



Board of Directors Agenda

Friday, October 28, 2022
9 a.m.

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We have an obligation to eliminate disparities and ensure that safe, healthy, accessible, and inclusive opportunities are available to everyone. The SANDAG equity action plan will inform how we plan, prioritize, fund, and build projects and programs; frame how we work with our communities; define how we recruit and develop our employees; guide our efforts to conduct unbiased research and interpret data; and set expectations for companies and stakeholders that work with us.

We are committed to creating a San Diego region where every person who visits, works, and lives can thrive.



Board of Directors

Friday, October 28, 2022

Item No.		Action
1.	Public Comments/Communications Public comments under this agenda item will be limited to five public speakers. Members of the public shall have the opportunity to address the Board on any issue within the jurisdiction of SANDAG that is not on this agenda. Public speakers are limited to three minutes or less per person. If the number of public comments under this agenda item exceeds five, additional public comments will be taken at the end of the agenda. Subjects of previous agenda items may not again be addressed under public comments.	
2.	Chief Executive Officer's Report <i>Hasan Ikhata, SANDAG</i> Chief Executive Officer Hasan Ikhata will present an update on key programs, projects, and agency initiatives.	Discussion
Consent		
+3.	Approval of Meeting Minutes <i>Francesca Webb, SANDAG</i> +3A. September 23, 2022, meeting minutes +3B. October 14, 2022, meeting minutes	Approve
+4.	Policy Advisory Committee Actions <i>Francesca Webb, SANDAG</i> The Board of Directors is asked to ratify the actions taken by the Policy Advisory Committees since the last Board meeting.	Approve
+5.	Housing Acceleration Program Grants – Cycle 2 Evaluation Criteria <i>Tuere Fa'aola and Jenny Russo, SANDAG</i> The Board of Directors is asked to approve the program eligibility and evaluation criteria for the Housing Acceleration Program Cycle 2 call for projects to be included in the Regional Early Action Planning 2.0 application to the state.	Approve
+6.	Distribution of Funds from the California Coastal Commission Beach Sand Mitigation Fund <i>Courtney Pesce, SANDAG</i> The Board of Directors is asked to approve releasing funds from the California Coastal Commission Beach Sand Mitigation Fund to be used towards the placement of sand as part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Coastal Storm Damage Reduction Project.	Approve

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| +7. | <p>TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program Cycle 10 Call for Projects: Funding Recommendations *</p> <p><i>Courtney Pesce, SANDAG</i></p> <p>The Board of Directors is asked to approve the funding recommendations for the Cycle 10 Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program.</p> | Approve |
| +8. | <p>FY 2023 Program Budget Amendment: Amendment to 2021 Regional Plan *</p> <p><i>Antoinette Meier, SANDAG</i></p> <p>The Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve the allocation of \$1,500,000 from the Overall Work Program Contingency Reserve in FY 2023 to fund costs associated with an amendment to the 2021 Regional Plan.</p> | Approve |
| +9. | <p>Proposed FY 2023 Program Budget Amendment: San Dieguito Lagoon Double-Track Design</p> <p><i>Angela Anderson, SANDAG</i></p> <p>The Board of Directors is asked to approve a FY 2023 Program Budget amendment to add matching funds of \$1.3 million to the existing Federal Transit Administration funding to complete the Design phase of the San Dieguito Lagoon Double-Track Capital Improvement Project (Capital Improvement Program Project No. 1239813).</p> | Approve |
| +10. | <p>Proposed FY 2023 Program Budget Amendment: Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Bridge Replacement Project</p> <p><i>Angela Anderson, Annie Smiddy, and Sandi Craig, SANDAG</i></p> <p>The Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve the allocation of \$2,069,000 from the Contingency Reserve in FY 2023 to fund costs associated with the pending litigation pertaining to the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Bridge Replacement Project (Capital Improvement Program Project No. 1145000).</p> | Approve |
| +11. | <p>2023 Board of Directors and Policy Advisory Committee Annual Meeting Calendar</p> <p><i>Tessa Lero, SANDAG</i></p> <p>The Board of Directors is asked to approve the calendar of meetings of the Board and the Policy Advisory Committees for the upcoming year.</p> | Approve |
| +12. | <p>SANDAG Grant Programs: Quarterly Status Update *</p> <p><i>Tracy Ferchaw, Courtney Pesce, and Kim Smith, SANDAG</i></p> <p>The Board of Directors is asked to approve the scope and schedule modifications for Smart Growth Incentive Program projects.</p> | Approve |

