

Board of Directors Meeting, October 13, 2026

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 10:00am

Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County Office
11769 Waterhill Road, Lakeside CA 92040

Link for remote participants: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82512128155>
meeting ID: 825 1212 8155

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1. CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS

2. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (GOV. CODE 54954.2 (B))

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public may comment on non-agenda items at this time. Public may comment on agenda items when they are discussed. Speakers are asked to limit comments to three minutes. (Gov. Code 54954.3(a)).

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4-1 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2026

4-2 Note and file monthly Treasurer's Reports for August 2026

4-3 Approve monthly expenses for September 2026

5. STAFF PRESENTATION: Heather Cady will provide a presentation on the Fire Summit and Fire Safe Council Volunteer Awards

6. BOARD ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

6-1 Discuss/Approve: Resolution 2026-22 Adoption of MOU to join Weed Management Area

6-2 Discuss/Approve: Voting delegate for CARCD Conference

6-3 Discuss/Approve: Update to RCD signature block

6-4 Discuss/Approve: Resolution 2026-23 CEQA for Encino Conservancy project

6-5 Discuss/Approve: Resolution 2026-24 Revision of Reappointed Board Member seat numbers and term dates

6-6 Discuss/Approve: Resolution 2026-25 LAFCO Letter of Intent

6-7 Discuss/Approve: Resolution 2026-26 Ratification of NRCS Agreement

7. STAFF AND OTHER REPORTS

7-1 Executive Director's Staff Report (attached)

7-2 Grant Status Spreadsheets (attached)

8. OTHER AGENCY, DIRECTOR, ASSOC DIRECTOR, COMMITTEE, AND ASSOCIATION REPORTS

8-1 CARCD Report

8-2 Director/Assoc. Director and Other Activity or Committee Reports

8-3 NRCS Report

9. AGENDA SETTING

10. CLOSED SESSION

10-1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION – Government Code Section 54957

Title: Executive Director Evaluation

11. ADJOURNMENT

Public Notice: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Government Code Section 54954.2, if special assistance is needed to participate in a Board meeting, please contact the RCD at (619) 562-0096. Notification of at least 48 hours prior to meeting time will assist staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility at the meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS		
RCD Regular Board meeting	November 10, 2026	RCD Office
FSC General Board Meeting	November 12, 2026, 10:30 – 12:30	
See public events in staff report for upcoming events the RCD is hosting or participating in		

RCD Board of Directors – September 2026

Don Butz, President

Marilyn Huntamer, Vice President

Maggie Sleeper, Director

Diane Moss, Director

Neil Meyer, Director

Michael McGrath, Director

Associate Directors

Stephen Fillmore, Ofelia Lichtenheld, Jo MacKenzie, Jesh Taucher

RCD STAFF – September 2026

Ann Baldrige, Executive Director	Chris Kelley, Financial Director
Heather Cady, Director of Forestry & Fire Prevention	Ellie Honan, Agriculture Department Director
Morgan Dioli, Forestry & Fire Prevention Program Manager	Stan Hill, Forestry & Fire Prevention Projects Manager
Alaina Makowski, Forestry Technical Advisor	Brian Gallagher, Forestry & Wildfire Resilience Program Coordinator
Rachel Petitt, SoCal Soil & Water Hub Coordinator (shared position)	Elizabeth Garcia, Ag Programs Coordinator
Daniela Mejia, Community Garden Coordinator	Elizabeth Valdez, Technical Assistant
Areli Perez, Education Manager	Paul Maschka, Regenerative Farming Educator
Joanne Sauerman, Office Coordinator	John Hendra, Staff Accountant
Aidan Ryan, Education & Outreach Coordinator	MC Moazed, Habitat Programs Manager

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meeting ID: 825 1212 8155

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Don Butz, Marilyn Huntamer, Neil Meyer, Maggie Sleeper, Diane Moss, Mike McGrath (entered at 10:13am)

DIRECTORS ABSENT: NONE

VACANCIES: One

ASSOC. DIRECTORS PRESENT: Jo Mackenzie; Online: Ofelia Lichtenfeld, Jeshua Taucher

ASSOC. DIRECTORS ABSENT: Stephen Fillmore

OTHERS PRESENT: Ann Baldrige, Chris Kelley, Joanne Sauerman, Ellie Honan, Elizabeth Garcia, online: Michael Miller, Pete Everista, Celine Morales

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1. **CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTION- CALL TO ORDER 10:02AM**

2. **ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (GOV. CODE 54954.2 (B))**

Motion (Sleeper/Meyer) to approve agenda as presented; Passed unanimously: Butz, Huntamer, Meyer, Moss, Sleeper; Absent: Mike McGrath

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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No public comment

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

4-1 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2026

4-2 Note and file monthly Treasurer's Reports for July 2026

4-3 Approve monthly expenses for August 2026

Motion (Meyer/Moss) to accept Consent Calendar. Approved unanimously: Butz, Huntamer, Meyer, Moss, Sleeper; Absent: McGrath

5. **STAFF PRESENTATION:** Elizabeth Garcia presented on the Working Lands for Pollinators program.

6. **BOARD ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

6-1 Informational Item: updates to financial reporting requirements- Financial Director Chris Kelley gave a summary of new financial reporting requirements.

6-2 Discuss/Approve: Resolution 2026-13 Adoption of final budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Motion (Huntamer/Meyer) Resolution 2026-13 Final Budget Approved unanimously: Butz, Huntamer, Meyer, Moss, Sleeper, McGrath

6-3 Discuss/Approve: Resolution 2026-14 Reappointment of Directors

Motion (Huntamer, Moss) Reappointment of Directors Sleeper, McGrath, Meyer Approved unanimously: Butz, Huntamer, Meyer, Moss, Sleeper, McGrath

6-4 Discuss/Approve: Resolution 2026-15 Proposed changes to CARCD regions for Southern California

Motion (McGrath/Meyer) Board support merging CARCD Regions for SOCAL Approved unanimously: Butz, Huntamer, Meyer, Moss, Sleeper, McGrath

6-5 Discuss/Approve: Resolution 2026-16 Adoption of Public Service Ethics Training Policy

Motion (Meyer/McGrath) Ethics Training Policy Approved unanimously: Butz, Huntamer, Meyer, Moss, Sleeper, McGrath

6-6 Discuss/Approve: Resolution 2026-17 Adoption of Fiscal & Financial Oversight Training policy

Motion (Huntamer/Moss) New Fiscal Oversight Training Policy Approved unanimously: Butz, Huntamer, Meyer, Moss, Sleeper, McGrath

6-7 Discuss/Approve: Resolution 2026-18 Adoption of Procurement Policy and Procedures

Motion (Huntamer/McGrath) New Procurement Policy Approved unanimously: Butz, Huntamer, Meyer, Moss, Sleeper, McGrath

6-8 Discuss/Approve: CalVEBA Participation Agreement and Contract Amendment

Motion (Huntamer/Sleeper) Agreement and Contract Amendment Approved unanimously: Butz, Huntamer, Meyer, Moss, Sleeper, McGrath

6-9 Discuss/Approve: Resolution 2026-19 CAL FIRE Block Grant CEQA: Notices of Determination

Motion (Huntamer/Sleeper) to file CEQA NOD as Responsible Agency Approved unanimously: Butz, Huntamer, Meyer, Moss, Sleeper, McGrath

6-10 Discuss/Approve: Resolution 2026-20 CAL FIRE Block Grant CEQA: Ratification of Notices of Exemption

Motion (Huntamer/McGrath) to ratify filing of CEQA NOEs for five Project sites Approved unanimously: Butz, Huntamer, Meyer, Moss, Sleeper, McGrath

6-11 Discuss/Approve: Resolution 2026-21 to Authorization to submit a grant application to the County Board of Supervisors' Community Enhancement Grant program

Motion (Sleeper/Diane) to submit Grant Application to District 3 Community Enhancement Program Approved unanimously: Butz, Huntamer, Meyer, Moss, Sleeper, McGrath

7. STAFF AND OTHER REPORTS

7-1 Executive Director's Staff Report (attached)

7-2 Grant Status Spreadsheets (attached)

8. OTHER AGENCY, DIRECTOR, ASSOC DIRECTOR, COMMITTEE, AND ASSOCIATION REPORTS

8-1 CARCD Report:

8-2 Director/Assoc. Director and Other Activity or Committee Reports

8-3 NRCS Report: Celine Morales gave a quick report via online

9. AGENDA SETTING

1. Board interested in a CEQA cheat sheet

2. Schedule required Board trainings

3. Board Agenda to include Index page numbers

10. CLOSED SESSION

10-1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION – Government Code Section 54957

Title: Executive Director Evaluation- N/A

11. ADJOURNMENT 11:38AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County
Regular Board Meeting Agenda

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joanne Sauerman".

Joanne Sauerman, Board Clerk

**RCD of Greater San Diego County
Profit Loss Budget vs. Actual
August 2026**

	Jul '26 - Aug '26	Preliminary Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Final Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
40000 - Grant Income Restricted					
40041 - CDFA SWEEP TA 23-0684-000	18,345.00	33,360.90	-15,015.90	54.99%	37,851.21
40047 - USFS 2024 Girl Scouts Camp Winaka	231.13	106,650.11	-106,418.98	0.22%	123,997.70
40048 - PMCDHTR USDA Forest Service	0.00	77,774.05	-77,774.05	0.0%	25,618.12
40049 - CA Strategic Growth Council	934.66	32,636.01	-31,701.35	2.86%	35,242.36
40050 - CARCD WCB	12,332.66	126,808.62	-114,475.96	9.73%	153,442.45
40051 - Sweetwater Union HSD MOU	27,872.59	171,236.23	-143,363.64	16.28%	187,985.69
40052 - County of San Diego Regional Cohesive	2,809.54	60,593.01	-57,783.47	4.64%	39,284.04
40053 - DOC RFFC Round IIA	130,543.04	729,651.31	-599,108.27	17.89%	669,477.28
40054 - CARCD NRCS Equity Block	0.00	11,462.92	-11,462.92	0.0%	0.00
40056 - CDFA PHP	1,760.69	158,701.57	-156,940.88	1.11%	231,240.82
40057 - WCB Rare Butterflies WC-2587HP	1,279.75	150,394.15	-149,114.40	0.85%	160,315.42
40058 - CARCD Carbon Hub Coordinator	17,845.66	33,498.38	-15,652.72	53.27%	63,149.06
40059 - DOC Climate Smart Land Management	95,774.47	501,010.85	-405,236.38	19.12%	556,018.11
40061 - CARCD NRCS Forestry TA	13,445.55	76,132.72	-62,687.17	17.66%	81,007.84
40096 - Ecological Farmer Training Program	4,030.45	0.00	4,030.45	100.0%	12,211.84
40116 - WCB Wildlife Conservation Board Otay Planning	8,610.96	17,016.36	-8,405.40	50.6%	22,601.21
40120 - Port	2,683.34	16,100.00	-13,416.66	16.67%	16,100.00
40124 - CalFire Forest Health Grant Round II	27,474.90	3,294,967.98	-3,267,493.08	0.83%	3,555,250.67
40146 - SDG&E Fuels MOU	141,794.99	682,248.31	-540,453.32	20.78%	760,776.45
42005 - BLM Hermes Butterfly/Zoo (account reserved)	16,646.53	170,687.64	-154,041.11	9.75%	168,843.36
42022 - CalFire County Coordinator	34,895.80	19,296.30	15,599.50	180.84%	143,400.56
Total 40000 - Grant Income Restricted	559,311.71	6,470,227.42	-5,910,915.71	8.64%	7,043,814.19
45000 - Income Unrestricted Community Gardens					
45191 - Sweetwater Community Garden	6,503.00	66,116.50	-59,613.50	9.84%	59,324.00
	6,503.00	66,116.50	-59,613.50	9.84%	59,324.00
45000 - Income - Unrestricted					
45010 - Rent - San Diego River Conserva	6,694.00	40,164.00	-33,470.00	16.67%	40,164.00
45020 - Donations, Awards & Scholarship	50.00	250.00	-200.00	20.0%	250.00
45030 - Rebates and Refunds	403.34	2,000.00	-1,596.66	20.17%	2,000.00
45040 - CLASS & LAIF Interest Income	16,223.27	85,000.00	-68,776.73	19.09%	85,000.00
45080 - US Bank Interest	47.11	205.00	-157.89	22.98%	205.00
45090 - Tax Assessments	116,010.02	485,000.00	-368,989.98	23.92%	485,000.00
45095 - Redevelopment Revenue City Tax	0.00	12,000.00	-12,000.00	0.0%	12,000.00
45100 - Miscellaneous Income	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.0%	3,000.00
45200 - Fee for Service	200.00	10,000.00	-9,800.00	2.0%	10,000.00
45505 - Payroll & Benefits Offset	75,683.79	340,000.00	-264,316.21	22.26%	340,000.00
Total 45000 - Income - Unrestricted	215,311.53	977,619.00	-762,307.47	22.02%	977,619.00
Total Income	781,126.24	7,513,962.92	-6,732,836.68	10.4%	8,080,757.19
Expense					
50000 - Grant Expenses Restricted					
50041 - CDFA SWEEP TA 23-0684-000	16,178.21	27,543.08	-11,364.87	58.74%	31,106.09
50047 - USFS 2024 Girl Scouts Camp Winaka	206.37	95,223.31	-95,016.94	0.22%	110,712.23
50048 - PMCDHTR USDA Forest Service	0.00	70,124.02	-70,124.02	0.0%	23,742.46
50049 - CA Strategic Growth Council	846.52	29,139.19	-28,292.67	2.91%	31,867.15
50050 - CARCD WCB	10,277.22	110,595.28	-100,318.06	9.29%	133,666.87
50051 - Sweetwater Union HSD MOU	23,227.16	142,696.86	-119,469.70	16.28%	156,654.75
50052 - County of SD Regional Cohesive	2,508.50	54,100.91	-51,592.41	4.64%	35,075.04
50053 - DOC RFFC Round IIA	115,518.43	647,082.19	-531,563.76	17.85%	594,068.58
50054 - CARCD NRCS Equity Block	0.00	10,234.76	-10,234.76	0.0%	0.00
50056 - CDFA PHP	1,408.55	155,365.79	-153,957.24	0.91%	227,299.46
50057 - WCB Rare Butterflies WC-2587HP	1,066.46	141,095.13	-140,028.67	0.76%	150,413.96
50058 - Carbon Hub Coordinator	16,283.08	30,075.79	-13,792.71	54.14%	56,446.12
50059 - DOC Climate Smart Land Management	85,512.90	447,331.16	-361,818.26	19.12%	496,444.81
50061 - CARCD NRCS Forestry TA	12,223.23	58,135.73	-45,912.50	21.03%	60,194.27
50096 - Ecological Farmer Training Program	3,358.71	0.00	3,358.71	100.0%	10,176.87
50116 - WCB Wildlife Conservation Board	8,610.96	17,042.42	-8,431.46	50.53%	22,601.21
50120 - Port	4,727.77	14,000.00	-9,272.23	33.77%	14,000.00
50124 - CalFire Forest Health Round II	24,977.20	2,995,425.40	-2,970,448.20	0.83%	3,232,046.03
50146 - SDG&E Fuels MOU	123,847.81	575,690.22	-451,842.41	21.51%	633,458.41
52005 - BLM Hermes Butterfly/Zoo (account reserved)	14,862.97	159,113.97	-144,251.00	9.34%	157,862.25
52022 - CalFire County Coordinator	31,156.99	17,228.84	13,928.15	180.84%	128,036.34
Total 50000 - Grant Expenses Restricted	496,799.04	5,797,244.05	-5,300,445.01	8.57%	6,305,872.90
53000 - Expenses Unrestricted					
53005 - Advertising	2,584.23	3,000.00	-415.77	86.14%	3,000.00
53035 - Processing Fees	899.63	3,000.00	-2,100.37	29.99%	3,000.00
53040 - Bank Fees	491.30	7,000.00	-6,508.70	7.02%	7,000.00
53050 - Depreciation	4,606.76	27,640.00	-23,033.24	16.67%	27,640.00
53060 - Donations, Awards & Scholarship	1,527.26	15,000.00	-13,472.74	10.18%	15,000.00
53070 - Dues & Memberships	7,650.00	12,000.00	-4,350.00	63.75%	12,000.00
53075 - Subscriptions	3,156.24	5,000.00	-1,843.76	63.13%	6,800.00
53080 - Equipment Leases	548.38	3,500.00	-2,951.62	15.67%	3,500.00
53090 - Sponsorships	2,500.00	10,000.00	-7,500.00	25.0%	10,000.00
53100 - Automobile					
53110 - Fuel	-174.88	1,000.00	-1,174.88	-17.49%	1,000.00
53120 - Repairs & Maintenance	514.18	5,000.00	-4,485.82	10.28%	5,000.00
Total 53100 - Automobile	339.30	6,000.00	-5,660.70	5.66%	6,000.00
53200 - Unrestricted Expenses Community Gardens					
53291 - Sweetwater Garden	20,805.35	59,032.59	-38,227.24	35.24%	49,436.67
	20,805.35	59,032.59	-38,227.24	35.24%	49,436.67

