

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

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT  
DECEMBER 10, 2025**

**ITEM 4**

**SUBJECT**

Update on San Diego River Conservancy Mission and Priorities and San Diego Water Board Collaboration and Representation. *(David Gibson)*

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Informational item only; no recommendation.

**KEY ISSUE**

The San Diego River Conservancy (Conservancy) will provide an update and overview of the mission and priorities of the Conservancy. The San Diego Water Board is represented on the Conservancy Board of Directors by a Board Member or staff in a non-voting capacity. Chair Strawn has represented the San Diego Water Board on the Conservancy since 2021. The San Diego Water Board may identify a new representative for the 2026-2027 calendar years.

**PRACTICAL VISION**

Chapter 4 of the 2013 Practical Vision: *Proactive Public Outreach and Communication*, is focused 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, on which Board Member Gary Strawn serves as the Board representative, and the San Diego Water Board.

**DISCUSSION**

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 SDRC 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 SDRC is focused on: 1) acquiring, managing and conserving land; and 2) protecting or providing recreational opportunities, open space, wildlife species and habitat, wetlands, water quality, natural flood conveyance, historical/cultural resources, 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.

**LEGAL CONCERNS**

None.

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None.