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| +13. | Office of the Independent Performance Auditor:
1st Quarter Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Report for FY 2022-2023
<i>Lloyd Carter, Principal Management Internal Auditor</i>

The Board of Directors is presented these reports as information. | Information |
| +14. | Progress Report on Major Transportation Projects – FY 2022
Through Quarter 4
<i>Michelle Smith, SANDAG</i>

This progress report provides an update on the status of major SANDAG and Caltrans transportation projects and programs in the San Diego region. | Information |
| +15. | Chief Executive Officer Delegated Actions *
<i>Kim Monasi, SANDAG</i>

In accordance with various SANDAG Board Policies, this report summarizes delegated actions taken by the Chief Executive Officer. | Information |
| +16. | Meetings and Events Attended on Behalf of SANDAG
<i>Francesca Webb, SANDAG</i>

This report summarizes external meetings and events attended by Board members on behalf of SANDAG. | Information |
| +17. | Overview of Developments in the Financial Markets, Quarterly
Finance Report as of June 30, 2022 *
<i>André Douzджian and Ray Major, SANDAG</i>

Staff will present an update on the latest developments in the financial markets, economy, sales tax revenues, and strategies being explored and implemented to minimize possible impacts to the TransNet Program. | Information |

Chair's Report

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| +18. | 2022 SANDAG Diamond Awards Recipients

The Board of Directors is asked to recognize the recipients of the 2022 Diamond Awards for their commitment to transportation choices that reduce regional traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions. | Information |
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Reports

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| +19. | 2021 Regional Plan Implementation

+19A. Regional Digital Equity Strategy and Action Plan Update
<i>Krystal Ayala, SANDAG</i>

Staff will present an update on the Regional Digital Equity Strategy and Action Plan. | Information |
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+19B. Next OS Demonstration Projects and Public-Private Partnerships

Cecily Taylor, SANDAG

Staff will present an update on work to advance the Next OS through collaboration with the private sector.

+19C. Zero Emission Vehicles

Jeff Hoyos, SANDAG

Staff will present an overview of regional electric vehicle planning, incentive programs, and the partnerships required to support electrified transportation.

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| 20. | Regional Economic Update *
<i>Ray Major, SANDAG</i> | Information |
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Staff will present an update on the regional economy.

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| +21. | TransNet Ordinance Amendments Work Plan
<i>Ariana zur Nieden, SANDAG</i> | Discussion |
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Staff will present the draft work plan tasks and estimated schedule for amendments to the TransNet Ordinance.

22. Member Comments

Board members shall have the opportunity to provide information and announcements on any issue within the jurisdiction of SANDAG that is not on this agenda. Subjects of previous agenda items may not again be addressed under member comments.

23. Upcoming Meetings

The Board of Directors meeting originally scheduled for Friday, November 4, 2022, is cancelled.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 18, 2022.

24. Adjournment

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* next to an agenda item indicates that the Board of Directors also is acting as the San Diego County Regional Transportation Commission for that item

TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program Cycle 10 Call for Projects: Funding Recommendations

Overview

The TransNet Extension Ordinance provides funding for a variety of competitive grant programs, including the Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program (EMP LMG). Through the EMP LMG, SANDAG provides land managers with funding to help maintain and enhance the integrity and size of regional habitat preserves as well as protect endangered species. Eligible applicants include land managers from private nonprofit organizations, local jurisdictions, and other government agencies. Example land management projects include habitat restoration, habitat preservation, fencing, and non-native plant species eradication.