RCD of Greater San Diego County
Profit Loss Budget vs. Actual
August 2026

53900 - Insurance					
53910 - Auto & General Liability	11,437.86	75,000.00	-63,562.14	15.25%	75,000.00
53920 - In Lieu of Health Insurance	43,517.60	230,566.00	-187,048.40	18.87%	230,566.00
53930 - Workers Compensation	1,988.06	15,000.00	-13,011.94	13.25%	15,000.00
Total 53900 - Insurance	56,943.52	320,566.00	-263,622.48	17.76%	320,566.00
54000 - Outside Services					
54010 - Facility Maintenance & Repairs	1,643.00	15,000.00	-13,357.00	10.95%	45,000.00
54020 - Janitorial	1,158.48	8,000.00	-6,841.52	14.48%	8,000.00
54030 - Landscaping	2,070.34	12,000.00	-9,929.66	17.25%	12,000.00
54040 - Payroll Processing Fees	574.43	4,000.00	-3,425.57	14.36%	4,000.00
54050 - Pest Control	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%	100.00
54060 - Website & Computer Maintenance	8,160.73	70,000.00	-61,839.27	11.66%	70,000.00
Total 54000 - Outside Services	13,606.98	109,100.00	-95,493.02	12.47%	139,100.00
54070 - Permits & Fees	10.86	100.00	-89.14	10.86%	100.00
54080 - Postage	0.00	400.00	-400.00	0.0%	400.00
54090 - Printing	-21.74	750.00	-771.74	-2.9%	750.00
55000 - Professional Services					
55010 - Accounting Fees	0.00	13,500.00	-13,500.00	0.0%	13,500.00
55020 - Legal Fees	3,810.00	35,500.00	-31,690.00	10.73%	35,500.00
55030 - Professional Services - Other	16,447.32	90,000.00	-73,552.68	18.28%	90,000.00
Total 55000 - Professional Services	20,257.32	139,000.00	-118,742.68	14.57%	139,000.00
57000 - Supplies					
57100 - Conservation Garden & Education	82.24	5,000.00	-4,917.76	1.65%	5,000.00
57150 - Discretionary Projects	11,500.29	50,000.00	-38,499.71	23.0%	50,000.00
57175 - Outreach Supplies	55.97				5,000.00
57200 - Office Supplies	1,389.89	7,500.00	-6,110.11	18.53%	7,500.00
57250 - Team Building & Incentives	125.29	1,500.00	-1,374.71	8.35%	1,500.00
57255 - Staff Uniforms & Merchandise	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%	2,000.00
57275 - Field Staff All Weather Gear	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	5,000.00
57300 - Office General	259.88	1,500.00	-1,240.12	17.33%	1,500.00
Total 57000 - Supplies	13,413.56	67,500.00	-54,086.44	19.87%	77,500.00
59000 - Utilities					
59100 - Gas & Electric	3,620.26	16,000.00	-12,379.74	22.63%	16,000.00
59200 - Sewer	811.93	1,250.00	-438.07	64.95%	1,250.00
59300 - Trash	2,249.89	9,000.00	-6,750.11	25.0%	9,000.00
59400 - Water	507.27	1,500.00	-992.73	33.82%	1,500.00
59500 - Telephones	3,597.02	25,000.00	-21,402.98	14.39%	25,000.00
Total 59000 - Utilities	10,786.37	52,750.00	-41,963.63	20.45%	52,750.00
65000 - Travel and Meetings					
65310 - Training	182.00	5,000.00	-4,818.00	3.64%	5,000.00
65315 - Professional Development - Conferences	1,158.88	0.00	1,158.88	100.0%	20,000.00
65320 - Travel Transportation Flights & Mileage	803.27	20,500.00	-19,696.73	3.92%	10,000.00
65325 - Hotel Lodging	0.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00	0.0%	15,000.00
65330 - Travel Meals	399.91	3,000.00	-2,600.09	13.33%	3,000.00
Total 65000 - Travel and Meetings	2,544.06	34,500.00	-31,955.94	7.37%	53,000.00
66000 - Payroll Expenses					
66100 - Gross Payroll	125,172.83	538,500.00	-413,327.17	23.25%	538,500.00
66200 - Payroll Taxes	29,950.54	150,000.00	-120,049.46	19.97%	150,000.00
Total 66000 - Payroll Expenses	155,123.37	688,500.00	-533,376.63	22.53%	688,500.00
Total Expenses Unrestricted	317,772.75	1,564,338.59	-1,246,565.84	20.3%	1,615,042.67
Total Expense	814,571.79	7,361,582.64	-6,547,010.85	11.07%	7,920,915.57
Net Ordinary Income	-33,445.55	152,380.28	-185,825.83	-21.95%	159,841.62
Net Income	-33,445.55	152,380.28	-185,825.83	-21.95%	159,841.62

Changes from Preliminary Budget to Final Board Approved Budget - Finance Director's Notes

Footnote	Reference		
		Preliminary Board Approved Budget Net Income for 2026-2027	\$ 152,380.28
1		Added to net income to account for remaining grant balances at fiscal year end. Preliminary budget reflected grant balances at 3/31/26. The net effect to income after this adjustment is an additional \$53,657.77 during FY 2026-2027.	\$ 53,657.77
2		CARCD NRCS Equity Grant that was expected to end in 7/2026, ended in 6/2026 resulting in reduction to projected Net Income of <\$1,228.16> for FY 2026-2027.	\$ (1,228.16)
3		Added Ecological Farmer Training Program not included in Preliminary Budget resulting in an additional \$2,034.97 in net income for FY 2026-2027.	\$ 2,034.97
4		CalFire County Coordinator Grant was extended and additional funds were granted resulting in additional \$13,296.76 in net income for FY 2026-2027.	\$ 13,296.76
5		Added \$1,800 to RCD Unrestricted Expense #53075 Subscriptions to cover cost of Doc Access Platform designed to make our website more accessible.	\$ (1,800.00)
6		Increased Facilities Repairs and Maintenance line by \$30,000 in anticipation of completing the office remodel. (These funds, if used this fiscal year will be allocated from our Capital Improvements Reserve).	\$ (30,000.00)
7		New budget line item added to Unrestricted Expenses for \$5,000 at the request of the Outreach Department to cover the cost of items used to table events for the RCD (ie: Tables, Banners, Table Clothes, Canopies, Promotional materials.)	\$ (5,000.00)
8		New budget line item added to Unrestricted Expenses \$5,000 at Ann's request for Field Gear. This new line item will allow for staff who work in the field to access weather-proof gear and clothing specific to those working in the field.	\$ (5,000.00)
9		New budget line item added to Unrestricted Expenses \$20,000 for Professional Development. These funds are partially reallocated from the Travel line item and additional funding was added to ensure all interested staff and board members can attend conferences this year in the event that a grant does not cover these expenses. New Account #65315	\$ (20,000.00)
10		Reduced Unrestricted Expense for Travel by \$10,500 to move amount previously intended for conferences out of this travel category and into the new Professional Development account.	\$ 10,500.00
11		Increased Unrestricted Travel Lodging Expense by \$9,000 to ensure that board and staff who wish to attend conferences are covered to attend, even if they do not have a grant that will cover their hotel.	\$ (9,000.00)
		Final Board Approved Budget 2026-2027 >	<u>\$ 159,841.62</u>

RCD of Greater San Diego County
Balance Sheet
As of August 31, 2026

	<u>8/31/2026</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · US Bank Checking	316,071.79
10020 · Petty Cash	201.01
10030 · LAIF	14,150.89
10040 · CLASS	2,611,196.19
Total Checking/Savings	<u>2,941,619.88</u>
Accounts Receivable	
12000 · Accounts Receivable	
12001 · RCD Foundation	0.00
12002 · County of SD Regional Cohesive	56,095.19
12003 · USFWS	0.00
12004 · Foodshed Farm School	503.29
12008 · Sweetwater Union High School	0.00
12011 · CARCD	12,665.70
12012 · CalFire County Coordinator	0.00
12013 · CDFA SWEEP TA	20,616.36
12019 · DOC RFFC Round IIA	0.00
12020 · Fire Safe Council of San Diego	107.68
12021 · San Diego River Conservancy	3,347.00
12026 · Miscellaneous Receivables	283.25
12027 · San Diego Gas & Electric	0.00
12029 · WCB Rare Butterflies WC-2587HP	393.77
12030 · Port District	0.00
12031 · WCB Wildlife Conservation Board	38,685.45
12032 · Parks NACC	0.00
12033 · Girl Scout Camp Winaka	-0.01
12034 · PMCDHTR USDA Forest Service	0.00
12037 · CalFire Southern CA Wildfire Resilience Pla	107,964.11
12041 · DOC Climate Smart Land Management	-0.01
12042 · CA Strategic Growth Council	-8.51
12046 · CDFA PHP	5,311.54
12050 · BLM Hemes Copper Butterfly	0.00
12090 · Sweetwater Community Garden	5,946.58
12550 · Accrued Interest Receivable	7,794.83
Total 12000 · Accounts Receivable	<u>259,706.22</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	259,706.22
Other Current Assets	
12005 · Undeposited Funds	269,098.84
12500 · Lease Recievable	104,853.00
12600 · Property Tax Receivable	1,915.41
13000 · Prepaid Expenses	74,291.69
Total Other Current Assets	<u>450,158.94</u>
Total Current Assets	3,651,485.04
Fixed Assets	
14000 · Accumulated Depreciation	
14020 · Building	505,000.00
14040 · Building Improvements	572,981.67
14060 · Furniture & Equipment	53,049.42
14080 · Land	110,000.00
14090 · Vehicles	76,537.22
14000 · Accumulated Depreciation - Other	-605,915.00
Total 14000 · Accumulated Depreciation	<u>711,653.31</u>
Total Fixed Assets	711,653.31
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>4,363,138.35</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	

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	<u>8/31/2026</u>
Accounts Payable	
20000 · Accounts Payable	2,216.33
Total Accounts Payable	<u>2,216.33</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
20100 · RCF Foundation Payable	21,965.82
20200 · FSCSDC Payable	17,260.49
21000 · Deferred Compensation	0.00
21010 · Refundable Deposits on Garden Plots	15,050.00
21020 · Deferred Revenue	233,089.35
21045 · Accounts Payable Accrual	-7,000.00
21060 · Vacation Accrual	68,176.41
25000 · DIR Leases	91,546.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>440,088.07</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>442,304.40</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>442,304.40</u>
Equity	
30000 · Administration Operations Reserve	1,820,000.00
30020 · Capital Improvements Facility Reserve	100,000.00
30030 · Economic Stability Reserve	130,000.00
30040 · Technology Reserve	28,000.00
30080 · Discretionary Project Reserve	50,000.00
30091 · Fleet Reserve	50,000.00
30092 · General Fund Balance	571,292.60
30093 · Investment in Fixed Assets	865,461.00
32000 · Retained Earnings 2026	339,525.90
Net Income	-33,445.55
Total Equity	<u>3,920,833.95</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>4,363,138.35</u></u>

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Profit & Loss

August 31, 2026

August '26

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

40000 · Grant Income Restricted

40041 · CDFA SWEEP TA 23-0684-000	10,603.74
40047 · USFS 2024 Girl Scouts Camp Winaka	0.00
40048 · PMCDHTR USDA Forest Service	0.00
40049 · CA Strategic Growth Council	168.92
40050 · CARCD WCB	4,620.84
40051 · Sweetwater Union HSD MOU	11,277.57
40052 · County of SD Regional Cohesive	1,396.27
40053 · DOC RFFC Round IIA	75,641.15
40056 · CDFA PHP	516.68
40057 · WCB Rare Butterflies WC-2587HP	656.28
40058 · CARCD Carbon Hub Coordinator	9,008.10
40059 · DOC Climate Smart Land Management	8,079.00
40061 · CARCD NRCS Forestry TA	6,563.47
40096 · Ecological Farmer Training	626.88
40116 · WCB Wildlife Conservation Board	2,205.37
40120 · Port	1,341.67
40124 · CalFire Southern CA Wildfire Res	12,488.61
40146 · SDG&E Fuels MOU	71,387.98
42005 · BLM Hermes Copper Butterfly	2,077.63
42022 · CalFire County Coordinator	15,881.99

Total 40000 · Grant Income Restricted 234,542.15

45000 · Income Unrestricted Community Gardens

45191 · Sweetwater Community Garden	1,802.75
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Total 45000 · Income Unrestricted WWF/Gardens 1,802.75

45000 · Income - Unrestricted

45010 · Rent	3,347.00
45020 · Donations	403.34
45030 · Rebates & Refunds	0.00
45040 · LAIF & CLASS Interest	7,549.99
45080 · US Bank Interest	28.01
45090 · Tax Assessments	74,006.68
45095 · Redevelopment Revenue	0.00
45100 · Misc Income	0.00
45200 · Fee for Service	0.00
45505 · Payroll & Benefits Offset	29,106.61

