

Agenda Item 5 Agricultural Workshop

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Timeline



14 Sep. 2022

Board Meeting
Presentation on
Agricultural Monitoring
Programs



14 Dec. 2022

Executive Officer's
Report



10 May 2023

Agricultural Workshop

Invitees – Not Attending

Agricultural Organizations

- National Young Farmer's Coalition
- California Native Plant Society – San Diego Chapter
- Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF)
- Upper Santa Margarita Irrigated Lands Group
- Wild Willow Farm

Government Agencies

- City of San Diego Stormwater Department
- California Department of Public Health
- San Diego River Park Conservancy

Waterbody-Specific Organizations

- Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation
- Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation
- Lake Hodges Native Plant Club
- Rose Creek Watershed Alliance
- Friends of Rose Creek
- Friends of Rose Canyon
- San Dieguito River Park

Tribal Nations – 37 tribes

Environmental Justice NGOs

- Black American Political Association of California – San Diego Chapter
- California Rural Legal Assistance Inc.
- Casa Familiar
- Institute for Public Strategies
- Outdoor Outreach
- Universidad Popular

Environmental NGOs

- Coastkeeper
- Endangered Habitats League
- San Diego Audubon
- San Diego Canyonlands
- Scripps Institution of Oceanography
- Sierra Club San Diego Chapter
- Sportfishing Association of CA
- Surfrider
- Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers and Native Plants

Invitees – Attending

- Growers
- San Diego Region Irrigated Lands Group
- State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water
- University of California Cooperative Extension
- Mission Resource Conservation District
- San Diego County Department of Agriculture, Weights & Measures
- San Diego County Department of Environmental Health and Quality
- San Diego County Department of Public Works Watershed Protection Program
- San Diego River Park Foundation
- Mikhail Ogawa Engineering
- Solidarity Farm

What actions are growers taking to test their groundwater wells for nitrates and other agricultural related pollutants of concern?

What actions are other organizations taking to notify communities about elevated nitrate concentrations detected in or near their private drinking water wells and the associated health concerns?

What funding sources are made available to people whose private groundwater wells have been impacted?

**How many farms are located within the
San Diego Region?**

What are the costs and benefits to growers from enrolling as a member of a Third-Party monitoring group?

What effect do growers not enrolled in the Ag Orders have on enrolled growers? Is there an equity concern?

How are underrepresented communities impacted by potential water quality concerns from agricultural operations?

**How is the increased cost of fuel, water,
and other supplies affecting the local
agricultural community?**

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