

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Upper San Luis Rey Resource Conservation District

Thursday, November 9, 2023 1:00 P.M.

Meeting Held at Yuima Municipal Water District

34928 Valley Center Road, Pauma Valley, CA 92061

Andy Lyall, President Mike Perricone, Director Amy Reeh, Director Greg Kamin, Vice-President

AGENDA TOPICS

1:00 p.m. **1. Roll Call** - Determination of Quorum

2. Pledge of Allegiance

- **3. Approval of Agenda –** At its option, the Board may approve the agenda, delete an item, reorder items and add an item to the agenda per the provisions of Government Code §54954.2.
- 4. Public Comment This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on matters of interest within the Board's jurisdiction that are not listed on the agenda. The Brown Act does not allow any discussion by the Board or staff on matters raised during public comment except; 1) to briefly respond to statements made or questions posed; 2) ask questions for clarification; 3) receive and file the matter; 4) if it is within staff's authority, refer it to them for a reply; or 5) direct that it be placed on a future board agenda for a report or action. Inquiries pertaining to an item on the agenda will be received during deliberation on that agenda item. No action can be taken unless specifically listed on the agenda (Government Code §54954.3)

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items will be voted on together by a single motion unless separate action is requested by a Board Member, staff or member of the audience.

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- 1. Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 1, 2023.
- 2. Approval of Accounts Payables for October 2023.
- 3. Acceptance of Monthly Financial Reports October 2023.

II. SPECIAL REPORTS

- 1. NRCD
- 2. USLRGMA
- 3. Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego
- **4.** Presidents Report

III. <u>ACTION DISCUSSION</u>

1. Acceptance of the Quarterly Project Report from Resource Conservation District of Greater San Digeo

Background: The District entered into a few MOU's with Greater RCD to perform several projects within the District's service area. The Executive Diretor of Greater has provided a quarterly report on these projects.

Recommendation: That, should the Board agree, they approved the report as presented.

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2. <u>Discussion - 2024 NACD Conference Participation and Support.</u>

Lyall

Background: The NACD is holding a Conference in San Diego in February. RCD of Greater San Diego has inquired if there is a grower in our district that has employede conservation practices that would be willing to hold a field trip. Greater has also asked how we might be able to support this acitvity.

Recommendation: Board direction to Staff on USLRRCD's participation in the NACD Conference.

3. NRC3 Regional Conservation Partnership Program Grant and Crop Swap Program— Discussion and Possible Direction

Lyall

Background: Rancho Water District has expanded and modified their Crop Swap Program and has extended it to other agricultural distrivts in San Diego County. There are a few cavets to program participation and an opportunity for the RCD to assist in meeting those cavets. The NRCS' Regional Conservation Partnership Program Grant may be able to help meeting required contribution funds through a grant from this program.

