

**San Diego Association of Governments
Ramona Grasslands and Boulder Oaks Preserves
Bullfrog Eradication Project
County of San Diego Dept. of Parks & Recreation
Quarterly Progress Report
Reporting Period: January 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026
Submission Date: April 2026
SANDAG Contract Number: S1125505**

Quarterly Status Report Overview

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SANDAG has developed a standardized grant monitoring and tracking program for the Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP) Land Management Grant Program. The purpose is to collect information on individual projects and the grant program as a whole for reporting to the Regional Habitat Conservation Taskforce, SANDAG Policy Advisory Committees, and the SANDAG Board of Directors. SANDAG monitors grantees through invoices, progress reports, performance measures, and designated photograph points. These standardized reporting templates and instructions for submittal are included below.

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Work Performed this Period:

1. Task 1- Bullfrog Eradication Program

Work during Year 2 Quarter 3 (January 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026) occurred at both Ramona Grasslands and Boulder Oaks Preserve. Each property was visited one (1) time during this reporting period. Please refer to Table 1 for dates of surveys.

Table 1
SURVEY INFORMATION

Site Visit	Survey Date	Survey Time	Weather Conditions	Biologist(s)	Site Surveyed
16	3/13/2026	0600-1000	59 F, 0% cc, 1-2 mph wind	Nelly Moreno Kacee Morell	Ramona Grasslands Preserve
16	3/16/2026	0600-1000	65 F, 0% cc, 1-2 mph wind	Nelly Moreno Kacee Morell	Boulder Oaks Preserve

Ramona Grasslands

The biologists visited Ramona Grasslands on March 13, 2026. The biologists drove around Ponds 1 and 2 with a spotlight to detect eyeshine from bullfrogs. The water level in Pond 1 was very low (< 1/4 full) at the time of the survey. Pond 2 was nearly full. The water levels at Pond 3 and Santa Maria Creek were very low. No bullfrogs were heard or observed at any of the ponds during the visit. During this grant reporting period, 0 bullfrogs were eradicated from Santa Maria Creek at the Ramona Grasslands site.

Boulder Oaks

The site visit at Ponds 1 and 2 at the Boulder Oaks Preserve was conducted by walking along the shorelines and wading in the water when necessary. The water levels at Ponds 3 and 4 were the highest observed during the past two years of the surveys, possibly due to the amount of rain received in the area. Bullfrogs were heard in Pond 3, but they were located in dense reeds and were not observed.

The biologists waded into Pond 1 to eradicate the bullfrogs. Six (6) bullfrogs were eradicated from Pond 1 using a .22 air gun with non-lead pellets. The biologists were unable to retrieve the bullfrogs after eradication due to dense reeds or deeper water.

The bullfrog activity was considered low to moderate during the March visit, possibly due to the colder weather.

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A total of 6 bullfrogs (6 adults) were eradicated at Boulder Oaks during the reporting period.

This task is approximately 58% complete.

2. Task 2 – Silt Fence Exclusion Program

Work on this task during this performance period consisted of coordination and silt fence maintenance.

This task is approximately 61% complete.

3. Task 3 - Monitoring and Evaluation

Since the biologists were unable to retrieve the eradicated bullfrogs, stomach contents were not analyzed. No native sensitive species were observed during this quarter's surveys.

This task is approximately 43% complete.

4. Task 4 - Reporting

The Year 2, Quarter 3 Progress Report (Progress Report) prepared by Helix Environmental Planning is provided as an attachment to this report.

This task is approximately 50% complete.

5. Task 5 - Project Management

During the reporting period, DPR staff time was used to manage the consultant task order, review grant invoice materials, review consultant progress reports (Tasks 1 & 2), prepare quarterly SANDAG progress reports, prepare grant invoices, process consultant invoices, work with consultant to adjust implementation schedule and coordinate with SANDAG staff to extend the grant agreement. Consultant time was used to coordinate with DPR field staff and DPR project manager regarding eradication survey visits (Task 1), and coordinate with DPR staff to adjust field visit approach to ensure completion by end of the requested grant agreement extension date.

This task is approximately 50% complete.

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Work Anticipated Next Period

Twice-monthly surveys will continue in May 2026 at both Ramona Grasslands and Boulder Oaks.

Issues to Note

The cold weather during this reporting period appeared to suppress bullfrog activity. It is anticipated that as temperatures warm bullfrog activity will increase and eradication efforts will be more successful.

Photographs & Figures

Photographs and figures are invaluable! Please include photos in the Quarterly Progress Reports and any figures (if applicable). Both photos and figures may be included throughout the document under corresponding tasks or at the end following the Issues to Note section. Photographs taken at the same place or photographic points (photo-points) can assist SANDAG staff in tracking the project's progress over time.

It is required that **Photographs include:**

- A before and after comparison sequence from the start to the completion of the project for photo points.
- A brief description of the corresponding tasks, date, and activity in the photograph.
- **A copy of each photograph included in the report submitted in a .jpeg or .png file format.**



Photograph 1: Low water level in the Santa Maria Creek at Grasslands Preserve.

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Photograph 2: Biologist surveying Pond 4 at Boulder Oaks.



Photograph 3: Pond 1 at Boulder Oaks.

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Photograph 4: Low water level in Pond 1 at Grasslands Preserve.

SDMMP Project Page

To receive reimbursement for work conducted within the quarter, submission of Quarterly Progress, Annual, and Final Reports must be added to your project's Project Page on the SDMMP website. Add any necessary photographs to the photo carousel and fill out the photograph information. *Please contact Sarah McCutcheon (smccutcheon@usgs.gov) or Emily Perkins (eperkins@usgs.gov) if you are having trouble accessing or editing your project page.*

The SDMMP website project page has been updated to include photos from this grant period.

Project Performance Measures Instructions

SANDAG will utilize the SANDAG Performance Measures to document compliance with the Project. Grantee's performance will be measured against the Performance Measures (Exhibit D) during the term of the project. More details on Performance Measures and Grant Recovery Plans are outlined in the Grant Agreements.

To access the **Project Performance Measures Excel Spreadsheet:**

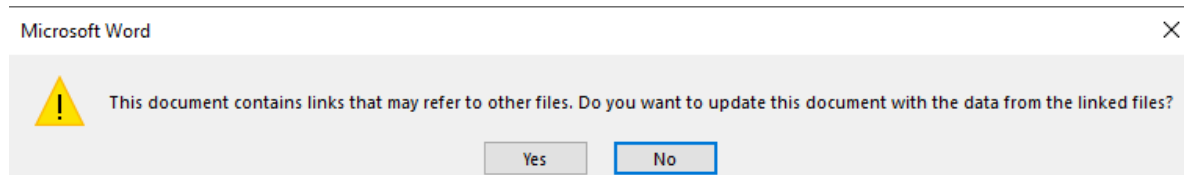
- Simply double-click on the Excel icon located under the *Project Performance Measures* section.
 - An excel sheet will open, please fill out and then click save.
- Once the Excel spreadsheet is saved, please exit Excel and the spreadsheet will automatically update the icon in the Quarterly Progress Report Word document.

When opening the document with the **Project Performance Measures Excel Spreadsheet:**

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- When you first open the Quarterly Progress Report Template, a warning message will open (image of the warning message below)
 - Click Yes to update the links in the document.



Performance Measures

Please include the Project's Performance Measures for each Quarterly Invoice and Progress Report to receive reimbursement.

See attached Performance Measures spreadsheet.