

San Dieguito Wetlands Restoration Project

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Greetings!

At this time, there is no new information on the status of the permits needed to begin the restoration work in the entire project site. In this issue, topics include:



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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. This project is estimated to take 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
- excavating & maintaining the San Dieguito river inlet channel to maintain tidal exchange

Current Work Activities

There is no new information to report, except that the pending permits are getting closer to being finalized. The project team is still working hard to obtain permits to begin work in the entire project site. Currently, the team is responding to data requests by the California Coastal Commission (CCC) staff for the CA Coastal Commission- Coastal Development Permit. Trailers that you may have seen in the project area are a sign of the team's intention to start as soon as permits are secured.

The construction schedule, however, depends upon where the birds have nested at the time these permits are issued. Those locations are being tracked, but can only be finally determined when we have the permits in hand. Based on the location of the birds and their nests, the contractor will determine if work will be done in limited locations or the whole site, as originally intended.

Future Work Activities

Marathon Construction is hopeful to begin work in early September and anticipate starting excavation work in November 2006. Restoration work hours are Monday - Friday, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm.

Community Outreach

Please feel free to email DestreeL@collaborativeservices.biz or call the Project Hotline at (858) 259-1955.

Permits Pending

- CA Coastal Commission- Coastal Development Permit
- US Army Corps of Engineers 404 Permit (Inlet Channel Initial Dredging and Permanent Maintenance)
- Caltrans Encroachment Permit
- Villages Mitigation Bank Resolution Permit

Meet the Team

Marathon Construction has over 45 years of experience on waterfronts, heavy earthwork, general engineering, and environmental projects. They are the largest heavy equipment rental company in Southern California with more than 330 pieces of earthmoving equipment.



Marathon's Trailer Compound

The Marathon Construction team for this project includes RECON, Varanus Monitoring Services, San Diego Natural History Museum, California Testing and Engineers, Russ Va Cleve (UXO/EOD Specialist), Cal-Am Marine, Ground Service technology, and Collaborative Services. Each team member will be highlighted in upcoming issues of this update.