4. Approve Board Meeting Calendar for 2024 Calendar Year.

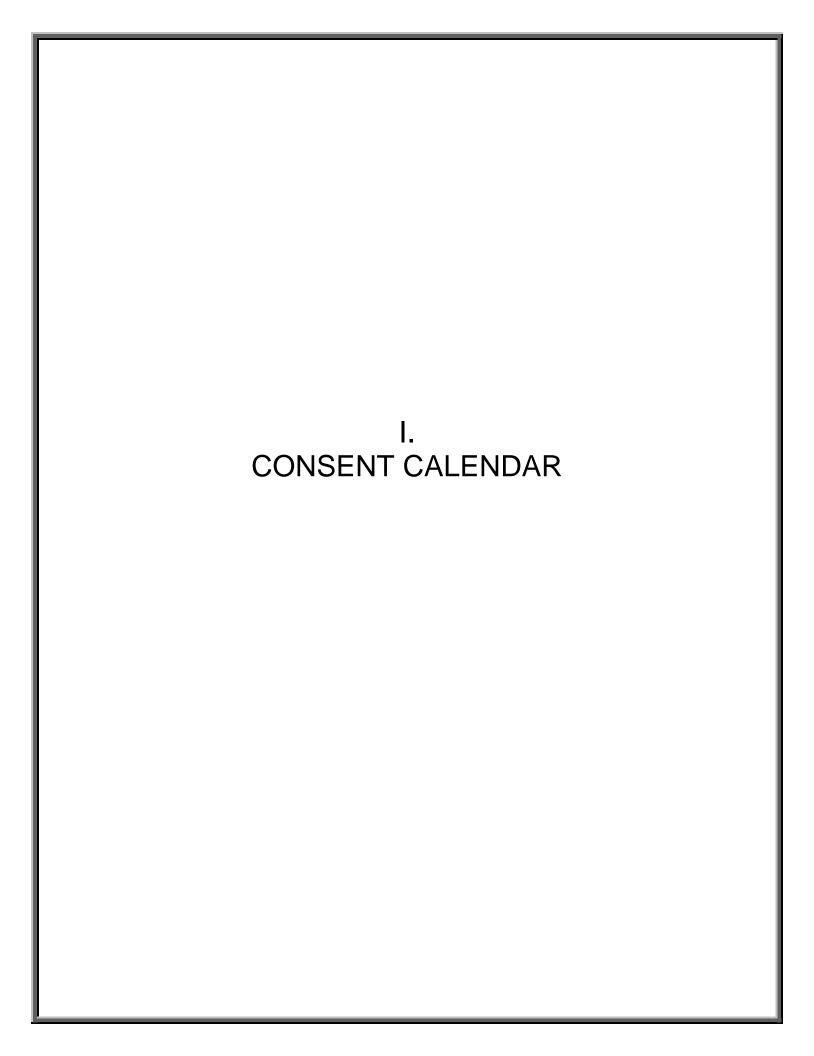
Lyall

Background: The calendar is a look ahead to plan the regular Board meetings of the 2024 calendar year.

V. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

NOTE: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special assistance is needed to participate in the Board meeting, please contact the General Manager at (760) 742-3704 at least 48 hours before the meeting to enable the District to make reasonable accommodations. The meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. The time listed for individual agenda items is an estimate only. Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the members of the Upper San Luis Rey Resource Conservation District Board of Directors regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection during normal business hours in the office of the General Manager located at 34928 Valley Center Road, Pauma Valley.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
UPPER SAN LUIS REY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
October 12, 2023

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Upper San Luis Rey Resource Conservation District was held at the office Yuima Municipal Water District, 34928 Valley Center Road, Pauma Valley, California on Thursday, the 12th day of October 2023.

1. ROLL CALL - DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

President Lyall called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Directors Present:

Andy Lyall, President Greg Kamin, Vice-President Michael Perricone, Director

President Lyall declared that a quorum of the Board was present.

Directors Absent: Amy Reeh, Director

Others Present: Celine Morales - NRCD

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Lyall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Perricone motioned to add Action Discussion Item 2: 3rd Quarter Arroyo Toad Conservation Easement Report to the agenda. The Motion was seconded by Director Lyall. The motion was approved unanimously by the following roll-call vote, to wit:

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AYES: Lyall, Kamin, Perricone

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Reeh

Director Kamin motioned to approve the revised agenda; seconded by Director Lyall. The motion was approved unanimously by the following roll-call vote, to wit:

AYES: Lyall, Kamin, Perricone

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Reeh

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No speaker requests were received and no other indication to speak was offered by members of the public present.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion being offered by Director Kamin seconded by Director Perricone, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 17, 2023; the Accounts Payable for August and September 2023 and the Monthly Financials for August and September 2023 were approved by the following roll-call vote, to wit:

AYES: Lyall, Kamin, Perricone

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Reeh

II. SPECIAL REPORTS

1. NRCS

Celine Morales from NRCS provided a Written report about funding opportunities that and the active practices NRCS is participating in in San Diego County.

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2. USLRGMA

Directors Kamin and Perricone gave a brief summary of the CIMIS Station installation in the basin. GMA is waiting for the determination of GSP and final grant award so that the group can move forward with planned projects.

President Lyall reported on the food shed and irrigated lands meetings that he
attended. He also advised the Board about the hiring of Rachel as the HUB
Coordinator for the joint SoCal Soil & Water Hub project with Mission and
Greater RCD.

