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# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA**

**Friday, July 27, 2018**

**9 a.m. to 12 noon**

**SANDAG Board Room  
401 B Street, 7th Floor  
San Diego**

## **AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS**

- **2018 TransNet INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**
- **FIRST TransNet TEN-YEAR REVIEW: PROPOSED LOOK-AHEAD IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**
- **TransNet GRANT PROGRAMS**

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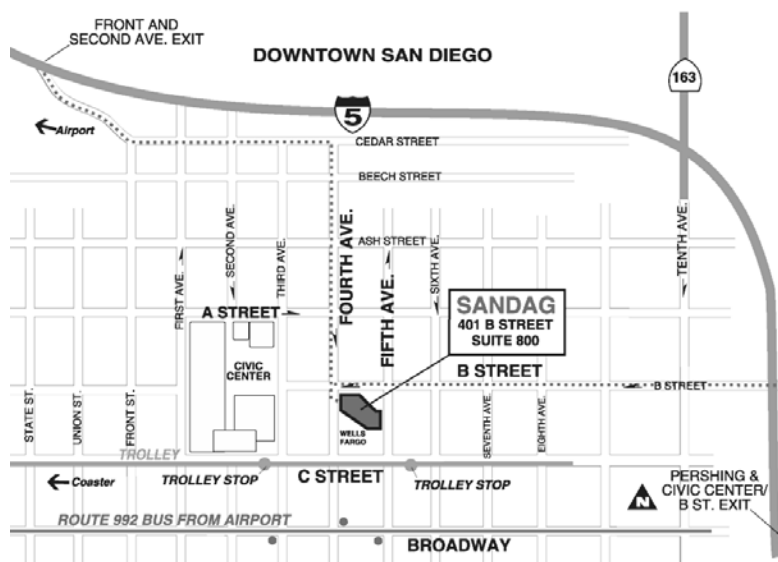
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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Friday, July 27, 2018

ITEM NO.		RECOMMENDATION
+1.	<b>APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES</b>  The Board of Directors is asked to approve the minutes from its June 8, 2018, Board Policy meeting and June 22, 2018, Board Business meeting.	APPROVE
2.	<b>PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS</b>  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. Other public comments will be heard during the items under the heading "Reports." Anyone desiring to speak shall reserve time by completing a "Request to Speak" form and giving it to the Clerk of the Board prior to speaking. Public speakers should notify the Clerk of the Board if they have a handout for distribution to Board members. Public speakers are limited to three minutes or less per person. Board members also may provide information and announcements under this agenda item.	
+3.	<b>ACTIONS FROM POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEES, INCLUDING CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT EXEMPTION FOR THE BAYSHORE BIKEWAY BARRIO LOGAN SEGMENT (Victoria Stackwick)</b>  This item summarizes the actions taken by the Policy Advisory Committees since the last Board Business meeting, including the California Environmental Quality Act exemption for the Bayshore Bikeway Barrio Logan Segment. The Board of Directors is asked to ratify these actions.	APPROVE
<b>CONSENT</b>		
+4.	<b>FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FINAL FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2019-2021 DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM TRIENNIAL GOAL (Elaine Richardson)</b>  The Board of Directors is asked to approve the Final Proposed Triennial Goal for the Federal Transit Administration Overall Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal-Setting Methodology for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019 to FFY 2021.	APPROVE
+5.	<b>PROPOSED FY 2019 PROGRAM BUDGET AMENDMENT: LOS PEÑASQUITOS LAGOON BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (Angela Anderson)</b>  The Transportation Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve an amendment to the FY 2019 Program Budget, adding \$979,267 in federal funds to the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Bridge Replacement Project (Capital Improvement Program Project No. 1145000) for construction capital and support.	APPROVE