Total 45000 · Income - Unrestricted 114,441.63

Total Income

350,786.53

Expense

50000 · Grant Expenses Restricted

50041 · CDFA SWEEP TA 23-0684	9,727.16
50047 · USFS 2024 Girl Scout Camp Winaka	158.43
50048 · PMCDHTR USDA Forest Service	0.00
50049 · CA Strategic Growth Council	0.00
50050 · CARCD WCB	3,850.71
50051 · Sweetwater Union HSD MOU	9,133.21

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Profit & Loss

August 31, 2026

	August '26
50052 · County of San Diego Regional Cohesive	1,246.64
50053 · DOC RFFC Round IIA	66,935.37
50056 · CDFA PHP	413.35
50057 · WCB Rare Butterflies	546.90
50058 · CARCD Carbon Hub Coordinator	8,248.94
50059 · DOC Climate Smart Land Management	7,213.38
50061 · CARCD NRCS Forestry TA	5,966.79
50096 · Ecological Farmer Training	522.40
50116 · WCB Wildlife Conservation Board	2,205.38
50120 · Port	1,949.40
50124 · CalFire Southern CA Wildfire Res	11,353.29
50146 · SDG&E Fuels MOU	62,624.32
52005 · BLM Hermes Copper Butterfly	1,855.02
52022 · CalFire County Coordinator	14,180.35
Total 50000 · Grant Expenses Restricted	208,131.04
53000 · Expenses Unrestricted	
53005 · Advertising	1,229.43
53035 · Processing Fees	528.15
53040 · Bank Fees	362.07
53050 · Depreciation	2,303.38
53060 · Donations, Awards & Scholarships	1,527.26
53070 · Dues & Memberships	0.00
53075 · Subscriptions	743.92
53080 · Equipment Leases	274.19
53090 · Sponsorships	0.00
53100 · Automobile	
53110 · Fuel	-103.11
53120 · Repairs & Maintenance	0.00
Total 53100 · Automobile	-103.11
53200 · Unrestricted Expense Community Gardens	
53291 · Sweetwater Garden	7,712.19
	7,712.19
53900 · Insurance	
53910 · Auto & General Liability	5,063.96
53920 · In Lieu of Health Insurance	24,352.03
53930 · Workers Compensation	994.03
Total 53900 · Insurance	30,410.02
54000 · Outside Services	
54010 · Facility Maintenance & Repairs	1,643.00
54020 · Janitorial	579.24
54030 · Landscaping	2,050.00
54040 · Payroll Processing Fees	268.45
54050 · Pest Control	0.00
54060 · Website & Computer Maintenance	4,960.73
Total 54000 · Outside Services	9,501.42
54070 · Permit	0.00
54080 · Postage	5.60
54090 · Printing	0.00
55000 · Professional Services	

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Profit & Loss

August 31, 2026

	August '26
55010 · Accounting Fees	0.00
55020 · Legal Fees	1,935.00
55030 · Professional Services - Other	8,025.00
Total 55000 · Professional Services	9,960.00
57000 · Supplies	
57100 · Conservation Garden & Education	0.00
57150 · Discretionary Projects	3,513.92
57175 · Outreach Supplies	0.00
57200 · Office Supplies	926.43
57250 · Team Building & Incentives	125.29
57255 · Staff Uniforms & Merchandising	0.00
57300 · Office General	204.50
Total 57000 · Supplies	4,770.14
59000 · Utilities	
59100 · Gas & Electric	1,360.67
59200 · Sewer	811.93
59300 · Trash	841.40
59400 · Water	507.27
59500 · Telephones	1,798.51
Total 59000 · Utilities	5,319.78
65000 · Travel and Meetings	
65310 · Training	182.00
65315 · Professional Development	1,158.88
65320 · Travel Transportation, Flights & Mileage	541.53
65325 · Hotel Lodging	0.00
65330 · Travel Meals	355.33
Total 65000 · Travel and Meetings	2,237.74
66000 · Payroll Expenses	
66100 · Gross Payroll	50,176.22
66200 · Payroll Taxes	11,962.11
Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses	62,138.33
Total Expense	347,051.55
Net Ordinary Income	3,734.98
Net Income	3,734.98

RCD of Greater San Diego County
Statement of Cash Flows
August 31, 2026

	<u>Jul - Aug '26</u>
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net Income	-33,445.55
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to net cash provided by operations:	
12008 · Sweetwater Union HSD	29,951.33
12011 · CARCD	61,655.11
12016 · CDFA Planning	25,800.00
12019 · DOC RFFC Round IIA	267,471.34
12020 · Fire Safe Council of San Diego	-106.20
12021 · San Diego River Conservancy	-3,347.00
12026 · Miscellaneous Receivables	1,374.75
12030 · Port District of San Diego	4,025.00
12031 · WCB Wildlife Conservation Board	6,500.72
12032 · Parks NACC	401,146.66
12033 · Girl Scouts Camp Winaka Fuels	11,738.81
12034 · PMCDMTR USDA Forest Service	73,367.04
12037 · CalFire Souther CA Wildfire Resilience	26,482.78
12041 · DOC Climate Smart Land Management	111,996.32
12042 · CA Strategic Growth Council	381.20
12050 · BLM Hermes Copper Butterfly	33,673.40
12090 · Sweetwater Community Garden	-6,326.28
12550 · Accrued Interest Receivable	-4,674.00
13000 · Prepaid Expenses	14,948.24
20000 · Accounts Payable	-259,919.83
20100 · Foundation Payable	138.78
20200 · FSCSDC Payable	109.05
21010 · Refundable Deposits on Garden	-1,400.00
21020 · Deferred Revenue	-615,165.84
21045 · Accounts Payable Accrual	-9,930.03
21060 · Vacation Accrual	-9,324.44
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	<u>127,121.36</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
14000 · Accumulated Depreciation	4,606.76
Net cash provided by Investing Activities	<u>4,606.76</u>
Net cash increase for period	<u>131,728.12</u>
Cash at beginning of period	3,078,990.60
Cash at end of period	<u><u>3,210,718.72</u></u>

RCD of Greater San Diego County
Reconciliation Summary
US Bank-General Checking, Period Ending 8/31/2026

	Aug 31, 26
Beginning Balance	211,033.41
Cleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 88 items	-733,130.50
Deposits and Credits - 41 items	962,033.96
Total Cleared Transactions	228,903.46
Cleared Balance	439,936.87
Uncleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 52 items	-137,210.61
Deposits and Credits - 1 item	13,345.53
Total Uncleared Transactions	-123,865.08
Register Balance as of 08/31/2026	316,071.79

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Reconciliation Detail
US Bank-General Checking, Period Ending 8/31/2026

	Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance							211,033.41
Cleared Transactions							
Checks and Payments - 88 items							
Bill Pmt -Check		06/01/2026	16275	Isabel Alvarez	Ö	-450.00	-450.00
Bill Pmt -Check		07/13/2026	16377	Empowerment Works Inc	Ö	-400.00	-850.00
Bill Pmt -Check		07/13/2026	16383	Michael Lara	Ö	-300.00	-1,150.00
Bill Pmt -Check		07/13/2026	16370	Ashash Kumeyaay Morales-Craddo	Ö	-300.00	-1,450.00
Bill Pmt -Check		07/21/2026	16408	Southland Forest Management LLC	Ö	-45,000.00	-46,450.00
Bill Pmt -Check		07/21/2026	16399	Inland Empire Resource Conservati	Ö	-30,507.04	-76,957.04
Bill Pmt -Check		07/21/2026	16397	Flying F Ranch	Ö	-18,800.00	-95,757.04
Bill Pmt -Check		07/21/2026	16394	California Farm Link	Ö	-12,426.85	-108,183.89
Bill Pmt -Check		07/21/2026	16403	Mission Resource Conservation Dis	Ö	-12,002.20	-120,186.09
Bill Pmt -Check		07/21/2026	16404	San Diego Bird Alliance	Ö	-7,394.69	-127,580.78
Bill Pmt -Check		07/21/2026	16414	U.S. Bancorp Service Center, Inc	Ö	-7,367.98	-134,948.76
Bill Pmt -Check		07/21/2026	16398	Grangetto Ranches, Inc.	Ö	-3,000.00	-137,948.76
Bill Pmt -Check		07/21/2026	16396	Diane Ahern	Ö	-439.90	-138,388.66
Bill Pmt -Check		07/21/2026	16409	Tershia d'Elgin	Ö	-300.00	-138,688.66
Bill Pmt -Check		07/27/2026	16418	Trihydro	Ö	-10,634.00	-149,322.66
Bill Pmt -Check		07/27/2026	16416	AECOM Technical Services Inc.	Ö	-10,514.18	-159,836.84
Bill Pmt -Check		07/27/2026	16417	Responsible Solutions LLC	Ö	-7,500.00	-167,336.84
Bill Pmt -Check		07/29/2026	PD 07.29.26	Heather Cady	Ö	-131.06	-167,467.90
Bill Pmt -Check		07/29/2026	PD 07.29.26	Aidan Ryan	Ö	-55.97	-167,523.87
Bill Pmt -Check		07/29/2026	PD 07.29.26	John Hendra	Ö	-25.83	-167,549.70
Bill Pmt -Check		07/29/2026	PD 07.29.26	Joanne Sauerman	Ö	-15.58	-167,565.28
Bill Pmt -Check		07/29/2026	PD 07.29.26	Elizabeth Garcia	Ö	-13.65	-167,578.93
General Journal		08/03/2026		PayPal Processing Fees	Ö	-233.96	-167,812.89
General Journal		08/03/2026		Venmo Processing Fees	Ö	-117.44	-167,930.33
Bill Pmt -Check		08/04/2026	ACH 8.03.26	CA Schools VEBA	Ö	-5,738.60	-173,668.93
General Journal		08/05/2026		Authnet Gateway	Ö	-20.65	-173,689.58
General Journal		08/06/2026		PayPal Processing Fees	Ö	-16.50	-173,706.08
General Journal		08/07/2026		ADP Payroll Processing Fees	Ö	-115.46	-173,821.54
General Journal		08/07/2026		Bankcard Processing Fees	Ö	-104.82	-173,926.36
Bill Pmt -Check		08/10/2026	16429	Lincoln Financial	Ö	-33,288.00	-207,214.36
Bill Pmt -Check		08/10/2026	ACH 8.10.26	Bailey's Inc.	Ö	-27,402.06	-234,616.42
Bill Pmt -Check		08/10/2026	16446	San Diego Canyonlands AP	Ö	-16,725.92	-251,342.34
Bill Pmt -Check		08/10/2026	16426	San Diego Canyonlands AP	Ö	-16,437.89	-267,780.23
Bill Pmt -Check		08/10/2026	16427	Pope Tree Service	Ö	-6,000.00	-273,780.23
Bill Pmt -Check		08/10/2026	16440	BentonWebs	Ö	-2,500.00	-276,280.23
Bill Pmt -Check		08/10/2026	16437	CivicPlus	Ö	-1,845.00	-278,125.23
Bill Pmt -Check		08/10/2026	16438	Campo Lake Morena FSC	Ö	-1,388.00	-279,513.23
Bill Pmt -Check		08/10/2026	16423	Waste Management	Ö	-841.40	-280,354.63
Bill Pmt -Check		08/10/2026	16428	Pacific Building Maintenance	Ö	-579.24	-280,933.87
Bill Pmt -Check		08/10/2026	16432	EDCO Disposal Corporation	Ö	-541.35	-281,475.22
Bill Pmt -Check		08/10/2026	16435	Cox Communications	Ö	-370.53	-281,845.75
Bill Pmt -Check		08/10/2026	16433	Diamond Environmental Services	Ö	-294.40	-282,140.15
Bill Pmt -Check		08/10/2026	16430	First Citizens Bank	Ö	-274.19	-282,414.34
Bill Pmt -Check		08/10/2026	16439	Camille Zimmer	Ö	-150.00	-282,564.34
Bill Pmt -Check		08/10/2026	16422	William T. Rice Jr.	Ö	-150.00	-282,714.34
Bill Pmt -Check		08/10/2026	16431	FGL Environmental	Ö	-101.00	-282,815.34
Check		08/10/2026	16442	Amy Zabrowski	Ö	-100.00	-282,915.34
Check		08/10/2026	16445	Christina Farrar	Ö	-100.00	-283,015.34
Check		08/10/2026	16441	Anna Alcantara	Ö	-100.00	-283,115.34
Bill Pmt -Check		08/10/2026	16425	SC Fuels	Ö	-97.76	-283,213.10
Bill Pmt -Check		08/10/2026	16434	Culligan Quench	Ö	-55.38	-283,268.48
Bill Pmt -Check		08/10/2026	16436	Classic Landscape & Horticulture	Ö	-20.34	-283,288.82
General Journal		08/12/2026		Gross Payroll	Ö	-48,917.99	-332,206.81
General Journal		08/12/2026		Payroll Taxes	Ö	-12,628.06	-344,834.87
Bill Pmt -Check		08/12/2026	PD 08.12.26	Rachel Petitt	Ö	-579.44	-345,414.31
Bill Pmt -Check		08/12/2026	PD 08.12.26	Morgan Dioli	Ö	-394.00	-345,808.31
Bill Pmt -Check		08/12/2026	PD 08.12.26	Daniela Mejia	Ö	-190.63	-345,998.94
Bill Pmt -Check		08/12/2026	PD 08.12.26	Arelis Perez	Ö	-60.34	-346,059.28
Bill Pmt -Check		08/12/2026	PD 08.12.26	Joanne Sauerman	Ö	-39.61	-346,098.89
Check		08/15/2026		Bank Fees	Ö	-362.07	-346,460.96
Bill Pmt -Check		08/17/2026	16450	Corporate Technologies LLC	Ö	-4,930.74	-351,391.70
Bill Pmt -Check		08/17/2026	16453	McDougal Boehmer Foley Lyon Mii	Ö	-1,935.00	-353,326.70
Bill Pmt -Check		08/17/2026	16461	SDG&E	Ö	-1,360.67	-354,687.37
Bill Pmt -Check		08/17/2026	16451	Integrated Signs & Fabrication	Ö	-1,229.43	-355,916.80
Bill Pmt -Check		08/17/2026	16454	Mission Resource Conservation Dis	Ö	-1,200.00	-357,116.80
Bill Pmt -Check		08/17/2026	16462	U.S. Bancorp Service Center, Inc	Ö	-717.98	-357,834.78
Bill Pmt -Check		08/17/2026	16464	U.S. Bancorp Service Center, Inc	Ö	-238.35	-358,073.13
Bill Pmt -Check		08/17/2026	16458	Rhino Rock LLC	Ö	-150.00	-358,223.13
General Journal		08/17/2026		Venmo Processing Fees	Ö	-17.98	-358,241.11
General Journal		08/17/2026		PayPal Processing Fees	Ö	-16.80	-358,257.91
Bill Pmt -Check		08/19/2026	16470	Pope Tree Service	Ö	-2,000.00	-360,257.91
Bill Pmt -Check		08/19/2026	16465	Classic Landscape & Horticulture	Ö	-1,025.00	-361,282.91
Bill Pmt -Check		08/19/2026	16467	Douglas A Skidmore	Ö	-150.00	-361,432.91
Bill Pmt -Check		08/19/2026	16466	Danny Matheson	Ö	-150.00	-361,582.91
Bill Pmt -Check		08/19/2026	16468	Jacob Brownwood	Ö	-150.00	-361,732.91
Bill Pmt -Check		08/19/2026	16471	SC Fuels	Ö	-101.33	-361,834.24
General Journal		08/21/2026		ADP Payroll Processing Fees	Ö	-115.46	-361,949.70
Bill Pmt -Check		08/25/2026	ACH 8.25.26	CA Schools VEBA	Ö	-5,738.60	-367,688.30
General Journal		08/26/2026		Gross Payroll	Ö	-49,633.83	-417,322.13
General Journal		08/26/2026		Payroll Taxes	Ö	-12,534.55	-429,856.68