Action: Approve

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the funding recommendations for the Cycle 10 Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program.

Fiscal Impact:

\$2.4 million in *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant funding would be awarded to the recommended projects.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

Projects awarded funding would begin in fall 2022.

Key Considerations

At its [October 22, 2021](#), meeting, the Board of Directors approved the evaluation criteria for the Cycle 10 call for projects and the call for projects was released on October 25, 2021. Applications were due on January 31, 2022. At the close of the solicitation, SANDAG received 17 applications in the Species and Habitat Recovery category and 12 applications in the Threat Reduction Stewardship category.

Once the call for projects closed, SANDAG reviewed all applications to ensure that the minimum eligibility requirements outlined in the call for projects were met. Having determined that they met the minimum eligibility requirements, SANDAG then provided the applications to an evaluation committee selected by the Environmental Mitigation Program Working Group for review. The evaluation committee members scored each application based on the evaluation criteria included in the call for projects. Once all scores were completed, SANDAG staff developed a ranked project list using the "Sum of Ranks" methodology. The top-ranked projects are recommended for funding in descending rank until funding is exhausted.

Based on the project rankings, 11 projects in the Threat Reduction Stewardship category are recommended to receive funding, as shown in Attachment 1. Additionally, eight projects in the Species and Habitat Recovery category are recommended to receive funding, as shown in Attachment 2. Project descriptions of the recommended projects are included in the attachments. On July 13, 2022, the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee reviewed the proposed project recommendations for eligibility under the TransNet Ordinance. On October 7, 2022, the Transportation Committee reviewed and unanimously recommended the Board approve the project rankings and funding recommendations.

In support of SANDAG's commitment to equity, the Cycle 10 call for projects included a new criterion that scores projects higher for fostering social equity or providing potential co-benefits to Community-Based Organization (CBO) Network Communities. As shown in Attachment 3, 17 of the 19 projects recommended for funding received points for fostering social equity or providing co-benefits to CBO Network Communities. The 17 projects represent a total value of over \$2 million or 84% of the EMP LMG funding to be awarded.

Next Steps

Pending approval, the recommended projects would begin in November 2022. In the event a selected project is unable to use its awarded funds, staff would offer funding and execute a grant agreement with the next highest-ranked project in the relevant category of Attachments 1 and 2.

Susan Huntington, Director of Financial Planning, Budgets, and Grants

Key Staff Contact: Courtney Pesce, (619) 699-6942, courtney.pesce@sandag.org

Attachments:

1. Project Rankings and Funding Recommendations for Threat Reduction Stewardship Category
2. Project Rankings and Funding Recommendations for Species and Habitat Recovery Category
3. Social Equity Evaluation Criteria Results
- 3A. Social Equity Points Table