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| +6.  | <b>SB 1 STATE OF GOOD REPAIR PROGRAM: NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT PROJECT LIST (Michelle Smith)</b>  | <b>ADOPT</b>       |
|      | The Board of Directors is asked to adopt Resolution No. 2019-05, authorizing the submittal of the North County Transit District project list under the FY 2018-2019 SB 1 State of Good Repair Program.   |                    |
| +7.  | <b>iCOMMUTE FALL CAMPAIGN: RIDESHARE WEEK (Jay Faught)</b>   | <b>ADOPT</b>       |
|      | The Board of Directors is asked to adopt Resolution No. 2019-06, proclaiming October 1-5, 2018, as Rideshare Week, and encouraging employers and commuters throughout the region to share the ride.      |                    |
| +8.  | <b>2018 SAN DIEGO REGIONAL TRIBAL SUMMIT PROCEEDINGS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION (Jane Clough)</b>   | <b>ACCEPT</b>      |
|      | The Board of Directors is asked to accept the 2018 San Diego Regional Tribal Summit Proceedings and Summary of the Roundtable Discussions for consideration in determining future collaborative actions. |                    |
| +9.  | <b>EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (Rachel Nycholat)</b>  | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
|      | In accordance with SANDAG Board Policy No. 007: Equal Employment Opportunity Program, this report summarizes employment results for FY 2018 and reviews goals for the upcoming year.                     |                    |
| +10. | <b>REPORT ON MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED ON BEHALF OF SANDAG (Victoria Stackwick)</b>   | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
|      | Board members will provide brief reports orally or in writing on external meetings and events attended on behalf of SANDAG since the last Board Business meeting.  |                    |
| +11. | <b>REPORT SUMMARIZING DELEGATED ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (André Douzjian)*</b>  | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
|      | In accordance with various SANDAG Board Policies, this report summarizes certain delegated actions taken by the Executive Director since the last Board Business meeting.                                |                    |

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

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| 12. | <b>UPDATE ON SANDAG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECRUITMENT</b>  | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
|     | Chair Sinnott will provide an update on the status of recruitment efforts to fill the SANDAG Executive Director position. |                    |

## REPORTS

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| <b>+13.</b> | <b>2018 <i>TransNet</i> INDEPENDENT TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT (Dustin Fuller, <i>TransNet</i> Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee Chair)*</b>  | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
|             | <p>In accordance with the <i>TransNet</i> Extension Ordinance, Dustin Fuller, <i>TransNet</i> Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) Chair, will present the 2018 ITOC Annual Report, including the results of the annual FY 2017 <i>TransNet</i> Fiscal and Compliance Audit.</p>  |                    |
| <b>+14.</b> | <b>FIRST <i>TransNet</i> TEN-YEAR REVIEW: PROPOSED LOOK-AHEAD IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (Mayor Jim Desmond, Transportation Committee Chair; Ariana zur Nieden)*</b>  | <b>APPROVE</b>     |
|             | <p>The Transportation Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve the proposed Look-Ahead Implementation Plan for the first <i>TransNet</i> Ten-Year Review.</p>  |                    |
| <b>+15.</b> | <b>SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM: EVALUATION CRITERIA AND CALL FOR PROJECTS (Mayor Jim Desmond, Transportation Committee Chair; Audrey Porcella)*</b>   | <b>APPROVE</b>     |
|             | <p>The Transportation Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve the evaluation criteria and release the call for projects for the tenth cycle of the Specialized Transportation Grant Program.</p>  |                    |
| <b>+16.</b> | <b>FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CYCLE 9 <i>TransNet</i> ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM LAND MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM (Mayor Mary Salas, Regional Planning Committee Chair; Sarah Pierce)*</b>   | <b>APPROVE</b>     |
|             | <p>The Regional Planning and Transportation Committees recommend that the Board of Directors approve the proposed funding awards for the Cycle 9 <i>TransNet</i> Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program, and in the event that a selected project is unable to use its awarded funds, authorize staff to offer funding and execute a grant agreement with the next highest ranked project(s).</p>  |                    |
| <b>+17.</b> | <b>FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CYCLE 4 <i>TransNet</i> SMART GROWTH INCENTIVE PROGRAM AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM (Mayor Jim Desmond, Transportation Committee Chair; Carolina Ilic)*</b>  | <b>APPROVE</b>     |
|             | <p>The Transportation and Regional Planning Committees recommend that the Board of Directors: (1) approve the proposed funding awards for the Cycle 4 <i>TransNet</i> Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP) Planning grants, Active Transportation Grant Program Capital grants, and Active Transportation Grant Program Non-Capital grants, including the determination that two of the evaluated SGIP applications were ineligible; (2) adopt Resolution No. 2019-01, approving the use of Transportation Development Act Article 3 Claims funds; and (3) in the event that a selected project is unable to use its awarded funds, authorize staff to offer funding and execute a grant agreement with the next highest ranked project(s).</p> |                    |

- +18. DRAFT 2018 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE DRAFT AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REDETERMINATION (Mayor Jim Desmond, Transportation Committee Chair; Sue Alpert)\*** **ACCEPT**

The Transportation Committee recommends that the Board of Directors accept the draft 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program, including its air quality conformity analysis and the draft air quality conformity redetermination of the Revenue Constrained Regional Plan, for a 30-day public review and comment period.