RCD of Greater San Diego County
Reconciliation Detail
US Bank-General Checking, Period Ending 8/31/2026

Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
Bill Pmt -Check	08/26/2026	PD 8.26.26	Liz Valdez	Ö	-2,581.71	-432,438.39
Bill Pmt -Check	08/26/2026	PD 8.26.26	Heather Cady	Ö	-272.38	-432,710.77
Bill Pmt -Check	08/26/2026	PD 8.26.26	Brian Gallagher	Ö	-237.67	-432,948.44
Bill Pmt -Check	08/26/2026	PD 8.26.26	Rachel Petitt	Ö	-108.20	-433,056.64
Bill Pmt -Check	08/26/2026	PD 8.26.26	Daniela Mejia	Ö	-30.41	-433,087.05
Bill Pmt -Check	08/26/2026	PD 8.26.26	MC Moazed	Ö	-5.92	-433,092.97
General Journal	08/28/2026		Transfer to CalVeba	Ö	-300,000.00	-733,092.97
General Journal	08/28/2026		Interest Income	Ö	-37.53	-733,130.50
Total Checks and Payments					-733,130.50	-733,130.50
Deposits and Credits - 41 items						
Bill Pmt -Check	04/08/2026	16129	VOID	Ö	0.00	0.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/01/2026	16271	VOID	Ö	0.00	0.00
Bill Pmt -Check	07/06/2026	16331	VOID	Ö	0.00	0.00
Bill Pmt -Check	07/06/2026	16352	VOID	Ö	0.00	0.00
Bill Pmt -Check	07/06/2026	16332	VOID	Ö	0.00	0.00
Bill Pmt -Check	07/13/2026	16385	VOID	Ö	0.00	0.00
Bill Pmt -Check	07/13/2026	16388	VOID	Ö	0.00	0.00
Bill Pmt -Check	07/13/2026	16369	VOID	Ö	0.00	0.00
Bill Pmt -Check	07/13/2026	16372	VOID	Ö	0.00	0.00
General Journal	07/29/2026		Deposit	Ö	242.09	242.09
Deposit	08/03/2026		Deposit	Ö	590.00	832.09
General Journal	08/03/2026		Deposit	Ö	1,309.94	2,142.03
Deposit	08/03/2026		Deposit	Ö	6,123.75	8,265.78
Deposit	08/03/2026		Deposit	Ö	10,388.22	18,654.00
Deposit	08/05/2026		Deposit	Ö	780.00	19,434.00
Deposit	08/05/2026		Deposit	Ö	1,365.00	20,799.00
Deposit	08/06/2026		Deposit	Ö	975.00	21,774.00
Deposit	08/06/2026		Deposit	Ö	1,955.00	23,729.00
Deposit	08/06/2026		Deposit	Ö	11,738.81	35,467.81
Deposit	08/06/2026		Deposit	Ö	29,390.47	64,858.28
Deposit	08/06/2026		Deposit	Ö	73,367.04	138,225.32
General Journal	08/06/2026		Deposit	Ö	200,000.00	338,225.32
Deposit	08/10/2026		Deposit	Ö	70.00	338,295.32
General Journal	08/10/2026		Deposit	Ö	4,000.00	342,295.32
General Journal	08/12/2026		Deposit	Ö	1,264.02	343,559.34
Deposit	08/14/2026		Deposit	Ö	425.00	343,984.34
Deposit	08/17/2026		Deposit	Ö	795.00	344,779.34
Deposit	08/17/2026		Deposit	Ö	926.25	345,705.59
General Journal	08/17/2026		Deposit	Ö	8,569.10	354,274.69
Deposit	08/17/2026		Deposit	Ö	148,448.36	502,723.05
Deposit	08/18/2026		Deposit	Ö	540.00	503,263.05
Deposit	08/18/2026		Deposit	Ö	800.00	504,063.05
Deposit	08/19/2026		Deposit	Ö	48,309.61	552,372.66
General Journal	08/24/2026		Deposit	Ö	403.34	552,776.00
Deposit	08/25/2026		Deposit	Ö	850.00	553,626.00
Deposit	08/25/2026		Deposit	Ö	404,493.66	958,119.66
Deposit	08/26/2026		Deposit	Ö	200.00	958,319.66
General Journal	08/26/2026		Deposit	Ö	3,236.29	961,555.95
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2026	16486	VOID	Ö	0.00	961,555.95
Deposit	08/31/2026		Deposit	Ö	28.01	961,583.96
Deposit	08/31/2026		Deposit	Ö	450.00	962,033.96
Total Deposits and Credits					962,033.96	962,033.96
Total Cleared Transactions					228,903.46	228,903.46
Cleared Balance					228,903.46	439,936.87
Uncleared Transactions						
Checks and Payments - 52 items						
Bill Pmt -Check	02/23/2026	15985	Samantha Pinto		-300.00	-300.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/16/2026	16053	Tuchon Phoenix		-300.00	-600.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/23/2026	16081	Wendy Schlater		-300.00	-900.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/23/2026	16069	Frank Brown		-300.00	-1,200.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/23/2026	16080	Vanessa Raya		-300.00	-1,500.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/11/2026	16222	Samantha Pinto		-300.00	-1,800.00
Check	06/29/2026	16324	Lo Kow		-100.00	-1,900.00
Bill Pmt -Check	07/06/2026	16345	Joseph Brown		-300.00	-2,200.00
Bill Pmt -Check	07/06/2026	16357	Tuchon Phoenix		-300.00	-2,500.00
Bill Pmt -Check	07/13/2026	16386	Raven Morales		-1,350.00	-3,850.00
Bill Pmt -Check	07/13/2026	16371	Avery Foote		-300.00	-4,150.00
Bill Pmt -Check	07/21/2026	16412	Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians		-9,647.89	-13,797.89
Bill Pmt -Check	07/21/2026	16401	Kathleen Hedberg		-314.80	-14,112.69
Bill Pmt -Check	08/10/2026	16420	Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians		-6,547.98	-20,660.67
Bill Pmt -Check	08/10/2026	16421	Campo Lake Morena FSC		-977.89	-21,638.56
Bill Pmt -Check	08/10/2026	16424	Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians		-500.00	-22,138.56
Check	08/10/2026	16444	Marcos Ontiveros E03		-100.00	-22,238.56
Check	08/10/2026	16443	Jesus Manuel		-100.00	-22,338.56
Bill Pmt -Check	08/17/2026	16460	San Diego Canyonlands AP		-40,965.74	-63,304.30
Bill Pmt -Check	08/17/2026	16457	Pope Tree Service		-10,000.00	-73,304.30
Bill Pmt -Check	08/17/2026	16463	U.S. Bancorp Service Center, Inc		-8,417.79	-81,722.09
Bill Pmt -Check	08/17/2026	16455	Nigro & Nigro		-7,000.00	-88,722.09
Bill Pmt -Check	08/17/2026	16448	Arce's Tree Service		-2,250.00	-90,972.09
Bill Pmt -Check	08/17/2026	16456	Ofelia Lichtenheld		-150.00	-91,122.09
Bill Pmt -Check	08/17/2026	16452	Lorene Hatley		-150.00	-91,272.09
Bill Pmt -Check	08/17/2026	16449	Camille Zimmer		-150.00	-91,422.09
Bill Pmt -Check	08/17/2026	16459	Ron Anderson		-86.07	-91,508.16

RCD of Greater San Diego County
Reconciliation Detail
US Bank-General Checking, Period Ending 8/31/2026

Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
Bill Pmt -Check	08/17/2026	16447	Afton Miller		-50.00	-91,558.16
Bill Pmt -Check	08/19/2026	16469	Kenneth Vernon Limon		-150.00	-91,708.16
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2026	16487	Lincoln Financial		-22,132.28	-113,840.44
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2026	16490	Responsible Solutions LLC		-7,500.00	-121,340.44
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2026	16495	Trihydro		-6,356.00	-127,696.44
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2026	16489	Precision Electric Company		-1,418.00	-129,114.44
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2026	16477	Classic Landscape & Horticulture		-1,025.00	-130,139.44
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2026	16492	Southern Region FFA		-1,000.00	-131,139.44
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2026	16488	Pauline Allen AP		-917.90	-132,057.34
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2026	16479	County of San Diego Sanitation		-811.93	-132,869.27
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2026	16478	County of San Diego		-600.00	-133,469.27
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2026	16484	EDCO Disposal Corporation		-477.15	-133,946.42
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2026	16483	Dylan Cisneros		-450.00	-134,396.42
Check	08/31/2026	16494	Somrosmetarayouth Ros		-425.00	-134,821.42
Check	08/31/2026	16474	Svetlana Diaz D38		-375.00	-135,196.42
Check	08/31/2026	16473	Svetlana Diaz D37		-375.00	-135,571.42
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2026	16481	Diamond Environmental Services		-294.62	-135,866.04
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2026	16485	First Citizens Bank		-274.19	-136,140.23
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2026	16475	Alphaprints		-240.00	-136,380.23
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2026	16491	San Diego Plumbing, Heating & Air		-225.00	-136,605.23
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2026	16476	Andy Williamson		-150.00	-136,755.23
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2026	16493	Victoria Mellott		-150.00	-136,905.23
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2026	16482	Diane Carter		-150.00	-137,055.23
Check	08/31/2026	16472	Timothy Schum		-100.00	-137,155.23
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2026	16480	Culligan Quench		-55.38	-137,210.61
Total Checks and Payments					-137,210.61	-137,210.61
Deposits and Credits - 1 item						
Deposit	08/31/2026				13,345.53	13,345.53
Total Deposits and Credits					13,345.53	13,345.53
Total Uncleared Transactions					-123,865.08	-123,865.08
Register Balance as of 08/31/2026					105,038.38	316,071.79

Date: October 13, 2026

Agenda Item 6-1: Resolution 2026-22 to Adopt Weed Management Area MOU

Discussion / History: The San Diego Weed Management Area (SDWMA) is a coalition of interested regional parties working together to combat invasive plant species in the County. The coalition is guided by a Memorandum of Understanding the purpose of which is to continue the weed management area efforts and define the terms and conditions under which the SDWMA will cooperate and coordinate activities necessary to prevent the introduction, establishment and spread of invasive weeds in San Diego County. These activities shall focus upon the exclusion, detection, eradication and suppression of designated noxious weeds and invasive exotic plants using an integrated approach.

The MOU included in this packet is the Fourth MOU which completely replaces the Third MOU that expires on December 31, 2026, and any prior SDWMA MOU. Attached to the MOU is Exhibit A, an agreement for the RCD to join the SDWMA Fourth MOU. A resolution is also included to authorize staff to sign the MOU.

Financial Impact: None

Staff Recommendation to the Board: Staff recommends that the Board approves the resolution and authorizes the Executive Director to sign Exhibit A of the San Diego Weed Management Area MOU.

SAN DIEGO WEED MANAGEMENT AREA

FOURTH MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

September 10, 2026

Fourth Memorandum of Understanding San Diego Weed Management Area

PARTIES

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) of the San Diego Weed Management Area (SDWMA) is made and entered into by and among the following parties (“Party” or “Parties”): the County of San Diego Agriculture, Weights and Measures (AWM), and Interested Regional Parties.

Interested Regional Parties in the following list have participated in SDWMA stakeholder meetings over the last 25 years: the United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Bureau of Land Management, United States Army Corp of Engineers, California Department of Food and Agriculture, California Invasive Plant Council, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California Department of Transportation, County of San Diego, San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority, Regional Water Quality Control Board, City of San Diego, San Diego County Farm Bureau, Audubon Society, San Diego County Cattlemen's Association, Sierra Club, University of California Cooperative Extension Service, California Native Plant Society, Santa Margarita & San Luis Rey Watershed Weed Management Areas, Center for Natural Lands Management, Mission Resource Conservation District, Carlsbad Watershed Network, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, and San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve.

Some stakeholders provided regulatory interpretation, others in-kind contributions, and some raised issues of concern. The Parties in this list may sign on to the Fourth Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and continue their membership in the SDWMA.

PURPOSE

This Fourth MOU completely replaces the Third MOU that expires on December 31, 2026, and any prior SDWMA MOU. The purpose of this Fourth MOU is to continue the weed management area efforts and define the terms and conditions under which the SDWMA will cooperate and coordinate activities necessary to prevent the introduction, establishment and spread of invasive weeds in San Diego County. These activities shall focus upon the exclusion, detection, eradication and suppression of designated noxious weeds and invasive exotic plants using an integrated approach.

AUTHORITY

The Parties are entering into this MOU pursuant to the California Food and Agricultural Code, Section 7272(b), which states:

“A ‘weed management area’ is a local organization that brings together all interested landowners, land managers (private, city, county, state, and

federal), special districts, and the public in a county or other geographical area for the purpose of coordinating and combining their actions and expertise to deal with their common weed control problems. The organization shall function under the authority of a mutually developed memorandum of understanding and subject to statutory and regulatory requirements. A weed management area may be voluntarily governed by a chairperson or a steering committee.”

OVERVIEW

Integrated weed management is a system used to plan and recommend selected methods of management to prevent, contain or control undesirable plant species or group of species using all available strategies and techniques. Together these strategies and techniques are economically and environmentally more effective than any single option. The elements of integrated management include:

- Education and Awareness
- Prevention and Early Detection
- Inventory
- Control (physical/mechanical, biological, chemical, cultural)
- Monitoring and Evaluation

A number of noxious weeds and invasive exotic plants are found in San Diego County. An integrated strategy to manage these populations could minimize their negative effects and prevent future infestations of undesirable plant species.

RESPONSIBILITIES

It is mutually agreed upon and understood by, and among, the Parties to this MOU that:

- A. The Parties’ activities will be guided by the principles and methods of integrated pest management (IPM), and will comply with all local, state, and federal laws on the use of pesticides. IPM is a holistic strategy that combines various physical, cultural, chemical, and preventive methods to prevent, contain, control, or eradicate undesirable plant species or groups of species in a manner that is economically and environmentally sound. They shall meet to develop and document a coordinated plan to control invasive weed infestations within San Diego County using the elements of integrated weed management.
- B. This MOU may be revised as necessary, with mutual consent of the Parties, by issuance of a written amendment signed and dated by all Parties.
- C. This MOU in no way restricts any Party from participation in similar agreements and/or activities with other public or private entities.

