

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Monday February 27, 2023 10:00
RCD Meeting Room: 11769 Waterhill Rd. Lakeside, CA 92040
Remote location: 768 13th Street, Imperial Beach, CA 91932

Zoom Meeting ID: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85312103997>; 853 1210 3997

Land Acknowledgement Statement: Since time immemorial, the San Diego County region has been the home of the Kumeyaay, Luiseño, Cahuilla, and Cupeño Native people. We acknowledge that people have come before us and lived with care and respect on these lands. We recognize that we are now on the lands of these indigenous people who are still here and will always be. We honor the Indigenous people living today as well as their ancestors, and we deeply respect their resilience and connection to the land.

1. CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTION

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

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. BOARD ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

4-1 Review Resolution 2023-02 CAL FIRE Forest Health: Discuss/Approve a resolution to allow staff to submit an application to the CAL FIRE Forest Health grant program.

5. ADJOURNMENT & AGENDA SETTING

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

UPCOMING EVENTS		
RCD Board Meeting	Wednesday March 8, 2023, 12:30	County Operations Center, 5530 Overland Avenue
Wild Willow Farm Volunteering	March 11, 2023, 9:30 – 12:00	Wild Willow Farm

<u>RCD Board of Directors – February 2023</u>	
Don Butz, President	Odette Gonzalez, Secretary/Treasurer
Marilyn Huntamer, Vice President	Neil Meyer, Director
Diane Moss, Director	One vacant seat
Maggie Sleeper, Director	
<i>Associate Directors</i>	
D.K. Nasland, Jo MacKenzie, Lance Rogers	

RCD STAFF – February 2023	
Ann Baldrige, Executive Director	Heather Marlow, Director of Forestry & Fire Prevention Projects
Chris Kelley, Financial Director	Gregg Cady, Farm Conservation Advisor
Morgan Graves, Forestry & Fire Prevention Projects Coordinator	Stan Hill, Forestry & Fire Prevention Projects Manager
Sierra Reiss, Education Coordinator	Andy Williamson, Irrigation Technician
Rachel Lloyd, Accounting Clerk	Joel Kramer, Agricultural Specialist
Joanne Sauerman, Office Coordinator	Cheyenne Piacenza, Assistant Farm Manager
Erik Rodriguez, Farmer II	Joannaluz “Joanna” Parra, Farmer
Juliann “JJ” Tidwell, Farmer	Paul Maschka, Regenerative Farming Educator
Codi Hale, Outreach Coordinator	Kim Hanson, Farm Field Trip & Volunteer Coordinator
Elizabeth Garcia, Ag Technician	Ashleyann Bacay – Grizzly Corps Fellow
Daniela Mejia, Community Garden Coordinator	Carolina Guia, Grizzly Corps Fellow



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Date: February 27, 2023

Agenda Item : Resolution 2023-02

Discussion / History: In 2019, RCD in Partnership with Fire Safe Council successfully secured funding for our project, *Saving San Diego's Last Mixed Conifer Forest*. This project is a collaborative approach to active fuels reduction and reforestation of roughly 1,575 acres on Palomar Mountain. Partners include Cleveland National Forest, Pauma Band of Mission Indians, Cal Tech Observatory, and Palomar Land and Cattle, with support from the NRCS Forester, Tanner Environmental for wildlife surveying and many others. There are multiple sustainable benefits to this work that include: improving forest health, wildlife habitat, increased carbon storage, and community protection. The project was funded through the CAL FIRE Forest Health program, and the first phase of this project will be completed by March 2024.

We have planned phase two of this project and are asking for approval to apply for a funding opportunity through CAL FIRE Forest Health. Phase two will build on the success of the first phase and include members of the Palomar Collaborative group, with similar treatment types a phase one, in additional treatment areas. We will revise our MOU with Upper San Luis Rey RCD and seek approval from LAFCO to manage this work in Palomar Mountain, if awarded, which is outside of our district boundary.

Financial Impact: The total grant funds requested have not been finalized, the total budget will be between \$5M - \$5.5M. FSC/ RCD would have some staff time budgeted, as well as a 12% indirect cost rate on contractual implementation.

Recommendation to Board: Staff recommends that the Board adopt resolution 2023-02.

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RESOLUTION 2023-02

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF GREATER SAN DIEGO TO AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION TO CAL FIRE FOREST HEALTH PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FIRE SAFE COUNCIL OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

WHEREAS, it is a vital component to the continued efficiency and operations of the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County in partnership with the Fire Safe Council to apply for funding to maintain programs and capacity to address the immediate need for implementation of forest health and fuels reduction,

AND WHEREAS, CAL FIRE is providing funding through the California Climate Investments (CCI) Forest Health Grant Program, that proactively restores forest health to reduce greenhouse gases, protect upper watersheds where the state's water supply originates, promote the long-term storage of carbon in forest trees and soils, minimize the loss of forest carbon from large, intense wildfires, and further the goals of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the RCD Board of Directors authorizes the submittal of a grant application to CAL FIRE for the Healthy Forest Grant Program for the project: Saving San Diego's Last Mixed Conifer Forest Phase 2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the RCD Executive Director or designee is hereby authorized and empowered to execute in the name of the RCD on all grant application documents.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at the RCD special meeting held on February 27, 2023 by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Attest:

Don Butz, President

Joanne Sauerma, Board Clerk