

San Dieguito Wetlands Restoration Project

Frequently Asked Questions

FAQ

Q: Who is in charge of the project?

A: This \$86 million restoration project is funded and managed by Southern California Edison. Marathon Construction is the selected contractor to do the restoration work. The San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority (JPA) is a partner in the San Dieguito Wetlands Restoration Project and is responsible for implementing and maintaining the Coastal Trail.

Q: What is the primary purpose of the project?

A: This project will restore 150 acres of coastal wetlands in the San Dieguito River Valley. The project will restore tidal flows, natural habitat and vegetation to this area.

Q: Why is the project being done?

A: This project is mitigating the estimated impact of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station's cooling water system operations on fish populations. The project also implements important objectives of the San Dieguito River Park Concept Plan.

Q: How long will the restoration work take?

A: The project is anticipated to take 3 years to complete.

Q: What will be the work hours?

A: Restoration work hours will be Monday - Friday, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm.

Q: What measures will be taken to minimize impacts to the lagoon's water quality during restoration work?

A: The contractor must comply with all applicable storm water regulations. To control erosion and maintain water quality throughout the project area, the contractor is using gravel bags, silt fences, fiber rolls, hydroseed, and gravel mulch. Additionally, the contractor has a qualified team member trained to conduct inspections of the construction site and prepare reports to demonstrate compliance with city municipal codes, ordinances, and storm water prevention program regulations.

Q: What is the Coast to Crest Trail component of the project?

A: This restoration project includes constructing the Coastal Segment of the Coast to Crest Trail along the San Dieguito River. The San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority (JPA) is a partner in the San Dieguito Wetlands Restoration Project and is responsible for implementing and maintaining the Coastal Trail. This Coastal Trail helps the overall Wetlands Restoration component by managing and directing public access, which is currently unregulated. By creating the outer perimeter of the project area, the trail helps to protect sensitive habitat and vegetation by directing the public away from the created and restored wetlands. For more information about the Coast to Crest Trail, please visit the San Dieguito River Park's website at <http://www.sdrp.org/trails.htm>.

Q: How will the Grand Avenue Bridge be affected by the restoration work?

A: For the safety of the community, the Grand Avenue Bridge will be closed for the duration of the project. At the end of the project, the Grand Avenue Bridge will be modified into a viewing platform and pier and no longer be a bridge.

Project Description

The San Dieguito Wetlands Restoration Project will restore 150 acres of coastal wetlands in the San Dieguito River Valley within the City of Del Mar and City of San Diego. Approximately taking 3 years to complete, the restoration's main features include:

- restoring tidal wetlands areas
- constructing berms & associated drainage and slope protection measures
- vegetating dredge disposal areas
- constructing nesting sites
- improving beach access along the river from Camino Del Mar
- excavating & maintaining the San Dieguito river inlet channel to maintain tidal exchange

Contact Information

The team has established a variety of resources for the community to access project information:

- briefings to City of Del Mar
- a mid-point celebration
- coordination with the Strawberry Stand Docents
- a quarterly e-newsletter (sign up for these updates at Destreel@CollaborativeServices.biz)
- an informational line: (858) 259-1955
- a website: <http://sdlagoon.com>

