

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2026, 9:00 AM
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER
BOARD CHAMBER, ROOM 310
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

A. REGULAR SESSION: Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

PRESENT: Directors Monica Montgomery Steppe, Vice-Chair; Paloma Aguirre, Chair Pro Tem; Joel Anderson; Jim Desmond; also, Ryan Sharp, Assistant Clerk of the Board of Directors.

Director Terra Lawson Remer, Chair, participated remotely under Section 54953(c) of the Brown Act.

B. Non-Agenda Public Communication: Opportunity for individuals to speak to the Board on any subject matter within the Board's jurisdiction but not an item on the agenda. In accordance with the Board's Rules of Procedure, individuals may only speak at one Non-Agenda Public Communication session per meeting. The speaker may select which session (General Legislative or Land Use Legislative Session) to address the Board for Non-Agenda Public Communication at their convenience.

C. Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the meeting of June 10, 2026

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Director Aguirre, seconded by Director Anderson, the Board of Directors of the County of San Diego Flood Control District approved the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes the meeting of June 10, 2026.

AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

Agenda Items

Agenda #	Subject
1.	ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM: SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE: ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO DELEGATE SIGNATORY AUTHORITIES FOR ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENTS AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION
2.	GENERAL SERVICES - ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO SUMMARILY VACATE FLOWAGE EASEMENTS IN THE CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON COMMUNITY PLAN AREA AND CEQA FINDING (VACATION NO. 2026-0029)

3. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:
PUBLIC HEARING TO CONFIRM FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 LEVIES FOR
PERMANENT ROAD DIVISION ZONES, COUNTY SERVICE AREAS AND
ZONES, SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ZONES, AND
STORMWATER MAINTENANCE ZONES AND RELATED CEQA FINDING

(RELATES TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEM 08 AND SAN DIEGO
COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ITEM FP01)

1. **SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:
ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO DELEGATE SIGNATORY
AUTHORITIES FOR ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENTS AND
RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On June 10, 2026(FL01) the Board of Directors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on June 24, 2026.

The San Diego County Flood Control District (District) owns and maintains real property across the unincorporated areas of the County. The San Diego County Board of Supervisors acts as the Board of Directors for the District. The District also works with the City of Chula Vista and National City to maintain part of the Sweetwater River Channel for flood control and protection. District real property includes land; structures such as linear storm drain pipes and channels; and other real property interests, including drainage and flowage easements. These easements can extend for hundreds of feet through developed areas. They may support underground pipes, open channels, and other flood control facilities, and often include surrounding areas that are only occasionally needed for access or maintenance. In some cases, easements simply provide open space for surface water drainage. When appropriate, District property can also be used productively by other property owners, utilities, and organizations, as long as that use does not interfere with the drainage purposes for which the District acquired the property.

A current section of the San Diego County Flood Control District Act (The Act) authorizes the District's Board of Directors (Board) to permit the use of District property when the Board determines that the use serves the public interest and does not interfere with the purposes for which the property was originally acquired. The Act grants the Board broad authority to carry out its responsibilities, including adopting ordinances and resolutions. These ordinances may be enacted using the same procedures the County of San Diego follows to enact its ordinances. When the District has not taken specific action on a matter, the authorities and procedures that apply to the County generally apply to the District. Through taking this action, the Board provides a standardized process with clear, uniform application by delegating authority to Director of Public Works, County of San Diego, or designees on routine encroachment permits.

Today's request is to adopt an ordinance that allows for the use of District real property through an encroachment permit. The permit will contain provisions that specify the use right is a revocable license and requires such things as defense and indemnity from the permittee. Allowing use of District property under these conditions is in the public interest because it allows for the more productive use of unneeded District property interests in an expedient manner that will not jeopardize the purposes for which the property was obtained. These requirements are consistent with the terms imposed by the County for the issuance of encroachments permits into County highways. The ordinance delegates authority to the Director of Public Works, County of San Diego, or designees, acting on behalf of the District, to issue and condition the permits, collect a deposit for the issuance of the permits, and to enforce the permit requirements.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Adopt the following Ordinance (second reading):

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ENCROACHMENT PERMIT PROCESS BY WHICH USE OF DISTRICT REAL PROPERTY MAY BE ALLOWED.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Authorizing signatory authority promotes equity by ensuring that all residents and businesses have a standardized and transparent process to obtain encroachment agreements with uniform application fees. It also limits the financial burden on applicants who would otherwise have to seek more costly avenues to obtain the permits/licenses.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed action has social, health and well-being, and environmental sustainability benefits. This action will contribute to the County sustainability goal of protecting the health and well-being of everyone in the region by regulating how private and public entities use the District’s flowage and drainage easements.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Director Desmond, seconded by Director Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Directors of the County of San Diego Flood Control District took action as recommended, on Consent, and adopted Ordinance 11011 (N.S.) entitled: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ENCROACHMENT PERMIT PROCESS BY WHICH USE OF DISTRICT REAL PROPERTY MAY BE ALLOWED.

AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

- 2. **SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO SUMMARILY VACATE FLOWAGE EASEMENTS IN THE CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON COMMUNITY PLAN AREA AND CEQA FINDING (VACATION NO. 2026-0029) (DISTRICT: 2)**

OVERVIEW

The Real Estate Division of the Department of General Services (DGS) is processing a request from the Sycuan Band of Kumeyaay Nation, the owner (applicant) of Assessor’s Parcel Numbers 516-030-23, 516-020-19, 516-020-22, 516-020-23, 516-010-53, 516-011-14, 516-011-21, 516-021-08, 516-021-09, 561-021-10, 513-110-14, 513-110-16, 516-030-18, 516-030-19, and 516-30-20 to summarily vacate portions of public services easements for the flowage of water

that encumber portions of these properties located south and east of Dehesa Road in the vicinity of Sloan Canyon Road in the unincorporated area of Dehesa. The properties are within the Crest-Dehesa-Granite Hills- Harbison Canyon Community Plan Area. A summary vacation is a streamlined process by which an excess public road right-of-way, or a public service easement is abandoned. It may be requested by the San Diego County Flood Control District (District) or the public if the easement interests are found to be excess to District needs and are not required for the purposes for which they were obtained.

The County of San Diego, Department of Public Works (DPW) operates and manages the District. DPW staff have determined the portions of the flowage easements proposed for vacation are excess and no longer needed for present or future public use. Historically, the District obtained flowage easements as a way of delineating areas of increased flood risk. The areas subject to the District's flowage easements have since been formally mapped and identified on Federal Emergency Management Agency 100-year floodplain maps. These maps are developed using engineering analysis and better reflect the flood risk than the flowage easements. Additionally, the flowage easements are located on land that has been taken into trust by the federal government for the benefit of the Sycuan Band of Kumeyaay Nation, and is now subject to Tribal jurisdiction.

Today's request is for the Board of Directors to adopt a resolution to summarily vacate these excess portions of flowage easements and associated recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find the proposed vacation is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3).
2. Adopt a Resolution entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO SUMMARILY VACATE FLOWAGE EASEMENTS IN THE CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON COMMUNITY PLAN AREA AND CEQA FINDING (VACATION NO. 2026-0029).
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to record the Resolution for Vacation No. 2026-0029 pursuant to Streets and Highways Code section 8336.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The resolution to partially remove an encumbrance from private land that is no longer needed for public purposes will provide an overall public benefit and improve the use of the land made available by the vacation. The existing Federal Emergency Management Agency 100-year floodplain mapping better reflects the current conditions and allow for more effective floodplain management of the land uses in this area that are subject to a 100-year flood event.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed action to summarily vacate portions of flowage easements contributes to the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal No. 1 to engage the community to partner and participate in decisions that impact their lives and communities, and Goal No. 2 to provide just and equitable access to develop their land. This action will impact the property owner directly by providing improved use of the property by unencumbering a portion of their property without eliminating the flood warning benefit of the easements which are now provided by more detailed Federal Emergency Management Agency floodplain maps.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan in the Department of General Services. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$6,500 to process the proposed vacation. The funding source is a deposit from the applicant. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Director Desmond, seconded by Director Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Directors of the County of San Diego Flood Control District took action as recommended, on Consent, and adopted Resolution No. 26-086 entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO SUMMARILY VACATE FLOWAGE EASEMENTS IN THE CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON COMMUNITY PLAN AREA AND CEQA FINDING (VACATION NO. 2026-0029).

AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

3. **SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:
PUBLIC HEARING TO CONFIRM FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 LEVIES
FOR PERMANENT ROAD DIVISION ZONES, COUNTY SERVICE
AREAS AND ZONES, SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT ZONES, AND STORMWATER MAINTENANCE ZONES
AND RELATED CEQA FINDING (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

An annual public hearing is required to confirm and adopt levies for County of San Diego (County), San Diego County Flood Control District (Flood Control District), and San Diego County Fire Protection District (Fire District) including Permanent Road Division Zones, County Service Areas and Zones, and Flood Control District Stormwater Maintenance Zones. These levies ensure funding for the operation of assessment districts to provide various services for the public throughout the county. Without the adoption of these resolutions, the levies cannot be placed on the tax rolls for FY 2026-27, and the continuity of these services would be reduced, and maintenance could be suspended.