III. ACTION/DISCUSSION

1. <u>Approval of Agreement for Recordkeeping and Secretarial Services</u> with Yuima Municipal Water District.

Following a motion by Director Kamin and seconded by Director Perricone, The Agreement for Recordkeeping and Secretarial Services with Yuima MWD was approved by the following roll-call vote to wit:

AYES: Lyall, Kamin, Perricone

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Reeh

2. <u>Acceptance of the 3rd Quarter Arroyo Toad Conservation Easement Report.</u>

Following a motion by Director Perricone and seconded by Director Kamin, the 3rd Quarter Arroyo Toad Conservation Easement Report was approved by the following roll-call vote to wit:

AYES: Lyall, Kamin, Perricone

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Reeh

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IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Next Regular Meeting will be on November 9, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

V. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

There being no	o further business to cor	me before the Bo	pard the meeting
was adjourned at 1:51	o.m.		

	Michael Perricone, Secretary / Treasurer
 Andy Lyall, President	

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UPPER SAN LUIS REY RCD Check Detail

October 2023

Туре	Num	Date	Name	Account	Paid Amount
Bill Pmt	1125	10/04/2023	Tierra Verde Enviro	USLRRCD Arroyo Toad Ch	
Bill	3rd Qt	10/04/2023		Professional Services	-400.00
TOTAL					-400.00
Bill Pmt	2290	10/04/2023	ACWA	USLRRCD General Checkin	
Bill	2024	10/04/2023		Dues and Subscriptions	-683.63
TOTAL					-683.63
Bill Pmt	2291	10/04/2023	Calif Assoc of RCD's	USLRRCD General Checkin	
Bill	1771	08/22/2023		Dues and Subscriptions	-150.00
TOTAL					-150.00
Bill Pmt	2292	10/04/2023	Pauma Valley Wate	USLRRCD General Checkin	
Bill	July/A	08/31/2023		Water	-60.00
TOTAL					-60.00
Bill Pmt	2293	10/04/2023	Rutan & Tucker, LLP	USLRRCD General Checkin	
Bill	968922	08/21/2023		Legal Fees	-3,012.62
TOTAL					-3,012.62
Bill Pmt	2294	10/04/2023	SDTTC	USLRRCD General Checkin	
Bill	760-1	10/04/2023		Property taxes	-202.88
TOTAL					-202.88
Bill Pmt	2295	10/04/2023	U.S. Postal Service	USLRRCD General Checkin	
Bill	Box 921	10/01/2023		Postage and Delivery	-146.00
TOTAL					-146.00
Bill Pmt	2296	10/04/2023	WebMasterDevelo	USLRRCD General Checkin	
Bill	20230	09/20/2023		Web Site	-132.00
TOTAL					-132.00
Bill Pmt	2297	10/04/2023	Yuima Municipal W	USLRRCD General Checkin	
Bill	082023	07/14/2023		Office & Other Admin	-591.11
Bill Bill	092023 072023	08/14/2023 06/14/2023		Office & Other Admin Office & Other Admin	-1,324.30 -591.11
TOTAL					-2,506.52

UPPER SAN LUIS REY RCD A/P Aging Detail As of October 31, 2023

Туре	Date	Num	Name	Due Date	Aging	Open Balance
Current	40/05/0000	074700		4.4/0.4/0.000		40.00
Bill Bill	10/25/2023 10/31/2023	974700 Progre	Rutan & Tucker, LLP Sonnenburg & Co.	11/04/2023 11/10/2023		12.92 1,500.00
Total Current						1,512.92
1 - 30						
Bill Bill	09/21/2023 10/01/2023	971616 102023	Rutan & Tucker, LLP Yuima Municipal Wa	10/01/2023 10/11/2023	30 20	949.91 1,324.30
Total 1 - 30						2,274.21
31 - 60 Total 31 - 60						
61 - 90 Total 61 - 90						
> 90						
General Journa			FEMA			3,010.00
General Journa General Journa		2007 2008	FEMA FEMA			-3,010.00 -3,010.00
General Journa		2009	FEMA			3,010.00
Total > 90						0.00
TOTAL						3,787.13