- D. Interested landowners, land managers (private, city, county, state, tribal, and federal), special districts, and the public in San Diego County may become part of the SDWMA by execution of the signature page entitled "Agreement to Join San Diego Weed Management Area Fourth Memorandum of Understanding" attached as Exhibit A. The executed signature page shall be returned to the County of San Diego Agriculture, Weights and Measures (AWM) office for distribution to all Parties to this MOU. The return shall be accomplished by certified mail to AWM, 9325 Hazard Way, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92123.
- E. This MOU does not obligate any Party to budget or pay any funds. Any endeavor involving reimbursement or contribution of funds between the Parties will be handled in accordance with the laws, regulations, and procedures applicable to each governmental agency, private landowner, or other participant, including those for government procurement and printing. Such endeavors will be outlined in separate agreements that shall be made in writing by representatives of the Parties and shall be independently authorized by appropriate statutory authority. This MOU does not provide such authority. Specifically, this MOU does not establish authority for any Party to award a noncompetitive contract or other agreement. Any contract or agreement for services must fully comply with all contracting requirements applicable to the Parties to that contract.
- F. One purpose of this MOU is to establish eligibility to seek and receive funding from various sources such as state grants, etc. for SDWMA projects. The Parties acknowledge that availability of this funding may be necessary to carry out some of the activities listed below.
- G. The Parties shall maintain their own insurance coverage, through commercial insurance, self-insurance or a combination thereof, against any claim, expense, cost, damage or liability arising out of the performance of its responsibilities pursuant to this MOU.
- H. The Parties shall perform their responsibilities and activities described herein as an independent contractor and not as an officer agent, servant, or employee of any of the other parties hereto. Each Party shall be solely responsible for the acts and omissions of its officers, agents, employees, contractors, and subcontractors, if any. Nothing herein shall be considered as creating a partnership or joint venture between the parties.
- I. This MOU may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall for all purposes be deemed to be an original and all of which shall together constitute one and the same instrument.
- J. The Parties represent and warrant that each Party has full power and authority to execute and fully perform its obligations under this MOU without the need for any further action and that the person executing this MOU on behalf of each party is fully authorized to do so.

K. As funding and staffing allow the Parties shall do the following:

1. Cooperate and coordinate activities necessary to prevent the introduction, establishment and spread of designated invasive weeds in San Diego County.
2. Use an integrated approach to control, suppress, or eradicate designated invasive weeds.
3. Map designated invasive weed infestations and share information with SDWMA members.
4. Educate the public, industry and agencies about invasive weeds, their identification, and methods of control and prevention.
5. Cooperate in the development of grant proposals to fund local weed management programs.
6. Allow access on parcels for SDWMA members to conduct invasive weed surveys, mapping and control efforts.
7. Contribute available skills and capabilities to further the efforts of the SDWMA.

TERM

This MOU shall be effective upon execution by a minimum of two Parties. This Fourth MOU expires on December 31, 2036. Any Party may terminate its participation in this MOU at any time by providing written notice to AWM.

INDEMNIFICATION

Each Party shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless each of the other Parties, their officers, employees, and agents from any and all liability, loss, expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) or claims for injury or damages arising out of the performance of this MOU but only in proportion to and to the extent such liability, loss, expense, attorneys' fees, or claims for injury or damages are caused by or result from the negligent or intentional acts or omissions by the indemnifying Party, their officers, agents, or employees.

Exhibit A

**Agreement to Join
San Diego Weed Management Area
Fourth Memorandum of Understanding**

Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County (*name of Party*) hereby joins the San Diego Weed Management Area and agrees to comply with, and be bound by, the terms of the Forth Memorandum of Understanding - San Diego Weed Management Area attached hereto.

In witness whereof the Party hereto has executed this agreement as of the date written below.

By: _____ Date: _____
Authorized signature

Printed Name and Title: _____

Name/address of contact person to receive notices: _____

Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County
11769 Waterhill Road * Lakeside, CA 92040
Phone: 619-562-0096 * Fax: 619-562-4799 * Website: www/rcdsandiego.org

RESOLUTION 2026-22

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION
DISTRICT OF GREATER SAN DIEGO COUNTY TO JOIN THE SAN DIEGO WEED
MANAGEMENT AREA FOURTH MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

WHEREAS, the Resource Conversation District of Greater San Diego County ("District") is committed to the protection, conservation, and restoration of natural resources through education, information, and technical assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, the District, as stewards of the regional environment, partners with a diverse group of landowners, public and private institutions, and concerned citizens to address the diverse conservation and environmental concerns that are unique to San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, a weed management area is a local organization that brings together all interested landowners, land managers, special districts, and the public in a county or other geographical area for the purpose of coordinating and combining their actions and expertise to deal with their common weed control problems. Each weed management functions under the authority of a mutually developed memorandum of understanding.

WHEREAS, the Sand Diego Weed Management Area is renewing its MOU, which member agencies can sign onto and new members can join; and

WHEREAS, the District has an interest in integrated weed management to minimize the negative effects of noxious weeds and invasive plants within San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, the District is not yet a member of the SDWMA but can join with Board approval to sign onto the new, Fourth, MOU.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Resource Conversation District of Greater San Diego County as follows authorizes the RCD to join the SDWMA and signing onto the MOU.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County at a special meeting held on the 13th day of October 2026, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:
Absent:
Attest:

Donald H. Butz, Board President

Joanne Sauerman, Board Clerk

Date: September 10, 2025

Agenda Item 6-2: Selection of Board Voting Delegate for CARCD Annual Meeting

Discussion / History: The CARCD holds a business meeting at its annual conference. This year's business meeting will take place on November 17 in Sacramento, with the conference running November 18 - 19. In order for member RCDs to vote on action items, the Board of Directors of each RCD must select a delegate and inform CARCD of its decision. We are requesting that the Board selects a delegate to participate in the CARCD business meeting.

Financial Impact: none

Staff Recommendation to Board: Staff requests that the Board selects a delegate to represent the RCDGSDC at the business meeting during the CARCD annual conference.

Date: September 10, 2025

Agenda Item 6-3: RCD Staff Signature Block

Discussion / History:

In October 2019, the RCD Board approved a standardized signature block that RCD employees should use on emails, business cards, etc. The approved content was as follows: name, title, contact info, and appropriate professional designations that pertain to job function. The following example illustrates our current signature block:

Ann Baldridge – Executive Director
Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County
In Partnership with the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County
11769 Waterhill Road
Lakeside, CA 92040
619-562-0096
www.rcdsandiego.org
[Like us on Facebook](#)

Below are some proposed additions to the signature block that would allow staff members to include information pertinent to the staff member and their role.

1. Inclusion of personal pronouns: Many governmental agencies and non-profit organizations are in the practice of including personal pronouns in their signature blocks. Some examples of other RCDs and partner agencies that include pronouns in staff signature blocks are: many RCDs including San Mateo and Gold Ridge, CA Association of RCDs, County of San Diego, and CA Department of Fish & Wildlife.
2. Logos of and references to RCD-affiliated programs that the staff member represents. Some examples include the San Diego Pollinator Alliance and the Wildfire County Coordinator Program.

MC Moazed | Habitat Programs Manager
[Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County](#)
In Partnership with the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County
Coordinator for the [San Diego Pollinator Alliance](#)
Office Tel: (619) 562-0096 ext. 104
Follow us on instagram: [@RCDSanDiego](#) & [@SD_PollinatorAlliance](#)



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ALLIANCE 🐝

Both of these additions would allow staff members to communicate information relevant to their role and identity. Both should also be optional, with the RCD affiliations addition being dependent on the individual's role and supervisor or Executive Director approval.

Financial Impact: none

Staff Recommendation to Board: Staff requests that the Board approves the proposed additions to the signature block.

Date: September 10, 2025

Agenda Item 6-4: Resolution 2026-23 CEQA for Encino Foundation

Discussion / History:

The RCD is serving as CEQA lead agency for a project of the Encino Foundation. The California Environmental Quality Act requires state and local agencies to inform the public and decision makers about any potential impacts related to a proposed project.

The project in question is the Encino Ranch Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Project which entails enhancing the resilience of the Ranch's 30.5 acre riparian forest community through fuel reduction (e.g., removal of 50 to 60 dead or diseased coast live oaks (*Quercus agrifolia*) infested with gold spotted oak borer (GSOB), ladder fuel removal, pruning, etc.) restoration / enhancement of 12.3 acres of native grassland through prescribed fire and subsequent revegetation with native grass species, removal of 6.1 acres of invasive species including Armenian blackberry (*Rubus armeni-canus*) and Russian olive (*Olea europa*), reforestation of 2.05 acres of Engelmann oak woodland, 0.25 acre of groundwater enhancement via process based restoration (PBR) practices, in-stallation of 200 pollinator-friendly native plants, and fence repairs to protect sensitive habitats from potential livestock browsing / herbivory. No herbicide use or work within designated waters of the United States (WOTUS) will be required as part of the Project.

RCDGSDC has determined that the Project is eligible for a Categorical Exemption from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As proposed, the Project enhances public safety and forest ecosystem resilience without resulting in significant environmental effects, qualifying for exemption under Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land (14 CCR §15304). The Project involves minor alterations to land and vegetation through removal of GSOB infested oak, selective thinning, and invasive species removal to improve forest health and reduce wildfire risk within the Encino Ranch property. No grading or significant ground disturbance will occur. All work will be conducted by hand crews and low pressure ground based equipment, following best management practices to avoid impacts to water quality, biological resources, and cultural sites.

As the governing body of the RCD, staff are bringing this information before the Board for approval prior to filing the CEQA exemption. A completed Notice of Exemption is attached for review.

Financial Impact: \$50 filing fee funded through RFFC grant budget.

Staff Recommendation to Board: Staff requests that the Board approves the resolution to authorize staff to file the Notice of Exemption.

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: San Diego

From: (Public Agency): Resource Conservation

District of Greater San Diego County (RCDGSDC)

11769 Waterhill Rd, Lakeside, CA 92040

(Address)

Project Title: Encino Ranch Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Project (Project)

Project Applicant: Encino Conservancy

Project Location - Specific:

Encino Ranch [33.140144, -116.777117], a historical livestock operation and olive orchard that was acquired by the Encino Conservancy in 2020/2021. The Project includes work on Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) 245-070-09-00; 245-070-10-00; 245-070-12-00; 245-070-13-00.

Project Location - City: Ramona

Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Encino Ranch Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Project entails enhancing the resilience of the Ranch's 30.5 acre riparian forest community through fuel reduction (e.g., removal of 50 to 60 dead or diseased coast live oaks (*Quercus agrifolia*) infested with gold spotted oak borer (GSOB), ladder fuel removal, pruning, etc.) restoration / enhancement of 12.3 acres of native grassland through prescribed fire and subsequent revegetation with native grass species, removal of 6.1 acres of invasive species including Armenian blackberry (*Rubus armenianus*) and Russian olive (*Olea europaea*), reforestation of 2.05 acres of Engelmann oak woodland, 0.25 acre of groundwater enhancement via process based restoration (PBR) practices, installation of 200 pollinator-friendly native plants, and fence repairs to protect sensitive habitats from potential livestock browsing / herbivory. No herbicide use or work within designated waters of the United States (WOTUS) will be required as part of the Project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: RCDGSDC

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Encino Conservancy

Exempt Status: (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class IV
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

RCDGSDC has determined that the Project is eligible for a Categorical Exemption from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As proposed, the Project enhances public safety and forest ecosystem resilience without resulting in significant environmental effects, qualifying for exemption under Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land (14 CCR §15304). The Project involves minor alterations to land and vegetation through removal of GSOB infested oak, selective thinning, and invasive species removal to improve forest health and reduce wildfire risk within the Encino Ranch property. No grading or significant ground disturbance will occur. All work will be conducted by hand crews and low pressure ground based equipment, following best management practices to avoid impacts to water quality, biological resources, and cultural sites.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Heather Cady

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (619) 562-0096 Ext. 108

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Title: _____

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

RESOLUTION 2026-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF GREATER SAN DIEGO COUNTY TO FILE A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA FOR THE ENCINO RANCH HABITAT AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Resource Conversation District of Greater San Diego County ("District") is committed to the protection, conservation, and restoration of natural resources through education, information, and technical assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, the District, as stewards of the regional environment, partners with a diverse group of landowners, public and private institutions, and concerned citizens to address the diverse conservation and environmental concerns that are unique to San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors ("Board") for the District recognizes the critical need for habitat restoration and conservation projects to protect natural resources within San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, the District as a public agency is able to serve as a CEQA lead agency and has been called upon to do so by the Encino Conservancy for a habitat restoration project on their land; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the project is exempt from CEQA and that a Notice of Exemption should be filed; and

WHEREAS, the District, in collaboration with project partners, has prepared a notice of exemption (NOE) for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Resource Conversation District of Greater San Diego County as follows:

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference; and
2. The Board adopts the RCD's determinations that the projects meet the exemption criteria set forth sections 105301 or 15304 in the CEQA Guidelines; and
3. The Board approves the project listed within this resolution and authorizes staff to file the NOE.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County at a special meeting held on the 13th day of October 2026, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:
Absent:
Attest:

Donald H. Butz, Board Vice President

Joanne Sauerman, Board Clerk

Date: October 13, 2026

Agenda Item 6-5: Resolution 2026-24 Revision of Reappointed Board Member seat numbers and term dates

Discussion / History:

Financial Impact: At the September RCD Board meeting, the Board passed Resolution 2026-14 to reappoint directors Sleeper, Meyer, and McGrath. When submitted to the Board of Supervisors, it was noted that there were errors to seat number and term dates for two directors. Resolution 2026-24, which corrects the erroneous information and replaces Resolution 2026-14, is enclosed for the Board's review and consideration.

Staff Recommendation to Board: Staff requests that the Board approves the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2026-24

REAPPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS OF THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF GREATER SAN DIEGO COUNTY FOR FOUR YEAR TERM

WHEREAS; the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County ("RCD") is a public agency formed and regulated under Division 9 of the California Public Resources Code, and

WHEREAS; Division 9, §9314(b)(1) provides that "as an alternative to election of Directors, the Board of Directors may, by a resolution presented to the board of supervisors...request the Board of Supervisors to appoint Directors," and

WHEREAS, Division 9, §9314(c) states that "it is the intent of the legislature that the Board of Supervisors solicit recommendations from within the district, and appoint only applicants determined by the Board of Supervisors to have a demonstrated interest in soil and water conservation...endeavor to achieve balanced representation...avoid undue financial burdens to district and to thereby promote the objectives of this division..." and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors has deemed that it is in the RCD's best financial interest to request appointment of Directors in lieu of election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Division 9, §9314, and Board of Supervisors' Policy A-134 (2), that the Board of Supervisors shall make appointments from a list of qualified applicants established by the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County where the vacancy has occurred;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the RCD of Greater San Diego County hereby formally approves and recommends that the Board of Supervisors reappoint the following Directors to full four-year terms for 2026-2030 on the RCDGSDC Board of Directors:

Michael McGrath, Director, Seat 2: First appointment 10/10/2023, Term ends 11/27/2026. Consider for reappointment for term 12/1/2026 – 11/29/2030.