COMBINED THREAT REDUCTION STEWARDSHIP EVALUATION SCORES								
PRJ #	Project Title	Applicant	Project Description	Requested Grant Amount	Recommended Grant Amount	Sum of Ranks	Overall Rank	Comments
3	Otay Mesa Vernal Pool Restoration Project	City of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation	Project goal is to expand on previous grant projects to protect, and enhance vernal pool ecosystems, maritime succulent scrub and Western burrowing owl habitats in the Goat Mesa and Wruck Canyon vernal pool complexes to create a buffer from invasive weed species and reduce sediment erosion. Brush/thatch removal, collecting and broadcasting vernal pool species seed, and the installation of fence will be performed to obtain project goals.	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	20	1	Full Funding Awarded
2	West Otay Mesa Stinknet Removal Project	City of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation	Project goal is to control stinknet starting in and around the priority Otay Mesa vernal pool complexes and surrounding maritime succulent scrub/coastal sage scrub habitats to protect the sensitive vernal pool ecosystems and create a buffer from invasive weed species. Mapping, invasive species control, and installing native plants will be performed to accomplish project goals.	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	25	2	Full Funding Awarded
11	San Diego Thornmint Enhancement Project	San Diego Habitat Conservancy	Project will expand and enhance three populations of San Diego thornmint (ACIL) on San Diego Habitat Conservancy managed property. Project main goals are to improve ACIL habitat, and increase the ACIL seed bank to reduce the likelihood of extirpation.	\$ 79,876.80	\$ 79,876.80	25	2	Full Funding Awarded
8	San Miguel HMA Perimeter Fencing Restoration Project	Otay Water District	Project will reduce threats in the San Miguel HMA to high priority SO/SL species found within the HMA's Diegan coastal sage scrub and grassland habitats. Project will implement a variety of deterrent and education-oriented strategies to reduce threats and prevent disturbance to vulnerable habitats on the HMA.	\$ 78,593.80	\$ 78,593.80	27	4	Full Funding Awarded
12	Endangered Avian Nesting Site Stewardship at D-Street Fill Project	San Diego Unified Port District	Project will assist in management and recovery of two SO/SL species, California least tern and western snowy plover, which occur at the D Street Fill site. Project goal is to prepare the site for the 2023 and 2024 nesting seasons by performing site grading, debris removal, vegetation control, invasive plant management, avian monitoring, and predator management to maintain the site as suitable breeding, nesting, and foraging habitat.	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	28	5	Full Funding Awarded
5	El Monte Preserve Bat Hotel Project	Earth Discovery Institute	Project goal is to aid the recovery of locally declining bat species by: creating a thermally stable, long-term roost site, or "bat hotel" on the El Monte Preserve; creating replicable building plans for the "bat hotel"; and engaging and educating the public about the ecological important and conservation value of bats.	\$ 77,840.00	\$ 77,840.00	32	6	Full Funding Awarded

Project Rankings for Tenth Cycle of Grant Funding

COMBINED THREAT REDUCTION STEWARDSHIP EVALUATION SCORES								
PRJ #	Project Title	Applicant	Project Description	Requested Grant Amount	Recommended Grant Amount	Sum of Ranks	Overall Rank	Comments
10	Quarry Creek Preserve Fencing Project	San Diego Habitat Conservancy	Project goal is to reduce human use within Diegan CSS and southern riparian forest habitat within the 95.92 acre Quarry Creek Preserve. Project objectives are to install 721 linear feet of fencing to prevent human trespassing, and conduct trash removal within a 5.28 acre target area of the Preserve.	\$79,966.86	\$79,966.86	34	7	Full Funding Awarded
4	Otay Ranch Preserve Enhancement Project	County of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation	Project goal is to restore and increase the quality of habitat for Quino checkerspot butterfly near Minewawa Truck Trail through seasonal road closure, seeding, and planting within suitable Quino habitat. Project objectives include: container plant installation, seeding, watering, erosion control, removable bollard and sign installation, and photographic monitoring.	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	41	8	Full Funding Awarded
7	Annie's Canyon Trail (ACT) Enhancement and Restoration Project	Nature Collective	Project goals include adding fencing and signage to discourage people from going off-trail, controlling 1 acre of invasive species that occur along the trail, restoring Diegan CSS and southern maritime chaparral, implementing erosion control measures to repair damage caused by off-trail use and, improving connectivity between two major undercrossing for southern mule deer.	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	48	9	Full Funding Awarded
6	Famosa Slough Stormwater Treatment Pond Restoration and Enhancement Project	Friends of Famosa Slough	Project goal is to reduce the threat of altered hydrology and loss of ecological integrity to the salt marsh vegetation community at Famosa Slough. Project objectives include restoring the treatment ponds and berms and keeping the dry weather freshwater/undesirable material from going into Famosa Slough.	\$53,000.00	\$53,000.00	50	10	Full Funding Awarded
9	Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve Fencing Project	San Diego Audubon Society	Project will install 855 linear feet of lodge pole fencing to secure the northern boundary of the Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve from hazardous and non-hazardous dumping and illegal trespassing.	\$48,325.00	\$48,325.00	60	11	Full Funding Awarded
1	Lusardi Canyon Goat Grazing Project	City of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation	Project goal is enhance degraded CSS habitat for the threatened coastal California gnatcatcher in the City of San Diego's Lusardi Canyon Open Space. Project objectives include removing artichoke thistle and other invasives by weed control methods (goat grazing, biomass removal, dethatching, etc.) and installing CSS habitat appropriate plants to create weed buffers.	\$80,000.00	\$-	66	12	Funding Not Available
TOTAL				\$897,602.46	\$817,602.46			

