# Notice of Public Meeting

# San Diego River Conservancy

A public meeting of the Governing Board of

The San Diego River Conservancy

will be held Wednesday,

**September 18, 2024**

**10:00 am – Noon**

**Meeting Locations**

| County of San Diego’s  Administration Center  1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302  San Diego, CA 92101 | Natural Resources Agency HQ  715 P Street  20-103 (Serpentine Room)  Sacramento, CA, 95814 |
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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 July 17, 2024, meeting.

### 3. Public Comment *(INFORMATIONAL)*

Any person may address the Governing Board at this time regarding any matter within the Board’s authority and jurisdiction. 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 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*)

Reminder Ethics Form is due to the Conservancy by October 22, 2024.

### 6. Health and Safety Report (*INFORMATIONAL*)

### 7. An Overview of Atmospheric Rivers (*INFORMATIONAL*)

Dr. Kalansky will provide an overview of atmospheric rivers. Even though atmospheric rivers come in many shapes and sizes, those that contain the largest amounts of water vapor and the strongest winds can create extreme rainfall and floods, often by stalling over watersheds vulnerable to flooding. Dr. Kalansky’s research works on integrating climate, atmospheric, and hydrologic sciences to build resilience to extreme weather and climate by understanding past variability and future changes.

**Presentation:**

Julie Kalansky, Ph.D., Deputy Director at the Center for Western Weather and Water Extremes, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego

**8**. **San Diego Regional Fire Foundation’s Proposal to Procure Personal Protective Equipment for Imperial Beach’s Lifeguards and Firefighters (*ACTION*)**

The proposed project will procure Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the City of Imperial Beach’s lifeguards and firefighters. The City of Imperial Beach is located within the Tijuana River watershed in the County of San Diego. New personal protective equipment would improve the health and safety of the first responders by reducing exposure to contaminations from the Tijuana River. San Diego Regional Fire Foundation, in partnership with the City of Imperial Beach Marine Safety Department and Fire- Rescue Departments, requested funding for $75,143.00. Conservancy staff recommends fully funding this project.

**Presentation:**

Joan Jones, Executive Director, San Diego Regional Fire Foundation

Jason Lindquist, Marine Safety Captain, Marine Safety, City of Imperial Beach

John French, Fire Chief, Imperial Beach Fire-Rescue, City of Imperial Beach

**Recommendation: Approve Resolution 24-20**

### 9. Kumeyaay Diegueño Land Conservancy *(INFORMATIONAL*)

San Diego River Conservancy Board Member, Emily Burgueno, will provide an overview of the Kumeyaay Diegueño Land Conservancy and discuss uses of tribal ecological knowledge to help manage land.

**Presentation:**

Emily Burgueno, Chair of Kumeyaay Diegueño Land Conservancy and

Head Seed Keeper of the Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel

### 10. County of San Diego Parks and Recreation Updates on the Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District *(INFORMATIONAL)*

The County is exploring efforts to pursue an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District, which will help 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. This is a follow up to the November 9, 2023, presentation from County Parks.

**Presentation:**

Crystal Benham, Resource Management Chief, County of San Diego, Parks and Recreation

Lizzy Bendrick, Trails Program Manager, County of San Diego, Parks and Recreation

**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:

* Update on permits for the Conservancy’s Invasive Non-Native Plant Removal and Restoration Program
* Social media update

Conservancy staff attended the follow events:

Second Annual State Leadership Summit

California Government Innovation Summit

California Wildfire & Forest Resilience Task Force Meeting

Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team Steering Committee Meeting

Fire Safe Council of San Diego County meeting

Truth & Healing Council, sub-committee meetings

### 12. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is anticipated to be held in person on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, from 10:00 am to noon.

### 13. Adjournment

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