Neil Meyer, Director, Seat 7: Current term started 02/07/2023, Term ends 11/27/2026. Consider for reappointment, for term 12/1/2026 – 11/29/2030.

Maggie Sleeper, Director, Seat 1: Current term started 05/23/2023, Term ends 11/27/2026; Consider for reappointment for term 12/1/2026 – 11/30/2030.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at the RCDGSDC regular meeting held on October 13, 2026 by the following vote:

Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County

11769 Waterhill Road * Lakeside, CA 92040

Phone: 619-562-0096 * Fax: 619-562-4799 * Website: www/rcdsandiego.org

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Attest:

Don Butz, President

Joanne Sauerman, Board Clerk

Date: October 13, 2026

Agenda Item 6-6: Resolution 2026-25 LAFCO Letter of Intent

Discussion / History:

Financial Impact: As previously discussed, the RCD of Greater San Diego County has been working with the other two SD County RCDs and LAFCO to advance collaboration, clarify services, and clean up RCD boundaries. Through this process, conversations about potential consolidation of RCDs have emerged and the RCDs are currently evaluating the feasibility of consolidation. As a part of the process of working towards potential collaboration, LAFCO has advised that each RCD's board should review and consider approving a Letter of Intent to submit to LAFCO to confirm their commitment to continuing the consolidation discussions. Signing the LOI does not commit any of the RCDs to consolidation, it is non-binding. The purpose is to officially notify LAFCO of these intentions.

Included in this packet is a Joint Letter of Intent and Guiding Principles document that provides a background, current direction, guiding principles to this process, and an overview of next steps. Also included is Resolution 2026-25 which, if adopted, signifies approval of the LOI, authorizes the Board President to sign the LOI, and allows the LOI to be transmitted to LAFCO.

Staff Recommendation to Board: Staff requests that the Board reviews the enclosed documents and considers adopting the resolution.

Joint Letter of Intent and Guiding Principles

RCD 2.0 Reorganization and Boundary Alignment

October 2026

This Joint Letter of Intent and Guiding Principles ("LOI") reflects the shared intentions of the Mission Resource Conservation District ("Mission RCD"), the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County ("RCDGSDC"), and the Upper San Luis Rey Resource Conservation District ("Upper RCD"), collectively referred to as the "Districts."

1. Background and Purpose

In 2021, the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission ("San Diego LAFCO") completed a Municipal Service Review of the three Districts. The review identified jurisdictional and service-delivery concerns, including services provided outside district boundaries without the required authorization. These jurisdictional and unauthorized activities were not associated with Upper RCD operations or management. The findings led to compliance direction to the two agencies involved, including a cease-and-desist order, and prompted the Districts to develop a coordinated response.

The Districts subsequently entered into a Master Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") to improve collaboration and coordinate service delivery while longer-term boundary and governance solutions were evaluated. The MOU has supported improved cooperation, but it was not intended to substitute permanently for clear legal boundaries and durable service responsibilities.

Through the RCD 2.0 working group and a supporting executive director workgroup, the Districts have evaluated consolidation, boundary alignment, governance, organizational capacity, program delivery, and transition considerations. This LOI records the direction developed to date, establishes guiding principles for the next phase, provides a formal milestone for coordinated board and LAFCO consideration, and supports progression toward a future consolidation application.

2. Current Direction

- A. Mission RCD and RCDGSDC.** Mission RCD and RCDGSDC intend to work toward agreement on the terms necessary to consolidate their agencies and operations into a single successor resource conservation district. This LOI does not predetermine the successor district's name, governance, organizational structure, or other implementing terms, which remain subject to further negotiation and separate governing-board approval.
- B. Upper RCD.** Upper RCD intends to remain an independent resource conservation district with its own governing board, finances, programs, and decision-making authority. Its continued independence is intended to preserve local control and continuity for its groundwater-management responsibilities as a member of the Upper San Luis Rey Groundwater Management Authority.
- C. Shared Reorganization Application.** Subject to completion of due diligence and future approval by each governing board, the Districts intend to prepare and jointly submit one

coordinated reorganization application to San Diego LAFCO. The application would address the consolidation of Mission RCD and RCDGSDC together with related boundary, sphere, and service actions involving Upper RCD. Upper RCD's participation in the shared application would not constitute consent to its consolidation or dissolution.

- D. Boundary and Service Alignment.** One of the primary objectives of this process is to establish clear and comprehensive resource conservation district boundaries throughout San Diego County. The Districts intend for the future coordinated reorganization application to include within the successor district all territory in San Diego County that is not presently within the legal boundaries of any resource conservation district. This inclusion would not affect territory within Upper RCD's existing boundaries, except through any mutually agreed boundary adjustments.

The Districts also intend to evaluate coordinated boundary adjustments and related service assignments, including mutually agreed transfers of territory between Upper RCD and RCDGSDC where such alignment would better support groundwater management, service delivery, and community interests, so that programs are provided within the responsible district's legal boundaries or pursuant to appropriate legal authorization.

Pending completion of the RCD 2.0 process and any required LAFCO approvals, each District will continue to provide services consistent with its legal authority, the existing MOU, and applicable LAFCO authorization or direction. The resulting structure should reduce routine reliance on the MOU and outside-service arrangements.

- E. Mission RCD Orange County Matter.** Mission RCD's contractual service arrangement in Orange County is proceeding on a separate compliance track with the affected water district and Orange County LAFCO. Potential outcomes may include an exemption determination, approval of out-of-agency services, a sphere amendment, annexation, or another legally available action. That process is not a condition precedent to continued RCD 2.0 planning, except to the extent its outcome affects Mission RCD's future boundaries, sphere, service responsibilities, or a later reorganization proposal.

3. Guiding Principles

- **Legal and Service Clarity:** District boundaries, service responsibilities, and program delivery should be clearly documented and consistent with applicable law and LAFCO approvals.
- **Local Representation:** The governance framework for any successor district should provide meaningful geographic representation and maintain accountability to the communities served.
- **Continuity and Local Presence:** Planning should avoid service disruption and preserve local access, regional knowledge, community relationships, specialized program expertise, and appropriate use of regional or satellite offices.
- **Organizational and Workforce Planning:** The Districts should develop an organizational structure that supports efficient administration, transparent employee communication, professional development, institutional knowledge, and a deliberate transition process.

- **Financial and Operational Due Diligence:** Before any formal application, the participating districts should evaluate finances, assets, liabilities, reserves, grants, contracts, employees, benefits, facilities, equipment, records, technology, insurance, and other obligations that may be affected.
- **Application Coordination and Costs:** The Districts should prepare a coordinated work program identifying remaining application components, responsible parties, anticipated costs, and target dates. They may jointly request any application fee reduction or waiver that San Diego LAFCO is authorized and willing to consider, but no reduction or waiver is presumed.
- **Program Capacity:** The future structure should strengthen conservation programs, regional grant competitiveness, and landscape-scale work while preserving expertise in wildfire resilience, forest health, agriculture, habitat restoration, invasive species management, watershed programs, education, and Tribal and community partnerships.
- **Upper RCD Independence:** Nothing in this LOI is intended to transfer, diminish, or impair Upper RCD's groundwater governance, Groundwater Sustainability Plan responsibilities, related assets or obligations, or independent decision-making authority.
- **Public Process:** The public will have opportunities to comment through the Districts' duly noticed board meetings and the subsequent San Diego LAFCO application and hearing process.

4. October Board Actions and December LAFCO Review

The Districts intend to present this LOI to their respective governing boards in October 2026. Each board will consider a resolution approving the LOI, authorizing its execution and transmittal to San Diego LAFCO, and directing continued participation in the RCD 2.0 process.

Following those actions, the Districts intend to present the signed LOI and adopted resolutions to the San Diego LAFCO Commission in December 2026 as a formal RCD 2.0 milestone. The presentation is intended to document the progress achieved, confirm the Districts' shared direction, obtain Commission acknowledgment and guidance, and establish the framework for the next phase of work.

Following the December Commission meeting and consideration of any direction provided by San Diego LAFCO, the Districts intend to complete and reach agreement on the governance framework, organizational structure, service and function plan, proposed boundary and sphere adjustments, financial and operational terms, transition plan, application responsibilities and costs, and other materials necessary to support a formal reorganization proposal. The Districts will use spring 2027 as a nonbinding milestone for completing the application package. Subject to separate approval by each governing board, all three Districts intend to adopt the necessary resolutions and jointly submit one coordinated application addressing the consolidation of Mission RCD and RCDGSDC and related boundary, sphere, and service actions involving Upper RCD. Upper RCD would remain independent and its participation would be limited to the components affecting its boundaries, services, groundwater-management responsibilities, or continued regional coordination.

5. Existing MOU and Continued Coordination

The existing MOU will remain available during the planning period, subject to its terms and applicable law. As the RCD 2.0 structure develops further, the Districts will determine which responsibilities should transfer to a successor district, remain with Upper RCD, be addressed through boundary adjustments, or continue under a limited interagency arrangement. The MOU may later be amended, replaced, or reduced in scope to reflect the resulting agency structure.

6. Nonbinding Effect

This LOI expresses the Districts' present intentions and guiding principles. It does not constitute a resolution of application, initiate a change of organization or reorganization, approve a consolidation or boundary adjustment, authorize service outside any district's legal boundaries, or obligate any District or LAFCO to approve a future action.

Any binding commitment will require additional analysis and separately noticed action by the appropriate governing boards, San Diego LAFCO, or other responsible agencies. Each governing board retains full discretion regarding any subsequent proposal.

District Signatures

MISSION RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: _____ Date: _____

Name and Title: _____

RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF GREATER SAN DIEGO COUNTY

By: _____ Date: _____

Name and Title: _____

UPPER SAN LUIS REY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: _____ Date: _____

Name and Title: _____

RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF GREATER SAN DIEGO COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-25

Resolution Approving the RCD 2.0 Joint Letter of Intent and Guiding Principles and Authorizing Transmittal to San Diego LAFCO

WHEREAS, the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission completed a Municipal Service Review of the three Resource Conservation Districts in 2021 and identified jurisdictional and service-delivery concerns requiring coordinated corrective action; and

WHEREAS, the Districts subsequently entered into a Master Memorandum of Understanding to improve collaboration and coordinate services while longer-term boundary and governance solutions were evaluated; and

WHEREAS, the RCD 2.0 working group and the Districts' executive directors have evaluated consolidation, boundary alignment, governance, organizational capacity, program delivery, and transition considerations; and

WHEREAS, Mission RCD and RCDGSDC desire to work toward agreement on the terms necessary to consolidate their agencies and operations into a single successor resource conservation district without predetermining the successor district's name, governance, organizational structure, or other implementing terms; and

WHEREAS, Upper RCD desires to remain an independent resource conservation district in order to preserve local control and continuity for its groundwater-management responsibilities and local interests, while participating in coordinated boundary and service alignment, including potential transfers of territory from RCDGSDC where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, Mission RCD's Orange County service arrangement is proceeding on a separate compliance track and is not intended to delay continued RCD 2.0 planning except to the extent its resolution affects a future reorganization proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Districts desire to present a jointly approved Letter of Intent and their respective adopting resolutions to the San Diego LAFCO Commission in December 2026 as a formal RCD 2.0 milestone, obtain Commission acknowledgment and guidance, and establish the framework for developing one shared reorganization application, with spring 2027 serving as a nonbinding milestone for completing the application package;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County as follows:

1. **Approval.** The Board approves the RCD 2.0 Joint Letter of Intent and Guiding Principles in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A.
2. **Execution.** The Board President or Chair is authorized to execute the LOI on behalf of the District. The Executive Director may approve minor or non-substantive revisions consistent with this resolution and the direction of the Board.
3. **LAFCO Transmittal.** District staff are authorized to transmit the executed LOI and a certified copy of this resolution to San Diego LAFCO for presentation to the Commission in December 2026 as a formal RCD 2.0 milestone and for Commission acknowledgment and guidance on the next phase of work.
4. **Shared Application Development.** Following the December Commission meeting, District staff are directed to continue coordinating with the other Districts and LAFCO staff to prepare one shared reorganization application addressing the consolidation of Mission RCD and RCDGSDC and related boundary, sphere, and service actions involving Upper RCD, using spring 2027 as a nonbinding milestone for completing the application package. The work program shall identify remaining components, responsible parties, anticipated costs, and any available application fee reduction or waiver that the Districts may jointly request from San Diego LAFCO.
5. **Future Board Action.** Any formal consolidation, boundary adjustment, sphere amendment, plan for services, transition agreement, or LAFCO application shall return to the Board for separate consideration at a duly noticed public meeting.
6. **Interim Compliance.** Pending completion of the RCD 2.0 process and any required LAFCO approvals, the District shall continue providing services consistent with its legal authority, the existing MOU, and applicable LAFCO authorization or direction.
7. **No Initiation of Proceedings.** This resolution approves a nonbinding LOI and does not constitute a resolution of application under Government Code section 56654 or otherwise initiate proceedings for a change of organization or reorganization.
8. **Effective Date.** This resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption.

Certification

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County at a duly noticed meeting held on October 13, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Donald H Butz, Board President

Joanne Sauerman, Board Secretary

Date: September 10, 2025

Agenda Item 6-7: Resolution 2026-25 Ratification of NRCS Agreement

Discussion / History:

As previously reported, the RCD submitted a proposal to NRCS for a funded agreement to conduct irrigation evaluations for producers and make referrals to NRCS cost-share programs where appropriate. NRCS approved the agreement for funding and requested signature of the agreement the same week, without sufficient time to coordinate a special meeting of the RCD's board. With authorization of the Board President, the RCD's Executive Director signed the agreement in order to meet the NRCS deadline. The agreement is included in this Board packet along with a resolution to ratify the execution of the agreement.

Financial Impact: Grant of \$99,947

Staff Recommendation to Board: Staff requests that the Board approves the resolution.