UPPER SAN LUIS REY RCD Balance Sheet

As of October 31, 2023

	Oct 31, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
PV Country Club Easement CB&T	5,019.74
Restricted Funds	
SD Cty - Rancho Corrido Conserv	4,582.24
SDCCU - Arroyo Toad #5622	150,000.00
USLRRCD Arroyo Toad Chkng-CB&T	7,113.49
Restricted Funds - Other	-23,616.39
Total Restricted Funds	138,079.34
Unrestricted Funds	
RCD Savings #0023048259	30,683.25
SD Cty - USLRRCD	11,009.13
SDCCU - USLRRCD #5524	86,720.15
USLRRCD General Checking - CB&T	69,093.79
Total Unrestricted Funds	197,506.32
Total Checking/Savings	340,605.40
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	10,182.44
Total Accounts Receivable	10,182.44
Other Current Assets	
Pre-paid Insurance	19,418.93
Total Other Current Assets	19,418.93
Total Current Assets	370,206.77
Fixed Assets	
Accumulated Depreciation	-12,015.60
Building	9,184.00
Improvements	4,130.00
Land	1,049.00
USLR RCD Signs	3,364.90
Total Fixed Assets	5,712.30
TOTAL ASSETS	375,919.07
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
FEMA Funds	3,787.13
Total Accounts Payable	3,787.13
Other Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	-60.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	-60.00
Total Current Liabilities	3,727.13
Total Liabilities	3,727.13
Equity Beginning Fun Balance	248.29

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UPPER SAN LUIS REY RCD Balance Sheet

As of October 31, 2023

	Oct 31, 23
Net Position Restricted Pauma Valley Easement Rancho Corrido	4,939.32 155,834.51
Total Restricted	160,773.83
Total Net Position	160,773.83
Retained Earnings Unrestricted Equity Net Income	222,546.92 -2,687.56 -8,689.54
Total Equity	372,191.94
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	375,919.07

UPPER SAN LUIS REY RCD Profit & Loss

July through October 2023

	Jul - Oct 23
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income Conservation Easements	
Rancho Corrido	
Interest	600.06
Total Rancho Corrido	600.06
Total Conservation Easements	600.06
Interest Income	416.73
Rental Income (2)	6,000.00
Taxes Revenue	407.06
Total Income	7,423.85
Expense	
Conservation Eastment Rancho Corrido	
Professional Services	400.00
Total Rancho Corrido	400.00
Total Conservation Eastment	400.00
Dues and Subscriptions	853.58
Office & Other Admin Postage and Delivery	146.00
Taxes	140.00
Property taxes	202.88
Total Taxes	202.88
Office & Other Admin - Other	3,239.71
Total Office & Other Admin	3,588.59
Professional Fees	4.500.00
Accounting Consulting	1,500.00 400.00
Legal Fees	9,179.22
Web Site	132.00
Total Professional Fees	11,211.22
Utilities	
Water	60.00
Total Utilities	60.00
Total Expense	16,113.39
Net Ordinary Income	-8,689.54
Net Income	-8,689.54

