regarding the utilization of the Tijuana and Colorado Rivers and of the Rio Grande, identifies a binational framework to address sediment, water quality and trash in the Tijuana River Basin. The report will be subject to approval under Minute 320 by the Commissioners of the U.S. and Mexico sections of the Internal Boundary and Water Commission. Approval of Resolution 23-03 authorizes allocation of the funds as set forth by the Legislature to the Water Board and authorizes the Conservancy's Executive Officer to administer and execute all necessary documents needed for completion of the project.

Presentation:

Dave Gibson, Executive Officer

Recommendation: Approval of Resolution 23-03

12. East County Advanced Water Purification Program (ACTION)

As noted above, the Conservancy and other state agencies were requested to assist with the administration of legislative priority allocations contained in the Budget Act of 2022. This is another appropriation under the Act. The Legislature appropriated to the San Diego River Conservancy \$2,000,000 to be allocated to the East County Advanced Water Purification Program Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to assist in the construction of facilities needed to implement the East County Advanced Water Purification Program in the County of San Diego. The East County Advanced Water Purification Program is a regional sustainable drinking water supply system collaboration between Padre Dam Municipal Water District, the County of San Diego, the City of El Cajon and Helix Water District. This program will provide East County residents with a secure drinking water supply while enhancing and diversifying the entire San Diego region's water network. Approval of Resolution 23-04 authorizes allocation of the funds as set forth by the Legislature to the JPA and authorizes the Conservancy's Executive Officer to administer and execute all necessary documents needed for completion of the project.

Presentation:

Melissa McChesney, Communications Manager, Padre Dam Municipal Water District

Recommendation: Approval of Resolution 23-04

13. 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:

- Legislative Report for 2021-22
- Annual Report 2023

- Strategic Plan Update

14. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held May 11, 2023, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

15. Adjournment

Accessibility

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