

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,

January 22, 2025
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Meeting Locations

San Diego County Administration Center 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302 San Diego, CA 92101	Natural Resources Agency HQ 715 P Street 20-104 (Mojave Room) Sacramento, CA, 95814	San Diego City Administration Building, 202 "C" Street, 10th Floor, San Diego, CA 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 September 18, 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)

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, San Diego River Conservancy

Ben Clay, Chairman, San Diego River Conservancy

8. Overview of Tijuana Estuary’s Plants and Animals (INFORMATIONAL)

The Tijuana River Estuary is an intertidal coastal wetland at the mouth of the Tijuana River in San Diego County, bordering Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico. The estuary is one of the few remaining salt marshes on the South Coast. Its location positions it under the path of the Pacific Flyway. The estuary covers about 2,500 acres. Many species of migratory and native species rely on the estuary as an essential breeding, feeding, and nesting habitat.

Presentation:

Dr. Jeff Crooks, Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve and the Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association

9. 2024 Climate Bond - Proposition 4 (INFORMATIONAL/ACTION)

On November 5, 2024, the voters approved “The Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024.” Under this bond the San Diego River Conservancy was allocated \$73.5 million. The Executive Officer will provide an overview of the bond, its goals and provide a summary of allocations for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Presentation:

Julia Richards, Executive Officer, San Diego River Conservancy

10. Conservancy Reports: 2023-2024 Legislative Report and 2025 Annual Report (INFORMATIONAL)

The San Diego River Conservancy Act requires the Conservancy to submit a written report to the legislature biennially on the status of all projects by strategic program areas. In addition, the Conservancy prepared an annual report looking forward into the calendar year 2025. Reports are included in the board material and staff will provide an overview.

Presentation:

Dustin Harrison, Senior Environmental Scientist, San Diego River Conservancy

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:

- Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation – land acquisitions

Conservancy staff attended the following events/meetings:

All Directors Convening – Natural Resources Agency
San Diego State University Water Days 2024
Cleveland National Forest meeting
Trans County Trail meeting – County of San Diego
California State Leadership Forum - Cal Gov Operations Agency
California-Mexico Border Relations Council Meeting (CalEPA)
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
Wynola Estates Fire Safe Council meeting
Regional Habitat Conservation Taskforce Meeting
California Wildfire & Forest Resilience Task Force Meeting
Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team Steering Committee Meeting
Fire Safe Council of San Diego County meeting
Climate Science Alliance, Binational Working Group
Truth & Healing Council, sub-committee meetings

12. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is anticipated to be held in person on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, from 10:00 am to noon.

13. Adjournment

Accessibility

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