Land Use & Environment Group

2021-22 Budget

The County of San Diego’s Land Use and Environment Group serves the community by working to protect the public’s health and safety, sustain the environment, and improve the quality of life for our residents and visitors.

Improving Quality of Life
$74.1M
- Non-profit Organizations and Veterans Permit Fee Waivers
- Youth Corps Green Jobs
- Operate 33 branch libraries, 2 bookmobiles and 5 automated book kiosks
- Help communities of the unincorporated county to ensure safe, sustainable communities and preserve our natural resources
- $28.3M to manage 152 parks, 56,000 acres of parkland and 380 miles of trails
- $2.8M to operate our County airports safely
- $76.9M for maintenance and operation of County sewer systems and water districts
- $2.8M for additional bike lanes, sidewalks, traffic signal batteries and emergency preparedness
- $17.3M to maintain unincorporated county road surfaces
- $25.5M to operate our County airports safely
- $14.3M Permits 14,000 and inspects more than 7,500 facilities to ensure hazardous materials are properly managed, provide outreach and respond to 400 Hazardous Incident Response Team (HIRT) emergencies
- $4.7M Inspections of structural fumigations - ensures fumigations are conducted in a safe and legal way
- $13.3M Monitor and treat over 1,500 known mosquito breeding sites
- $1M Water quality tests at 46 beaches/sites
- $2.2M Collect over 175 tons of household hazardous waste and conduct 472 solid waste inspections
- $8.8M 10,500 plan reviews to ensure buildings are safely designed and built and over 40,000 safety inspections

Sustainability
$104.8M
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions generated from activities with the unincorporated county, County facilities and operational activities through the county
- $13M Open Space Acquisition, preservation of agricultural land (PACE) and Land Stewardship
- $2.5M Green Building and Solar Permit Fee waivers (and more)
- Loan/grant program for the weatherization of existing homes in the unincorporated county
- $2.2M to operate our County airports safely
- $12M to protect 1.8B agricultural industry through pest inspections
- $46.2M Prevent pollution from reaching the ocean through storm drains and protecting groundwater quality
- $13M to maintain unincorporated county road surfaces
- $5.9M
- Protecting Natural Resources
- $72.7M
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Leveraging Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
$7.0M
- General Plan amendment for the Environmental Justice Element to identify additional underserved communities
- Ongoing training and discussion on equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- Free English as a Second Language training
- Free pre-K education program
- Using Community Needs Assessments for data-driven service-based decisions
- Expanding translation services
- Library materials in world languages spoken in San Diego
- Improving accessibility through Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan
- Rain Barrel distribution
- Plant 3,500 trees

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