Project Rankings for Tenth Cycle of Grant Funding

COMBINED SPECIES AND HABITAT RECOVERY EVALUATION CRITERIA									
PRJ #	Project Title	Applicant	Project Description	Requested Grant Amount	Recommended Grant Amount	Proposed Match Amount	Sum of Ranks	Overall Rank	Comments
14	Safari Park Biodiversity Reserve (SPBDR) Stinknet Removal II Project	The Zoological Society of San Diego d/b/a San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance (SDZWA)	Project will remove stinknet from 24.5 untreated acres, and manage the stinknet seed bank in 70 acres of CSS in the Safari Park Biodiversity Reserve (SPBRD). Restore 5 acres of disturbed land in the SPBDR with the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians and other tribal partners to positively impact coastal cactus wren habitat and engage new stakeholders in conservation work.	\$ 282,153.00	\$ 226,302.00	\$ 255,484.00	14	1	Partial Funding Awarded. Reduced grant amount by proposed Indirect Costs (\$55,851) due to Indirect Costs not allowable this grant cycle. Revised Scope of Work and timeline will be submitted to SANDAG staff.
17	Ocean Beach Estuary Enhancement Project	San Diego River Park Foundation	Project will address five SO/SL species in the San Diego River estuary by minimizing threats and allowing human recreational use to coexist by: improving access control through physical barriers; managing invasive weeds and planting native species; increasing community awareness through community engagement; and growing a robust stewardship program.	\$ 239,862.72	\$ 233,147.12	\$ 281,325.78	14	1	Partial Funding Awarded. Project benefits several SO/SL species. Project proposed costly Task 3 (Public Outreach). Task 3 was reduced by \$6,715.60 from \$94,122.73 to \$87,407.13 Revised Scope of Work and timeline will be submitted to SANDAG staff.
15	West Bernardo Mountain HMA Enhancement & Restoration Project	San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority (SDRP JPA)	Project will enhance and restore suitable CSS and cactus scrub habitat for the coastal cactus wren by rehabilitating habitat destroyed by the 2007 Witch Creek Wildfire, removing non-native and invasive species, creating additional territories, and installing cacti in areas without CSS and 4-6 ft from existing cactus or native plants.	\$ 82,714.00	\$ 82,714.00	\$ 29,120.00	31	3	Full Funding Awarded
1	Dennerly Canyon Restoration Project	City of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation	Project will restore and enhance populations of four SO/SL plant species (San Diego thornmint, Otay tarplant, San Diego ambrosia, and Orcutt's bird's beak) and vernal pool habitats by removing invasive species, collecting native seeds, native seed bulking and redistribution, removing trash, vegetation monitoring, photographic monitoring, and IMG monitoring.	\$ 501,598.00	\$ 336,085.00	\$ 81,074.00	37	4	Partial Funding Awarded. Grantee proposed large project that benefits several high priority Management Strategic Plan species and their habitats. Project schedule was reduced from 5 years to 3 years to reduce the costs. Revised Scope of Work and timeline will be submitted to SANDAG staff.
2	Tank Hill- Cactus Wren Habitat Enhancement Project	City of Santee	Project goal is to enhance existing cactus stands to provide both nesting and stepping-stone habitat that will increase available nesting habitat and improve connectivity between known occurrences of coastal cactus wren. Project includes the removal of nonnative plant species and expansion of cactus stands.	\$ 208,598.00	\$ 190,338.00	\$ 9,000.00	38	5	Partial Funding Awarded. Project would fund the creation of a Resource Management Plan. Project site is a good location to implement an enhancement project with historic California Gnatcatcher populations. The Project's budget was reduced by \$18,260 from Task 5 (Quarterly Report and Administrative Fees) from \$24,260 to \$6,000 to reduce costs. Revised Scope of Work and timeline will be submitted to SANDAG staff.
4	Ramona Grasslands and Boulder Oaks Preserves Bullfrog Eradication Project	County of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation	Project goal is to ensure southwestern pond turtle, red-legged frog, and arroyo toad persistence within conserved lands of San Diego County by enhancing unoccupied habitat that have potential to support these species and to enhance a MSCP Core Resource Area.	\$ 223,668.00	\$ 223,668.00	\$ 20,040.00	47	6	Full Funding Awarded
9	Mission Trails, San Diego Thornmint Restoration and Enhancement Project	Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation	Project will improve and expand areas occupied by San Diego thornmint and translocate thornmint to areas with suitable clay soil through restoration and enhancement of degraded habitat. Herbicide treatment, fence and sign installation, thornmint and other native seed collection and redistribution, vegetation monitoring, photographic monitoring, and thornmint monitoring will be performed to obtain project goals.	\$ 206,955.00	\$ 159,143.42	\$ 52,025.00	51	7	Partial Funding Awarded. Project schedule was reduced from 5 years to 4 years to reduce costs. Year 4 was awarded partial funding to address continued invasive plant removal. Revised Scope of Work and timeline will be submitted to SANDAG staff.

TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program
Project Rankings for Tenth Cycle of Grant Funding

COMBINED SPECIES AND HABITAT RECOVERY EVALUATION CRITERIA									
PRJ #	Project Title	Applicant	Project Description	Requested Grant Amount	Recommended Grant Amount	Proposed Match Amount	Sum of Ranks	Overall Rank	Comments
11	Rare Dune Plant Restoration Project	Nature Collective	Project seeks to restore rare dune habitat in addition to implementing conservation efforts for Nuttall's Acmispon (ACPR) in two project sites within Management Strategic Plan Unit 7. Outplantings of ACPR, collecting and spreading ACPR seed , IMG monitoring, and controlling invasive species will be performed to accomplish project goal.	\$ 298,760.90	\$ 131,000.00	\$ 60,600.00	52	8	Partial Funding Awarded. Removed Batiquitos Lagoon site (E2; 9.5 acres of managed land) because proposed activities are not allowable. The E2 site is owned by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) as mitigation. The purpose of CDFW's mitigation property is to manage the habitat for the California least tern. Removing E2 reduced the budget by \$131,000. In addition, Indirect Cost was removed due to not allowed this grant cycle. Revised Scope of Work and timeline will be submitted to SANDAG staff.
3	Salt Marsh Bird's-Beak Out-planting Project	Conservation Biology Institute	Project goal is to create one new climate resilient salt marsh bird's-beak (CHMAMA) occurrence in salt marsh habitat to encourage gene flow between occurrences in San Diego and Orange County, reduce risk of occurrence loss from sea-level rise, promote a self-sustaining occurrence to increase resilience, and ensure persistence over the long-term.	\$ 406,817.62		\$ 15,710.64	56	9	<i>Funding not available</i>
7	Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Southern Foredune and Salt Marsh Restoration Project	Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Foundation	Project seeks to support, expand, and protect populations of special-status, high-priority MSP species by recovering 2.5 acres of southern foredunes and protecting adjacent coastal salt marsh in the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon.	\$ 266,207.00	\$ -	\$ 29,000.00	60	10	<i>Funding not available</i>
10	Cabrillo National Monument Habitat Restoration Project	National Park Service	Project will develop an early detection-rapid response program (EDRR) to protect orange-throated whiptail populations, manage the invasive Argentine ant, re-introduce Blainsville's horned lizard, and monitor the herpetofauna community in the Cabrillo National Monument Biological Core Area.	\$ 320,000.00	\$ -	\$ 240,790.00	60	10	<i>Funding not available</i>
13	San Miguel HMA Otay Tarplant Restoration Project	Otay Water District	Project goal is to restore four suitable areas for Otay tarplant to increase occurrences within the San Miguel Habitat Management Area (HMA). Project will dethatch and weed nonnative grasses and forbs, collect Otay tarplant and native plant seed and broadcast, and establish and maintain buffers around occurrences.	\$ 123,217.00	\$ -	\$ 123,217.00	60	10	<i>Funding not available</i>
6	Quarry Preserve Restoration & Enhancement Project	The Escondido Creek Conservancy	Project goal is to create and retain high-quality nesting and foraging habitat to support the long-term reproductive success of the least Bell's vireo and coastal California gnatcatcher within the Escondido Creek Conservancy's Quarry Preserve, thus enhancing their dispersal and success.	\$ 416,952.61	\$ -	\$ 58,534.40	63	13	<i>Funding not available</i>
8	Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Yellow Flag Iris Containment and Eradication Project	Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Foundation	Project will initiate containment and eradication of <i>Iris pseudacorus</i> within Los Peñasquitos Lagoon and riparian corridor that extends into Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve.	\$ 201,650.00	\$ -	\$ 47,500.00	68	14	<i>Funding not available</i>
12	Lake Dr. Reserve Habitat Restoration Project	Nature Collective	Project goal is to enhance and restore Diegan coastal sage scrub (DCSS) habitat for thecoastal California gnatcatcher at Nature Collective's Lake Dr. Reserve.	\$ 321,957.44	\$ -	\$ 60,600.00	73	15	<i>Funding not available</i>
5	Harbison's Dun Skipper Habitat Enhancement Project	Earth Discovery Institute	Project goal is to aid the recovery of the Harbinson's Dun skipper with the objective of enhancing 5 acres of riparian oak woodland habitat that supports an existing small population.	\$ 45,782.00	\$ -	\$ 14,037.00	83	16	<i>Funding not available</i>

TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program
Project Rankings for Tenth Cycle of Grant Funding

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PRJ #	Project Title	Applicant	Project Description	Requested Grant Amount	Recommended Grant Amount	Proposed Match Amount	Sum of Ranks	Overall Rank	Comments
76	North City Canyons Habitat Restoration Planning and Access Control Project	The Chaparral Lands Conservancy	Project will provide a single comprehensive plan describing all habitat and species restoration opportunities and methods for three important conserved canyons in the northern City of San Diego. Project will also control access at the highest priority habitat restoration area in the North City Canyons to reduce harm to sensitive resources from unauthorized public access.	\$ 499,987.14	\$ -	\$ -	95	17	Funding not available
TOTAL				\$ 4,646,880.43	\$ 1,582,397.54	\$ 1,378,057.82			

Social Equity Evaluation Criteria Results

I. Introduction

In February 2021, the Board of Directors adopted a [Commitment to Equity statement](#), which serves as the foundation for the development of an Equity Action Plan that outlines how SANDAG will incorporate diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in all programs, projects, and policies. In support of this commitment, staff developed evaluation criteria for the EMP LMG call for projects that would provide additional points for projects that provide a co-benefit to Community-Based Organization (CBO) Network Communities¹ and foster social equity. The Board of Directors approved these criteria on October 22, 2021.

Examples of fostering social equity or providing co-benefits to CBO Network Communities include but are not limited to:

- restoring open space in CBO Network Communities
- providing educational opportunities on environmental conservation in San Diego to CBO Network Communities
- engaging the California Conservation Corps to conduct invasive species removal
- engaging a minority-owned organization to conduct work on the project

Higher points were awarded to projects that utilize multiple methods of incorporating CBO Network Communities and/or populations while zero points were awarded if the criterion is not met.