- +19. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8 (ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS 347-380-09, 347-380-10, 347-380-12 AND 347-380-14) LOCATED WEST AND NORTH OF LA JOLLA COLONY DRIVE AND SOUTH OF CHARMANT DRIVE, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA – PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED FOR THE MID-COAST CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT, AND CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D) (SANDAG V. COLONY LA PAZ CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, SAN DIEGO SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. 37-2016-00030407) (Ryan Kohut)**

The Board of Directors will be briefed on existing eminent domain litigation and negotiations with Colony La Paz Association regarding price and terms of acquiring property interests from the La Paz Condominium Association for the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project.

**20. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENTS**

If the five-speaker limit for public comments was exceeded at the beginning of this agenda, other public comments will be taken at this time. Subjects of previous agenda items may not again be addressed under public comment.

**21. UPCOMING MEETINGS** **INFORMATION**

Please note, the Board Policy meeting scheduled for Friday, August 10, 2018, has been cancelled. A Special Board of Directors meeting will be held on Friday, August 17, 2018, at 9 a.m.

**22. ADJOURNMENT**

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Date: July 27, 2018  
File Number: 1200301  
Memo to: Board of Directors  
From: Kim Kawada, Chief Deputy Executive Director  
Action Requested: Approve  
Subject: **Funding Recommendations for Cycle 9 *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program**

**Overview**

The *TransNet* Extension Ordinance provides funding for a competitive grant program for regional land management to promote regional habitat conservation planning. This is the ninth cycle of funding.

On September 22, 2017, the Board of Directors approved the criteria and released the [call for projects](#) for a total of \$2 million to address land management activities related to: (1) Threat Reduction Stewardship (\$800,000); and (2) Species and Habitat Recovery (\$1,200,000). The application period closed on January 12, 2018. In total, SANDAG received 39 submittals.

This report presents the project rankings and funding recommendations, included as Attachments 1 and 2. The rankings and funding recommendations were presented to the Regional Planning and Transportation Committees on June 1, 2018, for information; to the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee on June 13, 2018, for discussion; and to the Regional Planning and Transportation Committees on July 6, 2018, for recommendation. No changes were recommended by the committees.

Budgetary Impact: Cycle 9 funding is available from the *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program budgeted in the Capital Improvement Program Project No. 1200300 as reflected in the FY 2019 SANDAG Program Budget approved by the Board of Directors in May 2018.

**Next Steps**

Pending approval by the Board of Directors, grant agreements are expected to be executed in fall 2018.

**Recommendation**

The Regional Planning and Transportation Committees recommend that the Board of Directors approve the proposed funding awards for the Cycle 9 *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program, as shown in Attachments 1 and 2, and in the event that a selected project is unable to use its awarded funds, authorize staff to offer funding and execute a grant agreement with the next highest ranked project(s).

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*Staff report and support information attached*

## **Funding Recommendations for Cycle 9 *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program**

### **Introduction**

The *TransNet* Extension Ordinance and Expenditure Plan, approved by the voters in 2004, includes the Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP), which provides funding to mitigate habitat impacts from regional and local transportation projects, and provides funding for regional land management and biological monitoring. The EMP is a unique component of the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance in that it goes beyond traditional mitigation for transportation projects by including a funding allocation for habitat acquisition, management, and monitoring activities to help implement the regional habitat conservation plans.

Each year the Board of Directors allocates \$4 million toward implementation of regional land management and biological monitoring pursuant to a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with state and federal agencies on the implementation of the EMP. Of the \$4 million available each year, a portion of that funding is allocated to the Land Management Grant Program pursuant to the Regional Management and Monitoring Work Plan. A total of \$2 million was allocated to the ninth cycle of land management grants.

A competitive selection process is used to award funding to successful applicants. Eligible applicants include land managers from private nonprofit organizations, local jurisdictions, and other governmental agencies.

