

# 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,

May 11, 2022  
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

## TELECONFERENCE MEETING ONLY

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 issued March 17, 2020, and to the San Diego River Conservancy will conduct this meeting by video and audio only. Board members, staff, and the public may participate remotely.

Zoom Meeting ID: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81280643020>

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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 March 2, 2023 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. Invasive Non-Native Plant Removal and Restoration Alvarado Creek – Phase 7 (*ACTION*)**

The proposed project plans to restore two sections of Alvarado Creek, a tributary to the San Diego River, on land owned by San Diego State University (SDSU) and CalTrans. The San Diego State University Research Foundation in partnership with SDSU's Soil Ecology and Restoration Group will remove approximately 5 acres of invasive non-native vegetation along the creek and will restore 13.8 acres of native riparian vegetation and ecosystem functions, provide habitat for native plants and animals, and reduce the risk of fire. The creek is a wildlife corridor for endangered flora and fauna and restoration will increase nesting and foraging areas within the San Diego River watershed. This project also includes continuation of a study to report on the impacts of creek restoration on eco-hydraulic dynamics in the San Diego River. Conservancy staff recommends funding in the amount of \$1,978,182.00 from the Budget Act of 2021.

**Presentation:**

**Julie Lambert, Program Director, Soil Ecology and Restoration Group,  
San Diego State University**

**Recommendation: Approve Resolution 23-05**

**8. Invasive Non-Native Plant Removal and Restoration Los Coches Creek (*ACTION*)**

Lakeside's River Park Conservancy will control invasive non-native plant species by removing biomass from streams and creeks that discharge to the San Diego River. The proposed project plans to control 176 acres of invasive non-native vegetation along sections of Los Coches Creek, a tributary to the San Diego River. Within the total acres identified, 140 acres will be retreated, and an additional 36 acres of biomass are targeted for removal and follow up treatments. Lakeside's River Park Conservancy will obtain or renew the right-of-entry permits with private landowners. The proposed project will take place in disadvantaged and low-income areas located in the community of Lakeside. Conservancy staff recommends funding in the amount of \$1,917,980 from the Budget Act of 2021.

**Presentation:**

**Julie Turko, Executive Director, Lakeside River Park Conservancy**

**Recommendation: Approve Resolution 23-06**

**9. San Diego River Watershed Water Quality Improvements Project in El Cajon  
(ACTION)**

The proposed pilot project will design and install full trash capture storm drain filters/devices at 70 concrete curb inlet locations in the City of El Cajon. This project will install, operate, and maintain structural controls in concrete curb inlets to remove all trash and debris before it enters Forester Creek, a tributary to the San Diego River. This will improve water quality in both Forester Creek and the San Diego River. The City of El Cajon contains low-income, disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities. Conservancy staff recommends \$1,000,000 for the project, and if approved funding would be provided by Budget Act of 2021.

**Presentation:**

Mario Sanchez, Deputy Director of Public Works / City Engineer, City of El Cajon

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 23-07

**10. 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:

Department of Finance's May Revise (FY 2023-24)

Senate Pro Tempore Toni Atkins' 2023 Women Honorees

Awards for Forest and Fire Resilience Projects

**11. Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is anticipated to be held in person on Thursday, July 13, 2023, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**12. Adjournment**

**Accessibility**

If you require a disability related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please call Wendell Taper at 619-390-0568 or [Wendell.Taper@sdrc.ca.gov](mailto:Wendell.Taper@sdrc.ca.gov)