UPPER SAN LUIS REY RCD Budget vs. Actual

July through October 2023

	Jul - Oct 23	Budget		\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
Conservation Easements Rancho Corrido					
Interest	600.06	0.00		600.06	100.0%
Total Rancho Corrido	600.06	0.00		600.06	100.0%
Conservation Easements - Other	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.0%
Total Conservation Easements	600.06		0.00	600.06	100.0
Interest Income	416.73		0.00	416.73	100.0
Membership Dues	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.0
Property Tax Reimb from Tenant	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.0
Rental Income (2)	6,000.00		0.00	6,000.00	100.0
Taxes Revenue	407.06		0.00	407.06	100.0
Total Income	7,423.85		0.00	7,423.85	100.09
Expense					
Association Meeting Expense	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.0
Bank Service Charges	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.0
Conservation Eastment Rancho Corrido					
Professional Services	400.00	0.00		400.00	100.0%
Total Rancho Corrido	400.00	0.00		400.00	100.0%
Total Conservation Eastment	400.00		0.00	400.00	100.09
Dues and Subscriptions	853.58		0.00	853.58	100.0
Insurance					
Liability Insurance		0.00	_	0.00	0.0%
Total Insurance	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.09
Office & Other Admin					
Postage and Delivery	146.00				
Taxes Property taxes	202.88	0.00		202.88	100.0%
Total Taxes	202.88	0.00	_	202.88	100.0%
Office & Other Admin - Other	3,239.71				
Total Office & Other Admin	3,588.59		0.00	3,588.59	100.0
Professional Fees					
Accounting	1,500.00				
Consulting	400.00	0.00		400.00	100.0%
Legal Fees	9,179.22	0.00		9,179.22	100.0%
Web Site	132.00				
Professional Fees - Other	0.00	0.00	_	0.00	0.0%
Total Professional Fees	11,211.22		0.00	11,211.22	100.09
Utilities					
Water	60.00	0.00	_	60.00	100.0%
Total Utilities	60.00		0.00	60.00	100.0
Total Expense	16,113.39		0.00	16,113.39	100.0
Net Ordinary Income	-8,689.54		0.00	-8,689.54	100.09

UPPER SAN LUIS REY RCD Profit & Loss Budget Overview July 2019 through June 2020

	Jul '19 - Jun 20
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income Conservation Easements	
Pauma Valley Country Club Easem Rancho Corrido	2,510.48
Interest	2,850.00
Total Rancho Corrido	2,850.00
Total Conservation Easements	5,360.48
Interest Income Misc. Other Miscellaneous Income Property Tax Reimb from Tenant Rental Income (2) Taxes Revenue	1,700.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 18,000.00 8,900.00
Total Income	33,960.48
Expense Admin. Bank Service Charges Conservation Eastment Pauma Valley Country Club	0.00 48.00
Professional Services	2,510.00
Total Pauma Valley Country Club	2,510.00
Rancho Corrido	2,850.00
Total Conservation Eastment	5,360.00
Depreciation Expense Dues and Subscriptions Education Grant Expenses Insurance	781.60 1,032.10 1,200.00 12,000.00 2,118.00
Office & Other Admin Miscellaneous Mtg. Expense Office Supplies Postage and Delivery Taxes Property taxes	54.00 0.00 0.00 0.00
Total Taxes	390.15
Total Office & Other Admin	444.15
Professional Fees Accounting Web Site Yuima Municipal Water Facilitie Professional Fees - Other	2,300.00 0.00 0.00 4,461.36
Total Professional Fees	6,761.36
Program Expense	0.00
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UPPER SAN LUIS REY RCD Profit & Loss Budget Overview July 2019 through June 2020

	Jul '19 - Jun 20
Utilities Telephone	532.16
Water	420.00
Total Utilities	952.16
Total Expense	30,697.37
Net Ordinary Income	3,263.11
Net Income	3,263.11

UPPER SAN LUIS REY RCD Check Detail

October 2023

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TOTAL					-400.00
Bill Pmt	2290	10/04/2023	ACWA	USLRRCD General Checkin	
Bill	2024	10/04/2023		Dues and Subscriptions	-683.63
TOTAL					-683.63
Bill Pmt	2291	10/04/2023	Calif Assoc of RCD's	USLRRCD General Checkin	
Bill	1771	08/22/2023		Dues and Subscriptions	-150.00
TOTAL					-150.00
Bill Pmt	2292	10/04/2023	Pauma Valley Wate	USLRRCD General Checkin	
Bill	July/A	08/31/2023		Water	-60.00
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Bill	968922	08/21/2023		Legal Fees	-3,012.62
TOTAL					-3,012.62
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Bill	760-1	10/04/2023		Property taxes	-202.88
TOTAL					-202.88
Bill Pmt	2295	10/04/2023	U.S. Postal Service	USLRRCD General Checkin	
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TOTAL					-146.00
Bill Pmt	2296	10/04/2023	WebMasterDevelo	USLRRCD General Checkin	
Bill	20230	09/20/2023		Web Site	-132.00
TOTAL					-132.00
Bill Pmt	2297	10/04/2023	Yuima Municipal W	USLRRCD General Checkin	
Bill	082023	07/14/2023		Office & Other Admin	-591.11
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TOTAL					-2,506.52

