

San Diego River Conservancy

*“To preserve, restore and enhance
the San Diego River watershed”*



San Diego River Conservancy

- Established by legislature (Kehoe 2002)
- Permanent agency status (Atkins 2015)
- Governing Board
- San Diego River Watershed
- Mission & Strategic Plan (program areas)



San Diego River Conservancy Funding

1. Annual Budget
2. Capital projects
 - Proposition 84
 - Proposition 40
 - Proposition 1 (2014 Water Bond)
 - Other



SANDAG, Water Quality Control Board
Supplemental Environmental, Private
Foundations

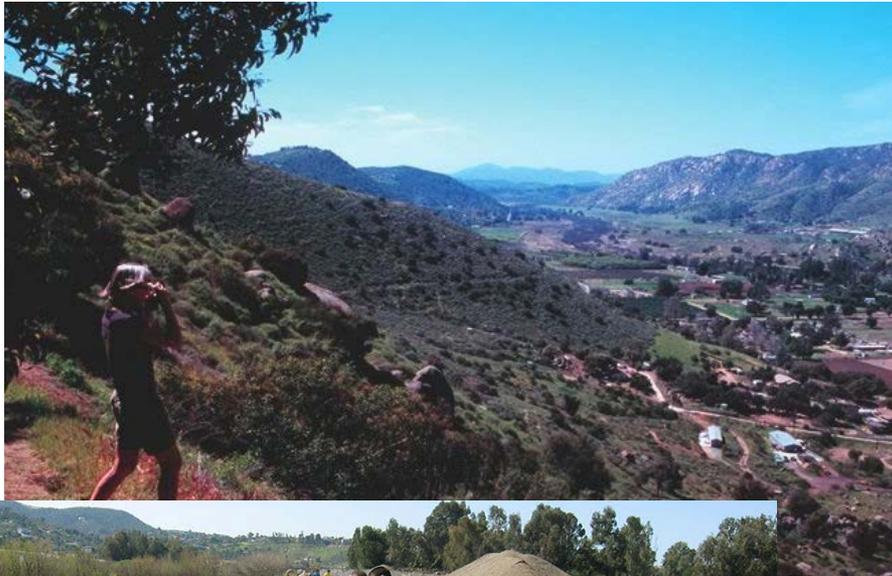
Land Conservation

- Eagle Peak (Julian), CALMAT (Lakeside), Walker Preserve (Santee)
- Under Prop 1: Temescal Creek and El Monte Valley



Recreation – San Diego River Trail

- Walker Preserve, Riverford Road, Historic Flume Trail @El Monte County Park



In progress: Flume Trail Extension, Carlton Oaks segment and Qualcomm segment



Education & Outreach



Preserve & Restore Natural Resources

- Habitat Restoration: Watershed-wide permits for invasive removal program
- Controlled 200+ acres along the river and tributaries
- Prop 1: SDSURF Alvarado Creek; San Diego Canyonlands (recommendation)



Invasive Projects Improve Water Quality and Flood Conveyance,
Reduces Risk of Fire

Protect and Preserve Cultural & Historical Resources

- Junipero Serra Museum – interpretive master plan
- History of San Diego centered around water/ San Diego River



Water Quality & Flood Conveyance

Improve San Diego River watershed

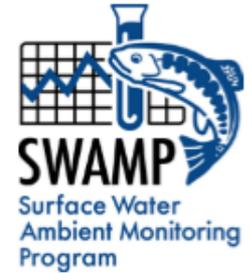
- Invasive program/restore habitat
- Partner organizations -trash clean ups
- Prop 1 : San Diego County trash collection devices



2010 Flood - Sycamore Creek (Santee)



Water Quality monitoring



San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

San Diego River Watershed Monitoring and Assessment Program (SWAMP)



San Diego River Park Foundation

RiverWatch Water Quality Monitoring

Volunteer groups

15 stations

Monthly measurements



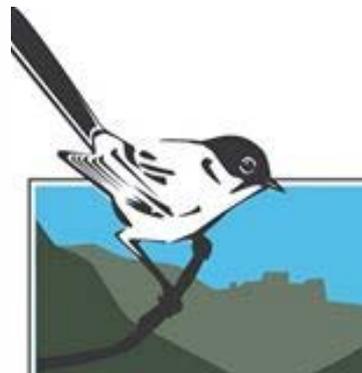
Water Boards

San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

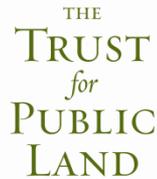
San Diego River Watershed Data Portal
RiverWatch Data

Expand Organization Capacity & Reach Non-Profit Partnerships

- San Diego Foundation
- San Diego History Center
- San Diego River Park Foundation
- Lakeside's River Park Conservancy
- San Diego Canyonlands
- Endangered Habitats Conservancy
- San Diego State University
Research Foundation
- Back Country Land Trust

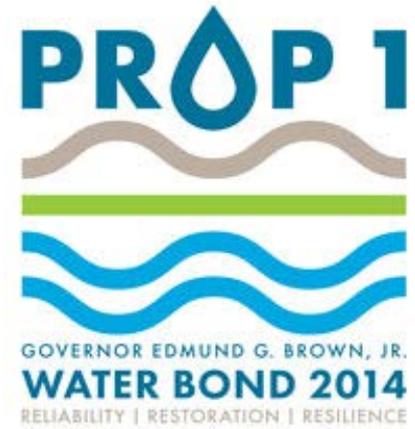


Expand Organization Capacity & Reach The Conservancy's other partners



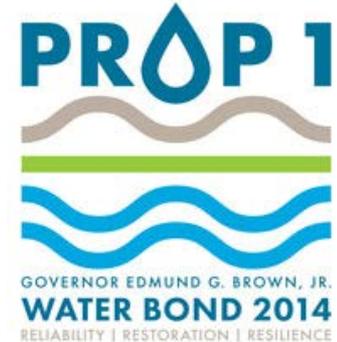
Proposition 1 (Water Bond 2014)

- SDRC \$17 Million
- First round funding (FY 15/16)
 - \$3 Million available
 - 12 applications
 - \$2,868,900 Awarded to date; March recommendations \$131,100
- Additional rounds of funding : FY 16/17, FY 18/19, FY 20/21



Proposition 1 (Water Bond 2014)

Purposes



Protect and restore aquatic habitat

- wetland and migratory bird habitat
- wildlife corridors

Implement fuel treatment projects

- reduce wildfire risks
- promote watershed health

Protect and restore rural and urban watershed health

- stormwater resource management
- trash removal

Assist in the recovery of endangered, threatened, or migratory species

Reduce the impacts of climate change ecosystems

- Implement watershed adaptation projects

Protect and increase the economic benefits arising from healthy watersheds

Proposition 1 (Water Bond 2014) Summary

Organization Name	Requested Amount of funding	SDRC staff recommendation
City of Santee	\$2,216,436.22	\$1,233,000.00
SDSU-Soil Ecology Restoration Group	\$641,498.00	\$543,500.00
County of San Diego	\$245,000.00	\$197,400.00
San Diego Canyonlands	\$42,394.00	\$42,300.00
City of San Diego	\$540,000.00	\$540,000.00
San Diego River Park Foundation	\$161,500.00	\$88,800.00
San Diego River Park Foundation	\$380,500.00	\$355,000.00
TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED	\$8,763,778.22	\$3,000,000.00