### **Discussion**

#### ***Competitive Selection Process***

On September 22, 2017, the Board of Directors approved the release of the Ninth Cycle Call for Projects for the *TransNet* EMP Land Management Grant Program. A total of \$2 million was available to address land management activities related to: (1) Threat Reduction Stewardship (\$800,000); and (2) Species and Habitat Recovery (\$1,200,000). The Board of Directors also approved the evaluation criteria for each of the funding categories.

The Ninth Cycle Call for Projects was issued on October 2, 2017, and closed on January 12, 2018. SANDAG received a total of 39 proposals, requesting a total of \$6,354,400 in grant funding.

At its January 9, 2018, meeting, the EMP Working Group appointed an evaluation committee to independently review and evaluate the land management grant proposals received by SANDAG under the call for projects. The final evaluation committee consisted of EMP Working Group members who were not competing for funds.

On March 13, 2018, the evaluation committee met to review their individual rankings, which were compiled and cumulatively ranked (sum of ranks) for both of the funding categories. The proposals were then collectively discussed regarding merit, shortcomings and conditions, and/or reductions in project funding based upon available funding for this call for projects.

The evaluation committee made recommendations for full or partial funding for projects based upon its discussions and expertise to determine if overall intended goals of project proposals could be achieved. In addition, applicants were available by phone to address any questions regarding their proposals.

### ***Evaluation Ranking Results***

The project rankings are reflected in Attachments 1 and 2. The evaluator's raw scores, individual rankings, and the combined rankings by grant project are available for the [Threat Reduction Stewardship](#) and [Long-Term Species and Habitat Recovery](#).

SANDAG staff conducted an independent review of the evaluation scores as part of the Peer Review Process and confirmed the accuracy of the formulas, calculations, scores, and project rankings. In addition, staff performed a social equity analysis, which showed that the projects proposed for grant funding were distributed such that low-income and minority communities receive an equitable proportion of the benefits.

### ***Funding Recommendations***

For the Threat Reduction Stewardship category, a total of 21 proposals were received, requesting funding for \$1,313,886. The evaluation committee recommended funding for 13 projects totaling \$800,000. The top-ranked projects recommended for funding are highlighted in yellow in Attachment 1.

Prior to recommendation by the Regional Planning and Transportation Committees in July, the City of Chula Vista withdrew its application for the Otay Ranch Burrowing Owl Project due to concerns over the project's proposed location for the creation of owl burrows. As such, the funding that would have been awarded to this No. 2 ranked project now is proposed to be awarded to the City of San Diego's Florida Canyon project (rank No. 14).

For the Species and Habitat Recovery category, a total of 18 proposals were received, requesting funding for \$5,040,515. The evaluation committee recommended funding for six projects totaling \$1,200,000. The top-ranked projects recommended for funding are highlighted in green in Attachment 2.

- Attachments:
1. *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program: Project Rankings and Funding Recommendations for Ninth Cycle of Grant Funding – Short-Term Threat Reduction Stewardship
  2. *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program: Project Rankings and Funding Recommendations for Ninth Cycle of Grant Funding – Long-Term Species and Habitat Recovery

*TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program: Project Rankings and Funding  
Recommendations for Ninth Cycle of Grant Funding Short-Term – Threat Reduction Stewardship