NOTICE OF GRANT AND AGREEMENT AWARD

1. Award Identifying Number NR269104XXXXC010	2. Amendment Number	3. Award /Project Period Date of final signature - 09/30/2028	4. Type of award instrument: Cooperative Agreement
5. Agency (Name and Address) Natural Resources Conservation Service 430 G Street, Suite 4164 Davis, CA 95616		6. Recipient Organization (Name and Address) RCD of Greater San Diego County 11769 Waterhill Road Lakeside CA 92040-2905 UEI # EAXLTL91NL8	
7. NRCS Program Contact Celine Morales 760-708-9413 celine.morales@usda.gov	8. NRCS Administrative Contact Daniel Curtis (503) 414-3286 daniel.curtis@usda.gov	9. Recipient Program Contact Ann Baldrige (619) 562-0096 ann.baldrige@rcdsandiego.org	10. Recipient Administrative Contact Chris Kelley (619) 562-0096 chris.kelley@rcdsandiego.org
11. CFDA 10.912	12. Authority 16 U.S.C. 590a-f, q 16 U.S.C. 2003(b) 16 U.S.C. 3839aa et seq. 16 U.S.C. 3842 et seq.	13. Type of Action New Agreement	14. Program Director Ann Baldrige (619) 562-0096 ann.baldrige@rcdsandiego.org
15. Project Title/ Description: Provide technical assistance to agricultural producers in the form of Irrigation System Evaluations (ISE) and biological assistance on working lands.			
16. Entity Type: D = Special District Government			
17. Select Funding Type			
Select funding type:	☒ Federal	☐ Non-Federal	
Original funds total	\$99,947.00	\$0.00	
Additional funds total	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Grand total	\$99,947.00	\$0.00	

18. Approved Bud

Personnel	\$0.00	Fringe Benefits	\$0.00
Travel	\$0.00	Equipment	\$0.00
Supplies	\$0.00	Contractual	\$0.00
Construction	\$0.00	Other	\$99,947.00
Total Direct Cost	\$99,947.00	Total Indirect Cost	\$0.00
		Total Non-Federal Funds	\$0.00
		Total Federal Funds Awarded	\$99,947.00
		Total Approved Budget	\$99,947.00

This agreement is subject to applicable USDA NRCS statutory provisions and Financial Assistance Regulations. In accepting this award or amendment and any payments made pursuant thereto, the undersigned represents that he or she is duly authorized to act on behalf of the awardee organization, agrees that the award is subject to the applicable provisions of this agreement (and all attachments), and agrees that acceptance of any payments constitutes an agreement by the payee that the amounts, if any, found by NRCS to have been overpaid, will be refunded or credited in full to NRCS.

Name and Title of Authorized Government Representative Hans Hunt Assistant Chief for the Western Region	Signature	Date
Name and Title of Authorized Recipient Representative Ann Baldrige Executive Director	Signature	Date

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The USDA's Non-Discrimination Statement is incorporated by reference and can be accessed at the following location: <https://www.usda.gov/non-discrimination-statement>.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

The above statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 522a).

Statement of Work

Purpose

The purpose of this agreement, between the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County (Recipient), is to provide technical assistance to agricultural producers in the form of Irrigation System Evaluations (ISE) and biological assistance on working lands. We will empower farmers to improve their irrigation efficiency by providing them with information about their water use and connecting them with resources for implementing recommended practices. Overall, this work will help to protect and preserve agricultural land and strengthen technical expertise.

Objectives

Our goal is to increase irrigation efficiency among agricultural producers in San Diego County and to provide biological support to working lands projects.

The following objectives will help us achieve this goal:

Conduct 40 irrigation system evaluations within our district boundaries and refer producers to NRCS programs such as EQIP where relevant.

Work with Mission RCD, in collaboration with Upper San Luis Rey RCD, to develop and promote a County-wide irrigation system evaluation program.

Partner Biologist time to provide biological assistance to NRCS Escondido Field office and RCD of Greater San Diego working lands projects.

To implement this work, we will draw on our experience of conducting irrigation evaluations and coordinate with Mission and Upper San Luis Rey RCDs (the other two RCDs in San Diego County) to create a cohesive, more efficient county-wide program. Farmers will benefit from consistency of service regardless of where in their county they are located.

The Partner Biologist will bring additional expertise to local working lands projects to complement the services offered by Escondido Field office and the RCD.

Budget Narrative

The official budget described in this Budget Narrative will be considered the total budget as last approved by the Federal awarding agency for this award. Amounts included in this budget narrative are estimates. Reimbursement or advance liquidations will be based on actual expenditures, not to exceed the amount obligated.

TOTAL BUDGET \$ 99,947

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS \$ 99,947

PERSONNEL \$ 49,674

FRINGE BENEFITS \$ 24,839

TRAVEL \$ 3,496

EQUIPMENT \$ 0

SUPPLIES \$ 0

CONTRACTUAL \$ 5,280

CONSTRUCTION \$ 0

OTHER \$ 0

TOTAL DIRECT COSTS \$ 83,289

INDIRECT COSTS \$ 16,658

TOTAL MATCHING FUNDS \$ 0

Federal Budget

PERSONNEL

This category includes salaries for employees directly contributing to project implementation. Calculations are based on annual salaries multiplied by the percentage of effort dedicated to the project.

Ellie Honan, Agricultural Programs Director

Role: Staff supervision and project oversight

Annual Salary: \$105,560

Effort: 10%

Total Cost: \$10,556

Breakdown:

- Year 1 – \$5,278 (5% FTE)
- Year 2 – \$5,278 (5% FTE)

Elizabeth Valdez, Irrigation Technician

Role: Conduct irrigation system evaluations and prepare reports

Annual Salary: \$72,571

Effort: 34.5%

Total Cost: \$25,037

Breakdown:

- Year 1 – \$12,518.50 (17.25% FTE)
- Year 2 – \$12,518.50 (17.25% FTE)

Daniela Mejia, Program Coordinator

Role: Conduct irrigation system evaluations

Annual Salary: \$54,428

Effort: 20%

Total Cost: \$10,886 (rounded)

Breakdown:

- Year 1 – \$5,443 (10% FTE)
- Year 2 – \$5,443 (10% FTE)

Chris Kelley, Director of Finance

Role: Manage agreement budget and financial tracking

Annual Salary: \$127,795

Effort: 2.5%

Total Cost: \$3,195 (rounded)

Breakdown:

- Year 1 – \$1,597.50 (1.25% FTE)
- Year 2 – \$1,597.50 (1.25% FTE)

Total Personnel Cost: \$49,674

FRINGE BENEFITS

Fringe benefits are calculated at a 50% rate for all personnel working directly on the project. This rate includes payroll taxes, Medicare, state disability and unemployment insurance, retirement contributions, paid time off, holiday pay, training, worker's compensation, and health insurance.

Fringe Calculation:

Total Wages: \$49,674 × 50% = \$24,839

TRAVEL

Travel includes mileage reimbursements for staff conducting irrigation evaluations at agricultural sites. Mileage is calculated using the current federal rate of \$0.76 per mile.

Travel Calculation:

102.2 miles (round trip average) × 45 site visits × \$0.760 = \$3,496 (rounded)

Purpose: Transportation needed for staff to reach project sites and complete irrigation system evaluations.

CONTRACTUAL

This category includes contractor support necessary for biological assistance on working lands projects.

Quentin McCalla, Partner Biologist (American Bird Conservancy)

Role: Provide biological assistance to NRCS Escondido Field Office and the RCD of Greater San Diego County; support compliance with federal and state environmental regulations.

Hourly Rate: \$33

Maximum Hours: 160

Contractual Calculation:

\$33 × 160 hours = \$5,280

Responsibilities of the Parties:

If inconsistencies arise between the language in this Statement of Work (SOW) and the General Terms and Conditions attached to the agreement, the language in this SOW takes precedence.

NRCS RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Provide, as needed, technical assistance as available and approved by NRCS.
2. Provide availability to NRCS technology and technical tools to the maximum extent possible and provide quality assurance.
3. Will provide substantial involvement by:
 - a. NRCS review and approval of one stage of work before another may begin.
 - b. Collaboration or joint participation.
 - c. Having direct NRCS operational involvement or participation during the activity.

RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Perform the work and produce the deliverables as outlined in this Statement of Work.

Comply with the applicable version of the General Terms and Conditions.

ADDITIONAL RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Reports and Payments

Recipients must submit reports and payment requests to either the ezFedGrants system (highly preferable) or via e-mail to FPAC.BC.GAD@usda.gov. Email submissions must reference the agreement number in the subject line of the email. Submissions via e-mail must be provided as attachments; documents submitted via weblink or other document services will not be accepted.

Cost share must be documented on each SF 425 and payment request as it is provided by the recipient or third party. The required cost sharing ratio must be met by the end of the agreement period of performance; however, it does not have to be maintained for every payment request.

Reports

A Federal Financial Report (SF425) is required to be submitted: Semi-annually

SF 425 and instructions are available at this link:

<https://www.fpacbc.usda.gov/about/grants-and-agreements/required-reports-closing/index.html>.

A Performance Progress Report is required to be submitted: Quarterly

The Farm Production and Conservation Business Center Performance Progress Report (OMB Control Number 0565-0001) and instructions are available at this link: <https://www.fpacbc.usda.gov/about/grants-and-agreements/required-reports-closing>

If the Recipient fails to submit all final reports, the USDA agency must report the Recipient's material failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the award in SAM.gov. The USDA awarding agency must use the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) to enter information in SAM.gov.

Payments

Reimbursement or advance payment requests must be submitted using a properly completed and executed SF-270, submitted with a Budget Expense Table or Deliverable Expense Table (or similar summary document), as applicable. Payment request preparation guidance and templates for Budget Expense Tables and Deliverable Expense Tables are available at this link: <https://www.fpacbc.usda.gov/about/grants-and-agreements/award-payments>

Records of supporting documentation (cancelled checks, paid bills, payroll records, etc.) must be maintained by the Recipient for all costs incurred under this award. The level of detail and documentation required to be provided to support any individual payment request is at the discretion of the USDA agency. Do not provide supporting documentation unless it is specifically requested.

Advance payment requests must be submitted no less than 15 days prior to the start of the requested advance period. The recipient must provide a summary document showing the amount of advanced funds spent within 30 days of the end of the advance period. If applicable, the recipient must also submit a summary of the cost share provided.

All final requests for payment must be submitted no later than 120 calendar days after the period of performance end date. The USDA agency is not obligated to make payments received more than 120 days after the period of performance end date.

Section 1619

Recipients with access to protected data agree to comply with the USDA agency guidelines and requirements regarding the disclosure of information protected under Section 1619 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (PL 110-246), 7 U.S.C. 8791. Refer to the Section 1619 information on this website: <https://www.fpacbc.usda.gov/about/grants-and-agreements/applicant-and-award-resources>.

Prior Approval

Recipients must submit any requests for prior approval, including a no cost extension request, to FPAC.BC.GAD@usda.gov. Refer to the Prior Approval Matrix on this website: <https://www.fpacbc.usda.gov/about/grants-and-agreements/applicant-and-award-resources>.

Expected Accomplishments and Deliverables

The opportunity to receive an irrigation system evaluation will be shared with at least 100 producers by the end of Y1 Q1 and shared again in Y1 Q4 to ensure a wide reach.

By the end of the project (Y2 Q4), all participating producers (40) will receive a written ISE report with calculated DU found at the time of evaluation, recommendations for improvement, details about the irrigation system and soils on the property. We will keep a log of all producers who receive this service and what actions occurred as a result (e.g. referral to cost share program for practice implementation).

On a quarterly basis with completion by the end of Y2 Q4, engineering calculations regarding maximum water demand and balanced irrigation blocks, based on the available flow, will also be delivered to producers and the NRCS Field Office.

Approximately 40 producers will be served during the cooperative agreement. We estimate the following timeline:

- Y1 Q1: 2 producers served
- Y1 Q2: 4 producers served
- Y1 Q3: 6 producers served
- Y1 Q4: 8 producers served
- Y2 Q1: 8 producers served
- Y2 Q2: 7 producers served
- Y2 Q3: 4 producers served
- Y2 Q4: ensure all reports and calculations are finalized

During Y1 Q1 and Y1 Q2, partner biologist will support with implementation requirements, best practice documents, species sheets for landowners, riparian habitat project support, and assistance with state and federal environmental regulations.

Resources Required

See the Responsibilities of the Parties section for required resources, if applicable.

Milestones

See the Expected Accomplishments and Deliverables section for milestones.

General Terms and Conditions and References

For information regarding documentation relevant to this award reference the links below:

General Terms and Conditions:

Reference this link for the General Terms and Conditions pertaining to this award:

<https://www.fpacbc.usda.gov/about/grants-and-agreements/award-terms-and-conditions>

Federal Financial Report (SF 425) form and instructions:

The SF 425 and instructions are available at this link:

<https://www.fpacbc.usda.gov/about/grants-and-agreements/required-reports-closing/index.html>

Performance Progress Report:

The Farm Production and Conservation Business Center Performance Progress Report (OMB Control Number 0565-0001) and instructions are available at this link:

<https://www.fpacbc.usda.gov/about/grants-and-agreements/required-reports-closing>

Payments:

Preparation guidance and templates for the Budget Expense Tables and Deliverable Expense Tables are available at this link:

<https://www.fpacbc.usda.gov/about/grants-and-agreements/award-payments>

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Inventions:

Invention disclosure statements pursuant to 37 CFR Section 401.14(c) must be made in writing to fpac.bc.gad@usda.gov.

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RESOLUTION 2026-26

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION
DISTRICT OF GREATER SAN DIEGO COUNTY TO RATIFY A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Resource Conversation District of Greater San Diego County (“District”) is committed to the protection, conservation, and restoration of natural resources through education, information, and technical assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, the District, as stewards of the regional environment, partners with a diverse group of landowners, public and private institutions, and concerned citizens to address the diverse conservation and environmental concerns that are unique to San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, the District submitted a proposal for an agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to conduct irrigation systems evaluations and refer producers, as relevant, to NRCS cost-share programs; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement was approved by NRCS and execution of the Agreement was required before the next Board meeting and in insufficient time to call a Special Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement was executed by the Executive Director with approval from the Board President and has now been brought to the Board of Directors for ratification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Directors of the Resource Conversation District of Greater San Diego County hereby ratifies the execution of the NRCS Agreement.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County at a regular meeting held on the 13th day of October, 2026, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Attest:

Donald H. Butz, Board President

Joanne Sauerman, Clerk of the Board

SEPTEMBER 2026 STAFF REPORT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: STAFF & ORGANIZATION MANAGEMENT

- Continued to hold regular check-ins with staff and Hub Coordinator, weekly senior leadership meetings, and monthly staff meetings.
- Continue to work with the RCD Ad Hoc Committee and LAFCO to explore annexation and potential consolidation.
- Participate in bi-weekly meetings with HR partner, Bizhaven, and monthly meetings with our IT company, CorpTech.
- Migration from physical server to cloud took place this month.
- Recruiting for Agricultural Program Director and providing support to Ag team until new department director is hired.
- Exploring Airtable as a platform for tracking RCD contacts, programs, and metrics.
- Worked with HR partner, Bizhaven, to host annual safety program trainings.
- Working with Seed Consulting, a network that provides pro bono support to environmental organizations, on plans to develop the Resource Conservation Foundation into a more robust support for the RCD.
- Worked with Chris to develop a profile for the Giving List, a fundraising platform launching in San Diego.
- Attended the San Diego Foundation's annual fundraising conference.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: PROGRAM SUPPORT

- Attended the La Semilla Ribbon Cutting ceremony
- Worked with staff to submit grant applications for San Diego Pollinator Alliance and finalize a new NRCS agreement.
- Met with representatives Sweetwater Authority to explore collaboration on habitat restoration and wildfire resilience.
- Participated in conversations with colleagues about the Climate Smart Land Management grant and associated activities.
- Participated in a listening session to guide the future activities of the state-wide network of Climate Smart Ag Hubs.
- Supported with agreements and amendments for project partners.
- Attended the SDPA annual gathering.
- Working with Sweetwater Union High School District and staff to support development of a proposal for a new school farm in south-west San Diego. Potential to include space for community garden and small-scale farming.

- CARCD activities: participated in a statewide effort to develop an RCD workforce development certification program; attended the September CARCD Board meeting, monthly DM/ED call, and Legislative Committee meetings.

