

**REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION**

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT
MAY 11, 2022**

ITEM 6

SUBJECT

Update on San Diego River Conservancy and San Diego Water Board Coordination.
(David Gibson)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Informational item only; no recommendation.

KEY ISSUE

This item will provide the San Diego Water Board with an update regarding coordination between the San Diego River Conservancy and the Board on various water quality projects in the San Diego River Watershed. Board Member Gary Strawn represents the San Diego Water Board on the San Diego River Conservancy Board of Directors.

PRACTICAL VISION

Chapter 8 of the Practical Vision, Provide Effective Community Engagement and Communication, focuses on implementing the core values of leadership, communication, and transparency. This item provides an excellent opportunity for the Board and the public to learn about program coordination between the San Diego River Conservancy.

DISCUSSION

Executive Director Julia Richards will provide an annual update on the San Diego River Conservancy efforts. The San Diego River Conservancy (SDRC) was established in 2002 by an act of the California Legislature (AB 2156, Kehoe) to preserve, restore and enhance the San Diego River area. The Conservancy is an independent, non-regulatory state agency established to preserve, restore, and enhance the San Diego River Area. The Conservancy's 17-member Governing Board consists of both state and local representatives, creating a diverse partnership dedicated to conserving this highly valued resource of statewide significance.

The mission of the Conservancy is focused on conserving land, and protecting open space, wildlife species and habitat, wetlands, water quality, natural flood conveyance, historical/cultural resources, and providing for recreational and educational opportunities. For example, one important Conservancy goal is to build, in conjunction with our partners, a River-long park and hiking trail stretching fifty-two miles from the River's headwaters near Julian to the Pacific Ocean.

The Conservancy's presentation will focus on the status of the Wildfire Early Action Plan (Supporting Document No. 1). The presentation will provide an overview of the funding mechanism, the need, and program activities supported by the State's Wildfire Early Action Plan and Budget Acts of 2020 and 2021 to identify local investments to better prepare our communities for wildfire and promote healthy forest initiatives.

LEGAL CONCERNS

None.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. San Diego River Conservancy Work Plan 2022