PRJ #	Project Title	Applicant	Project Summary	Requested Grant Amount	Recommended Grant Amount	Sum of Ranks	Overall RANK	Comments
12	Navajo Canyon	City of San Diego	Create, enhance, and expand existing Coastal Cactus Wren (CACW) habitat and reduce the threat of wildfire and invasive plant conversion by replacing areas of invasive flashy fuels with native cactus in City of SD Chollas Radio Canyon and Navajo Canyon Open Spaces.	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	28	1	Fully funded.
30	Otay Ranch Burrowing Owl	City of Chula Vista	Increase the quality of habitat and improve connectivity for the western burrowing owl by installing artificial burrows that would encourage burrowing owls to occupy the Millenia parcel within Otay Ranch Preserve.	\$ 43,957.00	\$ -	40	2	Grant withdrawn.
20	Elfin Forest	The Escondido Creek Conservancy	Eradicate exotic plants that directly threaten the eastern Encinitas baccharis occurrences and eliminate exotic forbs from the rest of the Los Cielos Preserve Complex in order to protect occurrences of Orcutt's brodiaea and Encinitas baccharis.	\$ 79,852.91	\$ 79,852.91	41	3	Fully funded. Treatment of invasive species should be prioritized in areas near sensitive species (Encinitas baccharis and Orcutt's brodiaea).
13	Otay Mesa Open Space	City of San Diego	Create, enhance, and expand existing Coastal Sage scrub (CSS) habitat surrounding the vernal pools complex and western burrowing owl dens to act as a buffer from invasive plant species and to reduce sediment erosion into the vernal pools.	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	41	3	Fully Funded.
5	D Street	Port of San Diego	Assist in management and recovery of two federal and state-listed species, the California least tern and western snowy plover, which occur at the D Street Fill during the avian breeding season. The Port's goal is to "prepare" the site for the 2019 and 2020 nesting seasons by performing management required to maintain it as suitable breeding habitat.	\$ 75,400.00	\$ 75,400.00	44	5	Fully Funded.
3	Cabrillo	National Parks Service	Remove invasive plants, restore social trails with complimentary native plants, and reduce off-trail use with signage, fencing, and education via social media platforms.	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	46	6	Fully Funded.
17	Ramona Grasslands	County of San Diego	Enhance the existing arroyo toad population and increase the potential for a southwestern pond turtle population within the Preserve.	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	47	7	Fully Funded. Coordinate with USGS for methods of bullfrog eradication.
31	Rice Canyon Invasive Removal	City of Chula Vista	Reduce threats to Otay tarplant, San Diego thormmint, and Orcutt's bird beak within Rice Canyon by maintaining and installing new fencing (wire and t post) and signage to direct trail users on authorized trails only.	\$ 36,500.00	\$ 36,500.00	49	8	Fully Funded.

**TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program: Project Rankings and Funding  
Recommendations for Ninth Cycle of Grant Funding Short-Term – Threat Reduction Stewardship**

PRJ #	Project Title	Applicant	Project Summary	Requested Grant Amount	Recommended Grant Amount	Sum of Ranks	Overall RANK	Comments
24	Wright's Field	Back County Land Trust	Development and implementation of a Recreation Management Plan (Plan) for the Wright's Field MSCP Preserve in Alpine. The implementation of this Plan will include trail decommissioning and rerouting, interpretive signage, and a 58 acre fire-fuel reduction / weed control program.	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 61,000.00	56	9	Fully Funded.
35	Boulder Creek	San Diego River Park Foundation	Increase the suitability of roosting habitat for Townsend's big-eared bat by installing a gate at the entrance of a mine and controlling the existing erosion threat.	\$ 47,326.46	\$ 47,326.46	57	10	Fully funded. Field Assessment must include evaluation of constructing other structures on site. Coordinate with Forest Service during project duration on joint management of mines in areas.
23	Rare Plants 2	The Chaparral Lands Conservancy	Seed bulking for Orcutt's spineflower, short-leaved dudleya, and Orcutt's brodiaea; supplementation of existing plant populations; and control invasive plants.	\$ 79,998.00	\$ 79,998.00	66	11	Fully Funded.
6	Silverwood-Anstine	San Diego Audubon Society	Survey the Silverwood Reserve property lines currently affected and install approximately 1,100 feet of non-barbed wire fencing. In addition 255 feet of lodge pole wood fencing will be installed at the Anstine Preserve.	\$ 34,311.00	\$ 34,311.00	70	12	Fully Funded.
32	Veldt Grass 2	San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy	Begin Phase 1 eradication perennial veldt grass (Ehrharta calycina) in the newly acquired Lake Property, adjacent to San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve.	\$ 77,571.24	\$ 76,654.63	91	13	Fully funded less approximately \$916.
37	Florida Canyon	City of San Diego	Preserve native species, control invasive species, re-establish native vegetation and habitat, control erosion, establish a designated trail system, fence sensitive areas, and install signage in three sites within Florida Canyon.	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 43,957.00	96	14	Partial award. Revised scope of work and budget will be submitted to SANDAG staff.
22	Sticky Dudleya	The Escondido Creek Conservancy	Eradicate exotic forbs within five feet of individual Dudleya viscida plants and establish a 250-foot buffer zone (~4 acres) around the population where all large flammable exotic plants are removed (Eucalyptus, palm, Arundo).	\$ 79,890.25	\$ -	99	15	Funding Not available
38	Nesting Sites	Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation	Create a sustainable habitat on a site that has high potential to support a vibrant native plant and bird.	\$ 46,450.00	\$ -	104	16	Funding Not available
25	Pallid Bat 2	Living Coast Discovery Center	Conduct surveys to determine bat species composition on and around the Sweetwater Marsh Unit of the San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Bat boxes will be installed throughout the Living Coast Discovery Center's property and the habitat threat reduction and management plan will be implemented.	\$ 11,715.00	\$ -	106	17	Funding Not available
10	Channel to El Monte	Lakeside's River Park Conservancy	Remove homeless camps and patrol the San Diego River from Channel Road to El Monte Valley.	\$ 79,981.00	\$ -	115	18	Funding Not available
8	Otay Burrowing Owl	Otay Water District	Reconstruct existing burrows for western burrowing owl with the most current design to maximize fledgling success and remove of invasive plants around burrows.	\$ 55,868.00	\$ -	118	19	Funding Not available

*TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program: Project Rankings and Funding  
Recommendations for Ninth Cycle of Grant Funding Short-Term – Threat Reduction Stewardship

PRJ #	Project Title	Applicant	Project Summary	Requested Grant Amount	Recommended Grant Amount	Sum of Ranks	Overall RANK	Comments
34	Upper Otay Lakes	River Partners	Weed management, tamarisk removal, willow and mulefat plantings to expand the riparian corridors in the 71-acre project site.	\$ 79,065.00	\$ -	123	20	Funding Not available
11	Chollas Creek	Jacob's Center for Neighborhood Innovation	Control invasive plants and remove trash within two sections of the Chollas Creek (Pueblo) Watershed located on JCNI-owned property in Southeastern San Diego.	\$ 80,000.00	\$ -	126	21	Funding Not available
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 1,313,885.86</b>	<b>\$ 800,000.00</b>			

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19	Invasive Species Management	Mission Resource Conservation District	The Santa Margarita and San Luis Rey Watersheds are now over 98% free of <i>Arundo donax</i> . This project will continue re-treatments to allow the program to reach its goal of eradication.	\$ 379,500.00	\$ 379,500.00	\$ 379,500.00	8	1	Fully funded.
14	San Pasqual Cactus Wren	City of San Diego	Enhance and restore an additional 100 acres of habitat for the endangered Coastal cactus wren along the north side of San Pasqual Valley.	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 53,333.00	34	2	Partial award. Funding not available for task 3 (trail remediation). Planted cactus density must be a minimum of approximately 200-300 cacti per acre. Grantee must work with SD MMP staff to determine the appropriate density of rooted plants/ cactus pads for the specific planting sites. Revised scope of work must specify the total number of cactus that will be planted and how many acres of cactus scrub will be restored. Revised scope of work will be submitted to SANDAG staff.
2	Lower Otay Reservoir	City of San Diego	Expand existing coastal cactus wren territory from Salt Creek Preserve towards the Sweetwater population. This project would add to the connectivity work done by other regional stakeholders to increase coastal cactus wren genetic diversity.	\$ 336,742.00	\$ 243,142.00	\$ 69,158.00	45	3	Partial award. Funding not available for task 2 (eucalyptus control). Planted cactus density must be a minimum of approximately 200-300 cacti per acre. Grantee must work with SD MMP staff to determine the appropriate density of rooted plants/ cactus pads for the specific planting sites. Revised scope of work will be submitted to SANDAG staff.
27	Burrowing Owl	San Diego Zoo Global	Support the establishment of a new breeding node at Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve with supplemental releases of burrowing owl from an existing conservation breeding program.	\$ 83,584.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 19,147.00	48	4	Partial award. Funding provided for years 1 and 2 of proposal. ICR to determine how to allocate funds between proposed tasks. Revised scope of work and timeline will be submitted to SANDAG staff.
7	Mission Bay Park	San Diego Audubon Society	Create resilient, self sustaining California Least tern and Nuttall's acmispson populations in Mission Bay through ecosystem based management and predator control community science.	\$ 325,891.02	\$ 195,333.00	\$ 93,543.00	49	5	Partial award. Funding will be provided for first three years of work. The goal for vegetation cover at nesting sites should be 20%. Some Nuttall's acmispson plants should be moved from the nesting areas to other sites to ensure that habitat quality remains suitable for California least tern. Revised scope of work and timeline will be submitted to SANDAG staff.
26	Stinknet Removal	San Diego Zoo Global	Manage an entrenched <i>Oncosiphon piluliferum</i> (stinknet) infestation at the Safari Park Biodiversity Reserve for the benefit of the large extant nesting population of coastal cactus wrens and other sensitive species on the property.	\$ 505,098.00	\$ 132,025.00	\$ 132,263.00	51	6	Partial award. Funding awarded for task 1 (stinknet removal) only. Work should take place over 3-4 year timeframe. Revised scope of work and timeline will be submitted to SANDAG staff.
36	Nuttall's Acemispson Resilience	Los Penasquitos Lagoon Foundation	Protect and enhance Nuttall's acemispson populations at existing locations with the opportunity to expand the overall populations in locations determined as suitable habitat for this species.	\$ 155,000.00	\$ -		54	7	Funding not available.
21	Rancho Jamul	The Chaparral Lands Conservancy	Project planning, design, permitting, and implementation of work to restore 5.6 acres of vernal pools, native grasslands, chaparral and dependent sensitive species in Proctor Valley.	\$ 399,964.00	\$ -	\$ -	56	8	Funding not available.
29	Rice Canyon Thornmint	City of Chula Vista	Improve and expand areas occupied by the San Diego thornmint within Rice Canyon through habitat maintenance and enhancement.	\$ 139,656.00	\$ -	\$ -	64	9	Funding not available.
39	Nuttall's Acemispson Management	San Diego River Park Foundation	Maintain and enhance existing occurrences of Nuttall's acemispson and establish a program for annual inspection of occurrences at the project site.	\$ 350,275.00	\$ -	\$ -	67	10	Funding not available.