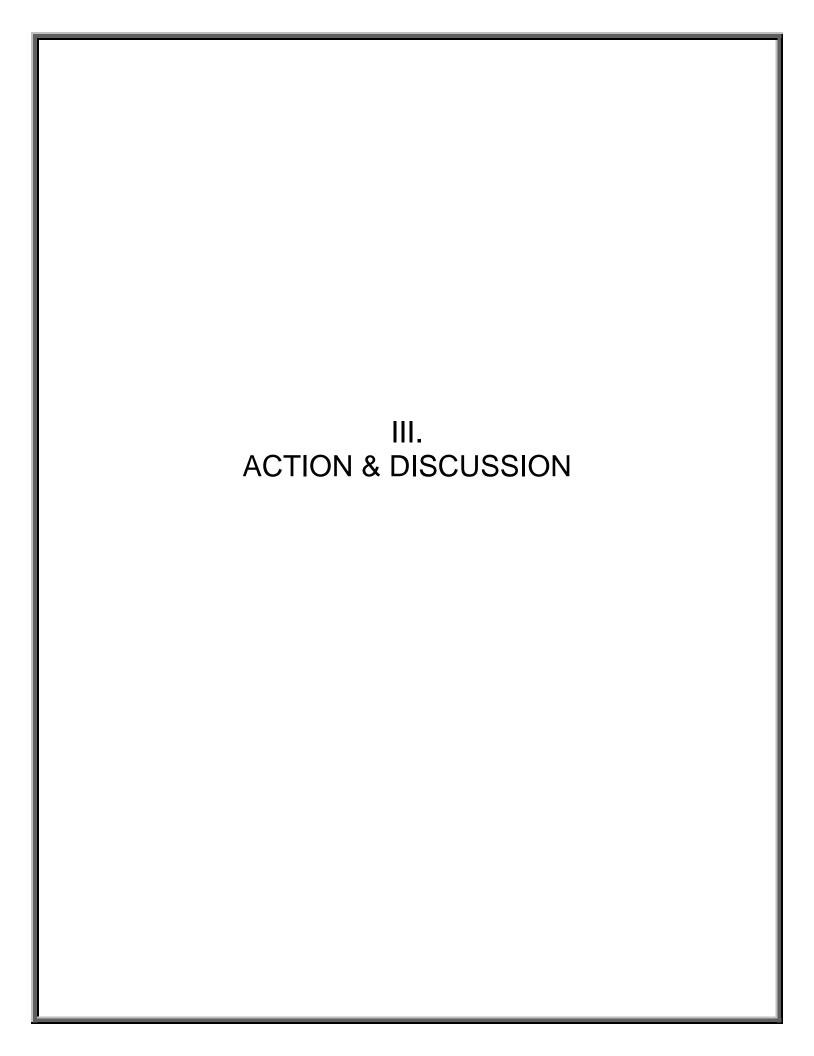
UPPER SAN LUIS REY RCD Deposit Detail October 2023

Туре	Num	Date	Name	Account	Amount
Deposit		10/02/2023		SD Cty - Rancho C	2.42
				Interest Income	-2.42
TOTAL					-2.42
Deposit		10/23/2023		SD Cty - Rancho C	3.30
				Interest Income	-3.30
TOTAL					-3.30
Deposit		10/23/2023	Deposit	SD Cty - USLRRCD	126.97
				Taxes Revenue	-126.97
ΓΟΤΑL					-126.97
Deposit		10/02/2023	Deposit	SD Cty - USLRRCD	5.04
				Interest Income	-5.04
ΓΟΤΑL					-5.04
Deposit		10/23/2023	Deposit	SD Cty - USLRRCD	7.74
				Interest Income	-7.74
TOTAL					-7.74
Deposit		10/05/2023	Deposit	USLRRCD General	4,500.00
				Rental Income (2)	-4,500.00
TOTAL					-4,500.00