Special districts are created by residents of a community to deliver specialized services that the local county or city does not provide. There are a variety of special districts, and each type is governed under different State laws. The County, Flood Control District, and Fire District use special districts as a funding mechanism to provide services, such as fire protection, flood control protection, private road, landscape maintenance, parks, emergency communication and paramedic services across the unincorporated region and in six cities (Del Mar, Solana Beach, Encinitas, Santee, and portions of Poway and San Diego) in San Diego County. This is a request for the Board of Supervisors acting on behalf of the County and the Fire and Flood Control Districts to adopt resolutions to confirm assessments and special taxes and authorize levies for the 74 special districts administered by the County, the Flood Control District, and the Fire District. Upon adoption, the assessments and special taxes will be placed on the tax roll for FY 2026-27.

These services are primarily funded by property owners through assessments or special taxes that are collected through annual property tax bills, reducing the cost to ratepayers by eliminating the administrative costs from annual billing and payment collection. The method for calculating how much each property owner pays per parcel varies based on the type of district and rules outlined within each ordinance adopted as the districts were formed. The most common method for calculating the rate per parcel is based on a variety of factors, including land use, parcel acreage, or use type (single-family or multi-family). The assessments or special taxes cannot exceed the maximum amount in the adopted ordinance without an additional vote of the community within the district's boundaries. At the time of formation, some of the ordinances included cost escalators, tied to a specific cost index, to allow special districts to increase the maximum rate each year to keep pace with inflation.

The most commonly used cost indices are the Consumer Price Index (CPI) which measures the cost of consumer goods, and the Construction Cost Index (CCI) which measures the cost of construction materials and labor. There are a total of 74 districts included in this Board letter and proposed actions; of these, nine are proposing assessment increases within existing approved maximum amounts using the established rate and methodology.

Staff reviewed each district to determine if revenues were adequate for services or if rates should be increased or decreased based on the budget. Staff determined that the proposed rates for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 are needed to fund services and to ensure compliance with Board Policy B-29, which directs departments to recover full cost for services provided to agencies or individuals outside the County of San Diego organization under grants, contracts, or for which fees may be charged. Rates are imposed in accordance with Articles XIII A-D of the California Constitution (Proposition 218 The Right to Vote on Taxes Act) as amended to date. Under Proposition 218, new or increased assessments or special taxes beyond a previously approved maximum rate cannot be imposed without a vote of the property owners or registered voters.

If the Board of Supervisors, acting on behalf of the County of San Diego and other independent districts, does not adopt the resolutions, the proposed assessments and special taxes cannot be placed on the tax rolls for FY 2026-27. Without the funds generated by assessments and special taxes, services for flood control protection, private road maintenance, parks, and landscape services would be reduced, and maintenance could be suspended. Fund balance would be leveraged as much as possible to fill the gap and maintain existing operations and service levels

for public safety communications systems, structural fire protection, and emergency medical services, which would impact the funding available for working capital. Additionally, without the ability to levy the approved assessments and special taxes, the County and independent districts would be unable to fully recover the costs of providing these services as required under Board Policy B-29, resulting in increased reliance on limited fund balance and reduced compliance with established cost recovery practices.

Permanent Road Division Zones (County District)

Permanent Road Division (PRD) Zones are managed by the County Department of Public Works (DPW) in various unincorporated communities. The amount each parcel is charged is determined by factors such as the type of land use, parcel size, and the number of dwelling units, which is represented by “benefit units.” Benefit units are used to quantify the specific level of benefit each parcel receives from the services. Rates will remain unchanged in 43 of the 49 Permanent Road Division (PRD) Zones. The remaining six PRD’s will see changes (four increases and two decreases). All are within approved maximum limits based on original formation methodologies.

Proposed Increases

1. PRD Zone 106 - Garrison Way: El Cajon unincorporated community (District 2).
2. PRD Zone 130 - Wilkes Road: Valley Center unincorporated community (District 5).
3. PRD Zone 133 - Ranch Creek Road: Valley Center unincorporated community (District 5).
4. PRD Zone 1017 - Kalbaugh/Haley/Toub Streets: Ramona unincorporated community (District 2).

Proposed Decreases

1. PRD Zone 117 - Legend Rock: Hidden Meadows unincorporated community (District 5).
2. PRD Zone 1016 - El Sereno: North County Metro unincorporated community (District 5).

County Services Areas (County District)

There are nine County Services Areas (CSA) funded by assessments that are managed by multiple County departments based on the services provided. CSAs provide maintenance and operations for parks, landscaping, open space management, and emergency medical/paramedic services in multiple unincorporated communities and six incorporated cities (Del Mar, Solana Beach, Encinitas, Santee, and portions of Poway and the City of San Diego). Rates will remain the same in six of the nine CSAs that levy assessments because current revenues can fully fund planned services with three CSA’s being increased by the voter-approved San Diego CPI increase of 3.79%:

1. CSA 83A - San Dieguito Local Parks District is managed by the Department of Parks and Recreation and provides park amenities and services in the unincorporated community of 4S Ranch (District 2).
2. CSA 17 - San Dieguito Emergency Medical Services is managed by San Diego County Fire and provides services to the cities of Del Mar, Solana Beach, Encinitas, and the City of San Diego communities of Del Mar Heights, and Del Mar Terrace, the unincorporated communities of Rancho Santa Fe, 4S Ranch, and a portion of Elfin Forest (Districts 2 & 3).