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18	Hanson Pond	Endangered Habitats Conservancy	Habitat restoration of 9 acres of the upland portion of the site from annual non-native grassland to a coastal sage scrub/cactus scrub habitat and transitioning into riparian, emergent, wetland, and open water habitats.	\$ 235,741.00	\$ -	\$ -	68	11	Funding not available.
33	Canada de San Vicente	California Department of Fish and Wildlife	Improve the water storage at two seasonal ponds and restore an adjacent 20 acres of invasive Bromus spp.grass to native grasslands.	\$ 265,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	74	12	Funding not available.
9	South Crest & Odom	Conservation Biology Institute	Treat previously untreated Brachypodium-infested areas on South Crest and Odom, enhance previously occupied San Diego thornmint habitat on Odom through dethatching and invasive plant control, and introduce thornmint seed into enhanced habitat.	\$ 169,781.00	\$ -	\$ -	80	13	Funding not available.
28	Rolling Hills Ranch Preserve	City of Chula Vista	Restore habitat and reduce the encroachment of weeds on habitat for Quino checkerspot butterfly, variegated dudleya, and coastal California gnatcatcher through revegetation of an unauthorized trail on the Rolling Hills Ranch Preserve.	\$ 192,490.00	\$ -	\$ -	80	13	Funding not available.
15	Furby North 2	County of San Diego	Remove and treat invasive non-native plant species, with an emphasis on stinknet, that are infesting the Property.	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	84	15	Funding not available.
1	Arundo Completion and Maintenance	Lakeside's River Park Conservancy	Complete an arundo removal project focused on the tributaries and the main channel of the San Diego River in Lakeside.	\$ 590,712.00	\$ -	\$ -	102	16	Funding not available.
4	Perennial Pepperweed	San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy	Implement 5 years of initial treatments, re-treatments, and mapping and monitoring of perennial pepperweed in the San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve.	\$ 192,080.90	\$ -	\$ -	103	17	Funding not available.
16	Lusardi Creek 2	County of San Diego	Development of a Translocation, Propagation and Management Plan; receptor site preparation; corm collection; translocation; and 5-year maintenance, monitoring and reporting for thread-leaved brodiaea on the Lusardi Creek preserve.	\$ 169,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	104	18	Funding not available.
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 5,040,514.92</b>	<b>\$ 1,200,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 746,944.00</b>			