

# San Dieguito Wetlands Restoration Project

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## General Work Hours

Monday - Friday,  
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

## Work Activities

### Area 1

- No work activities at this time

### Area 2A/2B

- Retrofit Grand Avenue Bridge
- Place Wetland topsoil

### Area 3

- Place Wetland topsoil
- Excavate watershed area
- Complete berm

## Did you know...

15,000 two-inch containerized pickleweeds grown in our project nursery were planted in a test plot in Area 2A. Visible signs of growth are seen along the south side of the river in Area 2A.

**Pickleweed** (*Salicornia* spp.) is a small succulent, with leaves that are waxy on the outside and full of moisture on the inside. Its leaves are long, thin, and round, like little fingers. Pickleweed flowers between April and September, but its tiny yellow flowers can only be seen upon careful examination. Pickleweed is a halophyte, which means it is specially adapted to live in salty soil.

## Community Outreach

Please feel free to email [DestreeL@CollaborativeServices.biz](mailto:DestreeL@CollaborativeServices.biz) or call the Project Hotline at (858) 259-1955.



Work Areas of San Dieguito Wetlands Project.



Pickleweed grows in the middle-to-high marsh zones in the wetlands.



Rock berm protection along river bend in Area 3.

## Project Description

The San Dieguito Wetlands Restoration Project is restoring 150 acres of coastal wetlands in the San Dieguito River Valley within the City of Del Mar and City of San Diego. Taking approximately 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
- dredging & maintaining San Dieguito River inlet channel to maintain tidal exchange

## Project Team Highlight



Founded in 1987, **Milbrand Cinema** is a Natural History and Corporate filmmaking company. As part of the San Dieguito Restoration Project, **Lance Milbrand** is capturing video of the restoration efforts of the project site. When the project is completed in 2010, this video will play on PBS stations across Southern California.



As part of the team, **Abigail Smigel** specializes in underwater environment photography and is a marine science educator. She is the still photographer for the San Dieguito Restoration Project.

## Project Website

[www.sdlagoon.com](http://www.sdlagoon.com)

