

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, January 21, 2026
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 20-105 (Farallon Room) Sacramento, CA, 95814	San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, 2375 Northside Drive, San Diego, CA 92108
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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 17, 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. Renovations for the City of El Cajon's Fire Station No. 7 (ACTION)

The City of El Cajon Fire Department is proposing a project to renovate Fire Station No. 7 to ensure compliance with building and fire codes while improving the design and functionality. This renovation will include the construction of a new apparatus bay, utility upgrades, the installation of energy-efficient systems, and enhancements to the facility's size. These upgrades will increase the station's capacity for staffing, equipment and improve response times. The total cost for the renovations is \$5,500,000. Conservancy staff recommends funding in the amount of \$1,500,000 from Proposition 4.

Presentation:

Senan Kachi, PE, Associate Engineer, City of El Cajon
Bent Koch, Fire Chief, Heartland Fire & Rescue

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 26-01

**8. Viejas's Proposal for a Wildland Type VI Fire Engine and
Construct a Fire Engine Bay and Training Room (ACTION)**

The Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians is in a remote area of San Diego's east county, which contains wetlands, riparian, meadow, upland, and oak woodland habitats in a wildland urban interface area. The Viejas Fire Department is seeking funding to purchase a Type VI Fire Engine and to build an additional structure next to the fire station. This new building will include an apparatus bay and a training room. Conservancy staff recommends funding in the amount of \$650,000 from Proposition 4.

Presentation:

Ray Teran, Resource Management Director, Viejas Tribal Government
Bob Pfohl, Fire Chief, Viejas Fire Department
John Sengebusch, Fire Division Chief, Viejas Fire Department

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 26-02

**9. Descanso Ranger District Wildfire Resilience and Community
Defense (ACTION)**

The National Forest Foundation has proposed a project in partnership with the Cleveland National Forest to reduce hazardous vegetation targeting approximately 246 acres within the Descanso District. The proposed activities include increasing defensible space, clearing understory vegetation, trimming tree branches, and

establishing a shaded fuel break. The Conservancy staff recommends funding in the amount of \$538,496 from Proposition 4.

Presentation:

Brain Robey, Southern California Program Manager, National Forest Foundation

Kyle Smith, Descanso District Ranger, Cleveland National Forest

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 26-03

10. San Diego River Watershed – Canyon Wildfire Resilience Project (ACTION)

San Diego Canyonlands proposes a 59.5-acre fuel treatment project in Zone 2 of the Shepherd and Rueda Canyons brush management zones, in partnership with the City of San Diego's Open Space Division. These high-risk areas require defensible space around homes and buildings to reduce wildfire impacts and protect life and property. Conservancy staff recommends \$649,875 in funding from Proposition 4.

Presentation:

Clayton Tschudy, Executive Director, San Diego Canyonlands

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 26-04

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:

- Proposition 4 – Nature Based Solutions update

Conservancy staff attended the following events & meetings:

2024 Climate Bond/ Proposition 4 meetings and site visits

Climate Bond Program Coordination Team meeting

San Diego State University's One Water Symposium: Indigenous Knowledge & Sustainable Watersheds

Fall 2025 All State Conservancy meeting

Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians event

CA-MX Border Relations Council meeting

CA Department of Fish and Wildlife meeting

Assemblymember Christopher M. Ward's Environmental Roundtable

City of Santee Station #5 fire engine push in event

California Wildfire & Forest Resilience Task Force meeting

Access Working Group - Natural Resources Agency meeting

Department of General Services – Real Estate Services meeting

Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team Steering Committee meeting

County of San Diego Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting – Cottonwood Sand Mine

San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board presentation
Kumeyaay Community College meeting
County Parks and Helix Water District meeting
San Diego State University's One Water Lab event
California Department of Transportation, District #11 meeting

12. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is anticipated to be held in person on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

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.