

Notice of Public Meeting San Diego River Conservancy

A public meeting of the Governing Board of
The San Diego River Conservancy
will be held

**Friday, May 22, 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 715 P Street, 20-103 (Serpentine Room) Sacramento, CA, 95814	South Carlsbad State Beach Campground 7201 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, CA 92008
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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 March 18, 2026, 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. City of San Diego Lifeguard Services Update (INFORMATIONAL)

The City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department’s Lifeguard Services Division responds to emergencies caused by flooding during periods of heavy rain. The division’s Swiftwater Rescue Team (SRT) utilizes specialized equipment to conduct water rescues, implements road closures to prevent vehicles from entering flooded areas, and assists individuals trapped by rising water. The SRT also participates in cleanup operations along the San Diego River valleys. The Lifeguard Services Division will provide an update on storm activity and flood response efforts during the 2025–26 winter season.

Presentation:

Maureen Hodges, Marine Safety Captain, City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department, Lifeguard Services Division

Jacob Magness, Marine Safety Lieutenant, City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department, Lifeguard Services Division

**8. Science Field Station at Lakeside’s River Park Conservancy
(INFORMATIONAL)**

Lakeside’s River Park Conservancy has opened the new San Diego River Science Field Station, with two laboratory classrooms situated on 100 acres of the “living lab” of the river park. Students have access to ponds, trails, native plants, and sightings of birds and wildlife on the San Diego River. The Field Station is designed to expand hands-on science learning for K-12 and beyond, giving students, teachers, and scientists a vital opportunity to study restored riparian habitat and engage in real-world scientific inquiry. Unique in East County, the facility supports environmental education, workforce development, and the engagement and training of future stewards of the San Diego River.

Presentation:

Julie Turko, Executive Director, Lakeside’s River Park Conservancy

**9. The 23rd Annual River Days 2026 – San Diego River Park
Foundation (INFORMATIONAL)**

Each year, the San Diego River Park Foundation partners with a variety of organizations to host engaging nature and art activities for all ages. These events celebrate the San Diego River as a cultural, ecological, and recreational treasure—stretching from Julian to Ocean Beach—and help raise awareness and support for ongoing conservation efforts.

Presentation:

Rob Hutsel, President & CEO, San Diego River Park Foundation

10. 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
Dustin Harrison, Senior Environmental Scientist, San Diego River Conservancy

Conservancy staff attended the following events & meetings:

Proposition 4 meetings
Climate Bond Program Coordination Team meeting
California Wildfire & Forest Resilience Task Force meeting
Dept. of General Services meeting
San Diego State University, San Diego State University Research Foundation, and Soil and Ecology Group meeting
Access Working Group - Natural Resources Agency meeting
Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team Steering Committee meeting
Fire Safe Council of Greater San Diego meeting
Lakeside's Fire Protection District - Push in ceremony
City of San Diego Lifeguards – DIBs media event
San Diego Regional Fire Foundation meeting
San Diego County Parks, TCT meeting

11. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is anticipated to be held in person on September 17, 2026, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

12. Adjournment

Accessibility

If you require a disability related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please call Dustin Harrison at 619-390-0571 or Dustin.Harrison@sdrc.ca.gov.