# 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 9, 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.

### **Roll Call**

### **2. Approval of Minutes *(ACTION)***

Consider approval of minutes for the July 13, 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.** **San Diego River Conservancy’s Strategic Plan Update *(ACTION*)**

The Conservancy engaged the services of San Diego Canyonlands, a community-based organization, to conduct outreach and to help prepare the Conservancy’s next 5-year strategic plan. San Diego Canyonlands conducted an equity-oriented engagement process to learn about local priorities and concerns. The Board may discuss, comment, and/or adopt the plan.

**Overview:**

**Julia Richards, Executive Officer, San Diego River Conservancy**

**Clayton Tschudy, Executive Director, San Diego Canyonlands**

**Recommendation: Approve Plan**

### **8. Campo Band of Mission Indians Proposal for Wildfire Preparedness 2023 *(ACTION*)**

The Campo Band of Mission Indians seeks funding to procure multi-agency interoperability hand-held radio equipment, personal protective equipment, and partial funding to replace a fire engine. The Campo Tribal government in partnership with the Campo Reservation Fire Protection District provides wildfire protection and emergency services to the Campo Reservation and neighboring communities, including the La Posta Band of Diegueño Mission Indians, the Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation and the Ewiiaapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians, which are geographically and ancestrally connected. The Conservancy staff recommends funding $560,619 for the proposed Project.

**Presentation:**

**Scott Timbs, Fire Chief, Campo Fire Protection District**

**Recommendation: Approval of Resolution 23-11**

### **9.** **San Diego Regional Fire Foundation Fire Resiliency Proposal *(ACTION)***

The San Diego Regional Fire Foundation seeks funding to assist thirteen Fire Safe Councils in the Conservancy’s service areas with implementing fire prevention activities, improving fire resilience and procuring one chipper for Alpine Fire Protection District. The Fire Safe Councils will use the funds to help build organizational capacity at the local and regional level to reduce hazardous fuels, maintain fuel breaks, clear defensible space, and provide education on wildfire preparedness and prevention for residents located within CalFire’s “Very High” Fire Hazard Severity Zones. The Conservancy staff recommends funding $318,958.00 for the proposed Project.

**Presentation:**

**Joan Jones, Executive Director, San Diego Regional Fire and Rescue Foundation**

**Recommendation: Approval of Resolution 23-12**

### **10.San Diego Fire-Rescue Foundation Proposal for Fuel Reduction in the City of San Diego, Lower San Diego River *(ACTION*)**

The San Diego Fire-Rescue Foundation seeks funding to implement brush management and weed abatement activities to reduce fuel loads and maintain and create firebreaks to help safeguard and protect vulnerable, at-risk, and underserved communities in the San Diego River watershed. The Foundation will use funding to procure an F-350 vehicle, a 4-wheel drive ATV, eco-friendly fuel treatments, and battery-powered equipment to replace gas-powered equipment. The San Diego Fire-Rescue Foundation and the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department will partner with other stakeholders to implement activities in targeted locations within the San Diego River watershed. The Conservancy staff recommends funding $366,949.00 for the proposed project.

**Presentation:**

**Wendy Robinson, Executive Director, San Diego Fire-Rescue Foundation**

**Anthony Tosca, Deputy Chief/Fire Marshall, San Diego Fire-Rescue Department**

**Recommendation: Approval of Resolution 23-13**

### **11. The County of San Diego’s Enhanced Infrastructure Finance District *(INFORMATIONAL*)**

The County of San Diego undertook a funding feasibility analysis in 2022 to evaluate long-term funding for the San Diego River Park and Trail. The County’s Department of Parks and Recreation is leading efforts with stakeholders to pursue an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District to develop an alternate funding source for trail, infrastructure and other improvements along the river corridor to help complete the San Diego River Trail and the San Diego River Park vision and will provide a presentation to the Conservancy regarding the above.

**Presentation:**

**Lizzy Bendrick, County of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation,**

**Trails Program Manager**

**James Inglis, County of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation, Department Budget Manager**

### **12. 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.

The Conservancy’s staff attended or plan to attend the following events:

* Wildfire Preparedness Fair hosted by San Diego Fire-Rescue Foundation
* All State Conservancy meeting
* California State Leadership Forum
* California Wildfire & Forest Resilience Task Force meeting
* All State Directors’ meeting for Resource Agencies
* San Diego County’s Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program meeting
* Tijuana River Valley Steering Committee meeting
* San Diego Trans County Trail meeting

### **13. Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on January 4, 2024 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

### **14. Adjournment**

### **Accessibility**

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