UPPER SAN LUIS REY RCD Trial Balance

As of October 31, 2023

	Oct 31, 23		
	Debit	Credit	
PV Country Club Easement CB&T	5,019.74		
Restricted Funds		23,616.39	
Restricted Funds:RCD Arroyo Toad Chkg 0020095482	0.00		
Restricted Funds:SD Cty - Rancho Corrido Conserv	4,582.24		
Restricted Funds:SDCCU - Arroyo Toad #5622	150,000.00		
Restricted Funds:USLRRCD Arroyo Toad Chkng-CB&T	7,113.49		
Restricted Funds:USLRRCD Arroyo Toad Svngs-CB&T	0.00		
Union CD/Rancho Corrido Arroyo	0.00		
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Unrestricted Funds:PV Country Club Eas #0051167823	0.00		
Unrestricted Funds:RCD Checking #0810466545	0.00		
Unrestricted Funds:RCD Savings #0023048259	30,683.25		
Unrestricted Funds:SD Cty - USLRRCD	11,009.13		
Unrestricted Funds:SDCCU - USLRRCD #5524	86,720.15		
Unrestricted Funds: USLRRCD General Checking - CB&T	69,093.79		
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Unrestricted Funds:USLRRCD General Savings - CB&T	0.00		
Accounts Receivable	10,182.44		
Accounts Receivable:State Control	0.00		
Pala-Temecula Grade Grant	0.00		
Pre-paid Insurance	19,418.93		
Undeposited Funds	0.00		
Accounts Receivable - Rent	0.00		
Accumulated Depreciation		12,015.60	
Building	9,184.00		
Improvements	4,130.00		
Land	1,049.00		
Property Tax Receivable	0.00		
USLR RCD Signs	3,364.90		
Other Assets	0.00		
	0.00		
Upper San Luis Rey RCD .	0.00	0.707.40	
FEMA Funds	00.00	3,787.13	
Accounts Payable	60.00		
Accrued property taxes due	0.00		
County Treasury	0.00		
Lilac Rd. Clean Up	0.00		
Pala-Temecula Grade Cleanup Gra	0.00		
Rancho Corrido Payable	0.00		
Rincon Ranch clean up	0.00		
Beginning Fun Balance		248.29	
Net Position	0.00		
Net Position:Restricted:Pauma Valley Easement		4,939.32	
Net Position:Restricted:Rancho Corrido		155,834.51	
Opening Bal Equity	0.00	,	
Retained Earnings	0.00	222,546.92	
Unrestricted Equity	2,687.56	222,040.02	
Conservation Easements:Rancho Corrido:Interest	2,007.30	600.06	
Interest Income		416.73	
Rental Income (2)		6,000.00	
Taxes Revenue		407.06	
Conservation Eastment:Rancho Corrido:Professional Services	400.00		
Dues and Subscriptions	853.58		
Office & Other Admin	3,239.71		
Office & Other Admin:Postage and Delivery	146.00		
Office & Other Admin:Taxes:Property taxes	202.88		
Professional Fees:Accounting	1,500.00		
Professional Fees:Consulting	400.00		
Professional Fees:Legal Fees	9,179.22		
Professional Fees: Web Site	132.00		
Utilities:Water			
Ounties. water	60.00		
OTAL	430,412.01	430,412.01	
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Report on activity and accomplishments in Upper San Luis RCD boundary: 7/1/2023 - 9/30/2023

The RCD of Greater San Diego County and Upper San Luis Rey RCD currently hold three MOUs which allow RCDGSDC to offer programs and services within the USLRRCD boundary. A report on recent activities and accomplishments follows.

Agricultural Services: MOU (2022) to offer agricultural services within the USLRRCD boundary, including irrigation efficiency assessments, pump test rebates, soil testing, and conduct education and outreach with farmers and ranchers.