3. CSA 26 Zone A - Cottonwood Village is managed by DPW and provides open space fire-fuel management and landscape maintenance services in the unincorporated community of Rancho San Diego (District 4).

San Diego County Fire Protection District (Fire District)

There are 12 zones in the San Diego County Fire Protection District funded by assessments or special taxes managed by San Diego County Fire that provide funds to supplement the cost of fire protection and emergency medical services across multiple unincorporated communities. Charged amounts will remain the same in 11 of the 12 zones that levy assessments or special taxes because current revenues are adequate to fully fund services; in addition, there is no voter approved cost price escalator for these 11 zones. One assessment increase within the approved maximum amount using the established maximum rate and methodology is proposed:

1. Fire District - Palomar Mountain provides services within the unincorporated community of Palomar Mountain (District 5).

Flood Control District Stormwater Maintenance Zones (Flood Control District)

There are three Stormwater Maintenance Zones (SMZ) and one CSA funded by assessments managed by the Flood Control District in DPW that provide maintenance of flood control facilities in multiple unincorporated communities. Rates will remain the same in two of the three SMZ's and the one CSA zone that levies assessments because revenues can fully fund planned services with one proposed assessment increase:

1. SMZ No. 4-4249-3-Lake Rancho Viejo is in the unincorporated community of Fallbrook (District 5).

This is a request for the Board of Supervisors acting on behalf of the County and the Fire and Flood Control Districts to adopt resolutions to confirm assessments and special taxes and authorize levies for the 74 special districts administered by the County, the Flood Control District, and the Fire District. Upon adoption, the assessments and special taxes will be placed on the tax roll for FY 2026-27.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Acting as the Board of Directors, San Diego County Flood Control District:

Adopt a Resolution entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF STORMWATER MAINTENANCE ZONES 3-4978-1 BLACKWOLF, 4-4249-3 LAKE RANCHO VIEJO, AND 3-5142-1 PONDEROSA, ADOPTING ASSESSMENTS AND CONFIRMING REPORTS RE: LEVIES TO BE COLLECTED ON THE TAX ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's action continues the County of San Diego's commitment to providing programs and services that enhance our communities. Assessments and special taxes fund services that include fire protection, flood control protection, private road maintenance, landscaping, parks, emergency communication, and paramedic services which improve the health and safety of our local communities.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's action to confirm special district assessments and special taxes supports economic stability, promotes the health and wellbeing of citizens, and provides equitable access to County of San Diego (County) and special district services. Maintaining roads in a timely manner prevents more costly maintenance in the future, contributing to economic sustainability. Fire protection, flood control protection, emergency communication and paramedic services protect the health and wellbeing of citizens and their properties. County parks provide citizens with equitable access to outdoor recreation and nature opportunities. This action will help maintain a strong and resilient community.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed special district revenues are included in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Departments of Public Works (DPW), Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), Sheriff, San Diego County Fire (County Fire), San Diego County Flood Control District (Flood Control District), and the San Diego County Fire Protection District (Fire District). If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue in FY 2026-27 in the amount of \$80,134 for County Fire, \$29,908 for DPR, \$4,709 for the Flood Control District, and \$2,375 for the Fire District. The funding source is assessment or special tax levies on property owners within the identified districts. There will be no change in net General Fund and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

(RELATES TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEM 08 AND SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ITEM FP01)

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Director Desmond, seconded by Director Aguirre, the Board of Directors of the County of San Diego Flood Control District took action as recommended, closed the Hearing, and adopted Resolution No. 26-087 entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF STORMWATER MAINTENANCE ZONES 3-4978-1 BLACKWOLF, 4-4249-3 LAKE RANCHO VIEJO, AND 3-5142-1 PONDEROSA, ADOPTING ASSESSMENTS AND CONFIRMING REPORTS RE: LEVIES TO BE COLLECTED ON THE TAX ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27.

AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

NOT PRESENT: Lawson-Remer

The Board of Directors of the San Diego County Flood Control District recessed at 4:13 p.m.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Directors of the
San Diego County Flood Control District

Notes: Zurita

NOTE: This Statement of Proceedings sets forth all actions taken by the San Diego County Flood Control District on the matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up. Generative artificial intelligence (AI) was utilized to assist in drafting portions of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes using the meeting's audio recording. All content produced through AI assistance underwent human review to ensure accuracy.

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