

# Revised 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 17, 2025**  
**10:00 am – Noon**

## Meeting Locations

San Diego County 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	Unlikely Collaborators Foundation 1520 Second Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401
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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 May 22, 2025, 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. CALFIRE Overview for the San Diego Region (INFORMATIONAL)**

CalFire’s mission is to "serve and safeguard the people and protect the property and resources of California." CalFire will provide an overview of projects taking place in the watersheds of the following rivers: San Diego, Otay, Sweetwater and Tijuana and a summary of the new Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps.

**Presentation:**

Eric Just, Division Chief, Community Risk Reduction  
California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection

**8. San Diego Regional Fire Foundation Proposal “Saving Lives, Property & the Environment by Preventing and Controlling Wildfires” (ACTION)**

The San Diego Regional Fire Foundation is proposing a project in partnership with six fire departments and over 20 Fire Safe Councils located in the wildland-urban interface and rural areas of the San Diego River Conservancy’s service areas. The proposal includes hazardous fuel reduction on approximately 54 acres in the City of Chula Vista and procurement of fire prevention and suppression specialty equipment, vehicles, one water tank, one HeliPod, personal protective equipment, hose, tools and supplies. Conservancy staff recommends funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 from Proposition 4 and the General Fund.

**Presentation:**

Joan Jones, Executive Director, San Diego Regional Fire Foundation  
Frank Ault, Chairman, San Diego Regional Fire Foundation

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 25-06

**9. Barona Band of Mission Indians Proposal to Procure a Type 1 Fire Engine (ACTION)**

The Fire Department of the Barona Band of Mission Indians (Barona) has proposed a project to replace its 24-year-old Type 1 Fire Engine. The new fire engine, a Pierce Ultimate Configuration Pumper Fire Apparatus or similar, will have a capacity to hold up to 500 gallons of water. Barona’s Fire Department participates in California’s mutual aid agreement for fire assistance. Conservancy staff recommends funding of \$1,000,000 from Proposition 4 for this project.

**Presentation:**

Ken Kremensky, Fire Chief, Barona Fire Department  
Sheilla Alvarez, Director, Government Affairs, Barona Band of Mission Indians

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 25-07

**10. Alpine Fire Protection District Proposal for Hazardous Fuel Reduction, Phase 2 (ACTION)**

The Alpine Fire Protection District has proposed a project to reduce hazardous vegetation on approximately 47 acres along Alpine Creek, which flows into the El Capitan Reservoir. The project's activities will enhance defensible space by clearing understory vegetation, trimming tree branches, and establishing a shaded fuel break. The Conservancy staff recommends funding in the amount of \$525,000 from Proposition 4.

**Presentation:**

Jason McBroom, Fire Marshal, Alpine Fire Protection District  
Brian Boggeln, Fire Chief, Alpine Fire Protection District

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 25-08

**11. Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation Grant for Land Acquisition to Updated Acreage (ACTION)**

On March 28, 2024, the Governing Board of the San Diego River Conservancy approved Resolution 24-17 to acquire approximately 55 acres of inholdings in the East Elliott area of Mission Trails Regional Park for conservation. The proposed project seeks to increase the total land acquired to approximately 61 acres and update the parcel numbers. The total grant amount remains the same.

**Presentation/Discussion:**

Jennifer Morrissey, Executive Director, Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 25-09

**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:

- Proposition 4 summary of wildfire resilience proposals
- Proposition 4 – Nature Based Solutions update
- Proposed 2026 Board Meeting dates: January 21, March 18, May 20, September 16 and November 18

**Conservancy staff attended the following events & meetings:**

2024 Climate Bond/ Proposition 4 meetings and site visits  
Climate Bond Program Coordination Team meeting  
Access Working Group - Natural Resources Agency

Department of General Services  
County of San Diego, Sheriff's Re-entry program - Santee  
County of San Diego, Parks and Recreation  
Fire Safe Council of Greater San Diego  
California Wildfire & Forest Resilience Task Force  
Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team Steering Committee

### **13. Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is anticipated to be held in person on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, from 10:00 am to noon.

### **14. Adjournment**

#### **Accessibility**

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