Irrigation evaluations and services were conducted at the following properties:

• Ranny's Grove, Pala

Other agricultural technical assistance:

- Provided Healthy Soils technical assistance / project support to Papaw's Organic in Valley Center
- Met with partners on Conservation Planning grant and began outreach to producers who requested carbon farm plans including Papaw's Organic (USLR)

Collaborative agricultural work:

 SoCal Soil and Water Hub: Rachel Pettit was hired as Hub Coordinator and started work on October 1, 2023. RCDGSDC led the recruitment process with support from Hub members. Darcy Cook (Mission), Nancy Noriega (Inland Empire), and Joel Kramer participated in the first round of interviews with the seven top applicants, and Mandy Parke (Inland Empire), Patricia Hickey (Carbon Cycle Institute), and Ann Baldridge (Greater SD County) participated in the second round of interviews with the top three candidates. Rachel will be making arrangements to meet with all RCDs in the Hub.

Pollinator Programs: Addendum 1 to the Pollinator Programs MOU was executed in April 2023. This allows RCDGSDC to provide site assessments and pollinator habitat implementation on working and public lands within the RCDGSDC and USLRRCD boundaries. Funding for these services is available through grants from a CARCD Block grant from the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) and CDFA's Pollinator Habitat Program. No activities have taken place in USLR boundaries as of October 26, 2023.



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Fire Prevention and Forest Health: Original MOU (2019) and first, second, and third addendums to implement projects within the USLRRCD service area including a CAL FIRE Forest Health grant in the Palomar Mountain area; supporting Gold Spotted Oak Borer mitigation and forest health demonstration projects on private, public, and tribal lands; and to provide no-cost chipping, defensible space assistance, and education to the general public.

Saving San Diego's Last Mixed Conifer Forest Project:

- The project continues to progress. Contractors are currently finishing work on Pauma, Palomar Land & Cattle, and Forest Service property at Jeff Valley.
- RCDGSDC is working with the Palomar Collaborative to put together an application for a
 Community Wildfire Defense Grant that aims to address many of the items identified in
 the Palomar Mountain CWPP. The application deadline is October 31. This project is in
 collaboration with the Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council. Stan Hill at RCDGSDC has
 done extensive community outreach to gather support for the project.

Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program (RFFC):

- The Treeculture group has completed their surveying and understory silvicultural treatment project at the Nate Harrison Serenity Ranch property. Staff from RCDGSDC visited the project site in June to discuss potential next steps / additional for this project. No further funding has yet been identified.
- We continue to meet with our SoCal Collaborative group, and are planning an RFFC SoCal Convening in Riverside on September 13. Representatives from USLRRCD are very welcome to attend.
- Participating in the planning committee for the September Oak Woodlands Forest Gathering Event at La Jolla Indian Reservation.
- Hosted a booth at the Intertribal Earth Day Event hosted at La Jolla Campground in partnership with 8 local Tribes. 39 groups hosted booths to share environmental information with the 458 attendees.

Homeowner Assistance:

• With funding from SDGE, we continued to offer our no-cost defensible space assistance programs county-wide through September 30, but these programs are currently on pause as we prepare to roll out a new pilot Home Assessment Program (HAP). The pilot will be funded by a \$500,000 grant from the CA Fire Safe Council and will begin on January 1, 2024. Through the HAP, participants first receive a home assessment visit from RCD staff to discuss wildfire risks and concerns, then they will receive a list of resources, and where relevant, referrals to programs such as the Defensible Space Assistance Program and/or community chipping.

General Forest & Fire Prevention Work:

• Hosted a booth at the La Jolla Reservation Earth Day event.



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Participated in an oak tree planting event at La Jolla Reservation Campground. <u>Here is a blog post</u> about it.

- Working on developing an access/egress/roadside brushing project in several communities across the County, including Engineers Road within the USLR area.
- Held the <u>Oak Woodlands Forest Gathering</u> event with the Water Solutions Network and team from La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians Oct 17-21. 100+ guests consisted of regional land managers, statewide representatives, and local indigenous community members.
- Communicating with a group in Ranchita who is interested in forming a community Fire Safe Council.

Upcoming Events:

• <u>Southern Montane Forests Conservation Strategy Workshop</u> - November 6, Santa Ysabel Nature Center, 10:30 – 4:30. You are very welcome to join the workshop! For San Diego County, there are montane forests at Palomar and Mt Laguna.



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Upper San Luis Rey Resource Conservation District Board Meeting Calendar

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34928 Valley Center Road Pauma Valley, CA 92061

Office Hours: 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday- Thursday

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