

San Dieguito Wetlands Restoration Project

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Thank You

On behalf of the project team, we would like to express our appreciation for your continued understanding and patience through the project duration.

Community Celebration

The community celebrated the opening of the newly restored 75-acre wetlands on the east side of I-5.

Marathon Construction used an excavator to remove the dirt berm to allow the new wetlands to receive ocean water on December 3, 2008.

The next and final step of the project is to plant over 400,000 plants native to the marsh and lagoon area.

Press and Media

For press articles of the event from the San Diego Union Tribune and the Del Mar Times, check out the project webpage:

www.sdlagoon.com

Community Outreach

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



The project team joins County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price and welcomes the community to the newly restored wetlands.



The excavator at work to break down dirt berm.



Community members witnessing the ocean water washing into the newly restored wetlands.

Project Description

The San Dieguito Wetlands Restoration Project restored 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 Successes

- 3 years of restoration work
- 21 permits secured to conduct restoration work
- 2 million cubic yards of earth moved in restoration process
- 247 acres excavated and dredged to create and restore coastal wetlands and uplands
- 13.7 acres of flat nesting area created and improved for the California least tern, western snow plover, and other shorebirds

Over 400,000 plants planted in the wetlands area