II. Results

Staff reviewed the projects recommended for funding to determine which projects received points for fostering social equity or providing co-benefits to CBO Network Communities. Seventeen of the 19 projects recommended for funding received points for fostering social equity or providing co-benefits to CBO Network Communities. The 17 projects represent a total value of over \$2 million dollars or 84% of the EMP LMG funding to be awarded.

Each application provided a description of how the project will foster social equity or provide co-benefits to CBO Network Communities. Collectively, the recommended projects:

- Are located in one or multiple CBO network communities
- Include no-cost education programs for students and their families in neighboring underserved communities
- Include volunteer recruitment, outreach, stakeholder engagement, and community presentations for CBO Network Communities
- Solicit the input and involvement of San Diego County Kumeyaay tribe members and benefit the San Pasqual Reservation
- Utilize the Urban Corps of San Diego or the California Conservation Corps to complete portions of the project

III. Next Funding Cycle

Based on the results from this Cycle, staff will identify potential revisions to the social equity evaluation criteria and present proposed changes for consideration in the next funding cycle.

¹ CBO Network Communities are defined in the [2021 Regional Plan](#) as the top 50% of communities identified as most vulnerable by the CalEnviroScreen 3.0.

Applicant Name	Project Name	Benefit to CBO NC or fosters SE	Recommended Award Amount	% of Total Funding Recommended
The Nature Collective	Annie's Canyon Trail (ACT) Enhancement and Restoration Project	1	\$80,000.00	3.33%
San Diego Audubon Society	Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve Fencing Project	1	\$48,325.00	2.01%
City of San Diego	Dennerly Canyon Restoration Project	1	\$336,085.00	14.00%
Earth Discovery Institute	El Monte Preserve Bat Hotel Project	1	\$77,840.00	3.24%
Port of San Diego	Endangered Avian Nesting Site Stewardship at D-Street Fill Project	1	\$80,000.00	3.33%
Friends of Famosa Slough	Famosa Slough Stormwater Treatment Pond Restoration and Enhancement Project	1	\$53,000.00	2.21%
Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation	Mission Trails, San Diego Thornmint Restoration and Enhancement Project	0	\$159,143.42	6.63%
The San Diego River Park Foundation	Ocean Beach Estuary Enhancement Project	1	\$233,147.12	9.71%
The City of San Diego, Parks and Recreation	Otay Mesa Vernal Pool Restoration Project	1	\$80,000.00	3.33%
The County of San Diego	Otay Ranch Preserve Enhancement Project	1	\$80,000.00	3.33%
San Diego Habitat Conservancy	Quarry Creek Preserve Fencing Project	1	\$79,966.86	3.33%
County of San Diego, Department of Parks and Rec	Ramona Grasslands and Boulder Oaks Preserves Bullfrog Eradication Project	0	\$223,668.00	9.32%
The Nature Collective	Rare Dune Plant Restoration Project	1	\$131,000.00	5.46%
San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance	Safari Park Biodiversity Reserve (SPBDR) Stinknet Removal II Project	1	\$226,302.00	9.43%
San Diego Habitat Conservancy	San Diego thornmint Enhancement Project	1	\$79,876.80	3.33%

Social Equity Analysis - Table 1

Applicant Name	Project Name	Benefit to CBO NC or fosters SE	Recommended Award Amount	% of Total Funding Recommended
Otay Water District	San Miguel HMA Perimeter Fencing Restoration Project	1	\$78,593.80	3.27%
City of Santee	Tank Hill - Cactus Wren Habitat Enhancement Project	1	\$190,338.00	7.93%
San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority	West Bernardo Mountain HMA Enhancement & Restoration Project	1	\$82,714.00	3.45%
The City of San Diego	West Otay Mesa Stinknet Removal Project	1	\$80,000.00	3.33%
		17	\$2,400,000.00	100.00%

Total Number of Projects: 19

Number of Projects with benefit to CBO NC or foster SE: 17

Dollar Value of Projects with benefit to CBO NC or foster SE: \$2,017,188.58

Percentage of funding with benefit to CBO NC or foster SE: 84.05%