ACCOUNTING & FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Announcements and Reminders:

CalVEBA Open enrollment is underway. On Friday 9/18/2026, you received an email worksheet to use to make your insurance elections for next year. Please make sure you complete your form and return it to Chris in accounting by 10/16/2026 even if you plan to have the same selections as last year.

The annual audit of our books for 6/30/2026 continues. Final Audit is expected in November/December.

VEBA Wellness Interest Survey: Thank you to all who participated in our VEBA Wellness Survey. We learned through your participation that most staff would be interested in participating in a low impact, deep stretch class held here at the office. Staff indicated a preference for Tuesday during the lunch hour. If you were one of the people who expressed interest and you have a preferred time (11-11:45) vs (12-12:45) please reach out to me via email. We hope to have this group class on the schedule by December and have classes scheduled bi-weekly here at the office.

FORESTRY + FIRE PREVENTION DEPARTMENT:

Link to FSC newsletter "[The Responder](#)"; FSC Instagram: @firesafesdcounty

REGIONAL FOREST AND FIRE CAPACITY PROGRAM:

- Built the Regional Priority Plan ArcGIS Experience site and began blocking out the content for the draft plan
- Developed an RPP public input experience tool for SDCW Fire Summit event "call to action"
- Continued accepting and reviewing regional project submissions through the online Regional Priority Plan portal. 35 new project submissions have been received so far.
- Worked with partners to develop and submit RPP projects.

CAL FIRE BLOCK GRANT: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP (SCWRP)

Continued advancing administration and implementation of the Southern California Wildfire Resilience Partnership (SCWRP) Block Grant, with the regional portfolio moving from planning into active implementation. Current work includes coordinating with regional partners, managing subgrant agreements and reporting, tracking project progress and deliverables, and supporting project amendments and implementation needs across the portfolio.

- Continued coordination with five regional implementation partners on project development, contracting, and implementation planning for the 23 priority projects

- 13 of the 23 subprojects have completed all environmental compliance items and been approved by RCDGSDC and CALFIRE, receiving an official notice to proceed.

POLLINATORS/ HABITAT:

RESTORATION:

- Attended quarterly San Diego Weed Management Area (SDWMA) meeting
 - MC represents the RCDGSDC on the SDWMA Coordination Team
- Otay Valley Connections
 - Met with CARCD Tribal Liaison regarding Cultural and Tribal monitoring for the project
 - Submitted a revised budget to WCB
 - Explored WCB implementation funding with WCB grant manager

POLLINATORS:

- MC is the Western Monarch Count Regional Coordinator for San Diego County
 - Attended Regional Coordinator Kickoff meeting
 - Hosted field training for volunteers
 - Working on site assignments for 50+ volunteers
- BLM Hermes Copper:
 - Presented on project updates at the SD Management and Monitoring Program monthly meeting
- WCB At-Risk Butterflies:
 - Completed site selection for Hermes copper and Harbison's dun skipper habitat assessments
 - With support from project partners, working on Right-Of-Entry applications for USFS, CDFW, County, City, and possibly others). RCDGSDC will be lead applicant and permit holder for all access permits.

SD POLLINATOR ALLIANCE (SDPA):

- Submitted application for District 3 Community Enhancement Grant Program
- Hosted the SDPA Annual Gathering, which provides a space for members to learn about each other's work, collectively decide on regional priorities for pollinator health and how the SDPA can support those priorities and find ways to expand collaborations and impact in 2027.
- Launched the SDPA Instagram account: @SD_PollinatorAlliance

FIREWISE LANDSCAPING (RFFC PROGRAM)

- Attended ribbon cutting for new Firewise Exhibit at the Water Conservation Garden
 - RCD San Diego received a certificate
- Continued to build resources on firewise landscaping
 - Will include tools and guidelines for appropriate woody plant invasive removal/treatment

NRCS CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FOR SHARED FORESTRY POSITION:

- Obligation of funds completed for all 7 EQIP FY26 contracts with forestry practices
- Continued correspondence with clients regarding their implementation requirements for forestry practices.
- Provided 1 brush management, 1 tree and shrub pruning, 2 forest stand improvement, and 1 tree and shrub establishment Implementation Requirements to clients to begin work.
- Prepared 1 tree and shrub pruning, 1 woody residue treatment, 1 mulching, 1 tree and shrub site prep, and 2 tree and shrub establishment Implementation Requirements for Area Forester approval.
- Conducted 2 inventory visits to help develop a client's Forest Management Plan and corresponding forest stand improvement IR.
- Conducted certification visit for a Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) contract to verify maintenance of understory treatments.

FIRE SAFE COUNCIL GENERAL:

- Hosted Session #3 of the Virtual Intel to Action Workshop, focusing on open-source intelligence resources. 35 communities in attendance.
- Hosted FSCSDC Executive and General Board Meetings at the American Red Cross HQ. Presentation from CALFIRE/San Diego County Fire regarding the BOF's Zone 0 adoption (that is now on hold again). 53 FSCs and partners in attendance.
- Presented at the Rolando Park Fire Safe Council meeting on the RPP, CWPP, and county FSC benefits/programs.
- Officially welcomed Oak Park FSC as our **60th community Fire Safe Council!**
- Planning the 18th annual Volunteer Awards Ceremony to take place on October 6th. Circulated the nominations for awards and selected awardees for the ceremony.
- Conducting Outreach for HAP/DSAP through over 2,500 direct mailers to City Heights and Lakeside. Working with our fire agency partners, Canyonlands, Groundworks, and community FSCs on outreach. 63 people applied for service in September!
- Working with 10+ community FSCs on CWPP updates ahead of the 9/30 deadline for submissions to the review committee.
- Continuing to work on CAL FIRE Resilience Block Grant and collected letters of support for all key partners.

FIRE SAFE COUNCIL HOMEOWNER PROGRAMS:

- 18 home assessments completed and 12 DSAP visits completed
- Continuing to work on FSC website update, home page mocks completed, entire website narrative re-write complete. Project is estimated to be completed by end of 2026.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT:

- Farms contacted: 29, (31% underserved)

- Site visits: 4
- Farms receiving TA
 - Soil tests: 2
 - Other TA (Working Lands for Pollinators Program, CA Underserved and Small Producers Program, conservation planning, etc.): 29

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

IRRIGATION AND WATER

- SWEEP Highlights: We completed two SWEEP project verifications this month and submitted the verification form with geotagged photos of the implemented practices to Colusa RCD, the block grant recipient. The practices included renewable energy systems, soil moisture sensors with telemetry, automatic irrigation control valves, and a variable frequency drive.

SOIL

- 2 Operations reached out regarding general TA, 2 site visits were conducted, and 2 soil sample were conducted
- 3 Operations with current Healthy Soils Program contracts touched base for soil sampling and project implementation

EXTREME WEATHER AND DROUGHT RELIEF

- GrowEco Farm was awarded in the amount of \$15,250 from IERCD's Extreme Weather Funding Pool
- Two applications were submitted on behalf of Papa Joe Farm and Psalter Farm Flowers requesting a combined amount of \$40k (\$20k each)
- Currently working with 9 producers on applications, with an additional 2 referrals from growers for application guidance

POLLINATOR HABITAT ON WORKING LANDS

- Working Lands for Pollinators
 - Pollinator Habitat Plans (PHP) are being written for 7 farming operations; to be submitted in the first week of October
 - 1 PHP was submitted to CDFA in the amount of \$7,007
 - Reviewing 2 PHPs being written by San Diego Canyonlands to be submitted at the end of September
- SDSU Mapping
 - Finished 26 producer interviews
 - Working with SDSU GIS team on map, ready 10/1
- Draft of map and report due Sept. 28th

GRAZING

- Confirmed California Cattlemen's Association's President, Rick Roberti's attendance
- Created outreach materials for Demo Day
- Attended Cowbelle's Meeting
- Demo Day Flyer was shared at Cowbelle and Farm Bureau's monthly meeting, posted on social media, Santa Ysabel, Ramona and Lakeside businesses and shared with various partners including Community Alliance with Family Farmers and the UC Ag and Natural Resources; agenda being finalized with host

LAND ACCESS

- Presented at two sessions of the LandSeeker cohort, recordings will be put on RCD YouTube
- Currently have 9 land opportunities listed on CA FarmLink's land portal

AGROFORESTRY

- Agroforestry video is almost complete; will schedule a showing for staff soon
- Video and infographic will be shared with partners and producers November-December

SWEETWATER COMMUNITY GARDEN

- I Love a Clean San Diego Clean-up event on 9/19 with 45 people in attendance.
- 3 new gardeners onboarded in September
- Automatic Irrigation Class scheduled for Oct 3

SOUTHERN CA SOIL AND WATER HUB

- Finalizing scope of work and contract for additional \$50K from Carbon Cycle Institute
- Waiting to hear back on SWEEP, HSP, and NACD TA grants

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

PORT WATERSHED PROGRAM

- Conducted 1 presentation with 10 students at Berean Bible Baptist Academy in Chula Vista
- Coordinated 5 new program bookings for October and December 2026

FARMER MENTORSHIP 2026 PROGRAM

We have kicked off the beginning of ***Farmer Mentorship 2026 Program: FREE 3-month mentorship program*** for beginning farmers with access to land who are looking for guidance to develop their vision and strengthen their farming and land stewardship skills.

- Mentorship Includes an initial site visit, personalized recommendations through a written report, and follow-up calls and visit.
- Mentorship Period runs mid-September–December 2026

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Attended 2 community events during the month of September:
 - 9/12 - Community Land Trust Celebration
 - Around 25 people interacted meaningfully with the booth
 - 9/19 - Animals on the Bay Day at the Living Coast Discovery Center
 - Around 235 people interacted meaningfully with the booth during the 6-hour event

EVENTS ATTENDED

- Cowbelle's Meeting 9/2
- CA FarmLink Land Seeker opening session and accessing capital webinar, 9/3 and 9/16
- CAFF orchard weed management demo 9/30

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

- The Director of Agricultural Programs post has been viewed over 3,500 times with 52.2% of those views from people that did not previously follow our account.
- 117 interactions (likes, reposts, shares, saves, profile visits, follows, bio link taps)

UPCOMING EVENTS/ MEETINGS:

- October 3 - Community Climate Action Day (CCAD) at Los Peñasquitos
- October 3 - San Diego Climate Week Land Summit & Native Marketplace at Barron Creek Farm
- October 4 - Stagecoach Sunday presented by Fallbrook Land Conservancy
- October 5- San Diego Food Alliance Annual Gathering
- October 6- Teacher Resource Fair at the San Diego Botanic Gardens
- October 9 - Grazing Demo Day
- October 23 - Carbon Farming Demo Day
- October 24 - Compost Workshop at Sweetwater Community Garden
- November 7 - Planting Day at Peace Resource Center Garden
- November 7 - Nixtamalization Workshop at La Semilla 10am-2pm

Grant Applications Submitted	Program	Amount \$	Notes / Updates
CAL FIRE Forest Health	Forestry & Fire Prevention	\$5.9m	Full proposal for phase two of Palomar Mountain forest health project
CAL FIRE Wildfire Resilience	Forestry & Fire Prevention	\$6m	Block grant focusing on hazardous fuel reduction around homes and evacuation corridors, landscape resilience projects, workforce development, and project planning support.
NACD Technical Assistance	Ag Department	\$284K	Proposal to support Ag program TA and NRCS support across the SD County RCDs.
CDFA SWEEP	Ag Department	\$4m	Full proposal for irrigation efficiency practices for producers across the service area of the SoCal Soil & Water Hub. RCDGSDC as lead and TA provider.
CDFA Healthy Soils Program (HSP)	Ag Department	\$701,000	Full proposal for soil health practices for producers in San Diego County. RCDGSDC as TA provider, County of San Diego as lead. \$4m proposal.
County Board of Supervisors – Community Enhancement Program	Ag Dept – Community Garden	\$39,403	Staff time to support programming, including education, community engagement, and beautification activities.
CDFA Healthy Soils Program (HSP)	Ag Department	\$245,000	Full proposal for soil health practices for producers across the service area of the SoCal Soil & Water Hub. RCDGSDC as TA provider, IERCD as lead. \$4m proposal.
County Board of Supervisors – Community Enhancement Program	Habitat Programs – SD Pollinator Alliance / Pollinator Week	\$30,497	Staff time to support the SDPA and coordinate SD Pollinator Week 2027.
MOU with Sweetwater Union High School District	Education	\$43,415	Additional staff time to support Southwest High Farm
Grants Currently Working On	Program	Amount \$	Notes
CDFA – Invasive Species	Ag Department	Approx \$1m	Considering developing a proposal to conduct education and TA on citrus psyllid/HLB for citrus growers.
County Board of Supervisors – Neighborhood Reinvestment Program	Ag Dept – Community Garden	Approx \$125k	Irrigation infrastructure improvements, mural, and other garden supplies.
Recent Grants Awarded	Program	Amount \$	Notes
NRCS Agreement	Ag Department	\$99,947	Funding to support irrigation evaluations; 2 year grant
MOU with Sweetwater Union High School District for development of on-campus farming training	Education	\$180k	MOU for \$80,432 approved by SUHSD Board; request for additional funds for year 1 and an extension of one year was approved in March 2026.
Wildlife Conservation Board – SD County Butterflies	Pollinator Health	\$601,577	RCD will serve as lead agency. Awarded February 2026.

SDG&E	Forestry & Fire Prevention	\$1M	New budget amount for 2026; final year of current 5-year MOU.
Unsuccessful Applications	Program	Amount \$	Notes
Wildlife Conservation Board	OVRP Restoration – implementation	\$2.5m	May 2026: Feedback that budget is too high for project footprint. Seeking funding to implement the landscape plan developed through the existing planning grant. Pre-application submitted and approved to advance to full proposal. RCD will serve as lead agency.
CAL FIRE Forest Health	Forestry & Fire Prevention	\$4.8m	May 2026: Concept proposal for Los Coyote - not invited to full proposal.
Environmental Protection Agency	Forestry & Fire Prevention	\$500,000	May 2026: special districts are not an eligible entity. RCD to serve as lead agency in partnership with SDSU on a wildfire smoke impact preparedness project.

Grant Applications Submitted	Program	Amount \$	Notes / Updates
Cliff Family Foundation	Agricultural technical assistance	\$50,000	Support for Ag Department TA services
Las Patronas	Sweetwater Community Garden	\$5,000-\$10,000	Request for funds to purchase a new mower for the garden
Sponsorship request	Sweetwater Community Garden	Ranges from \$10 - \$30k	Presented to Sweetwater Authority in May 2026
Sponsorship request	Sweetwater Community Garden	Ranges from \$10 - \$30k	Presented to San Diego Community Power in September 2026
Grants Currently Working On	Program	Amount \$	Notes
Grants/ Donations Awarded in past 12 months	Program	Amount \$	Notes
Grants Denied / Cancelled	Program	Amount \$	Notes
San Diego Foundation	Sweetwater Community Garden	\$39,931	Project to support irrigation efficiency, farming/gardening education, and community engagement at Sweetwater Community Garden