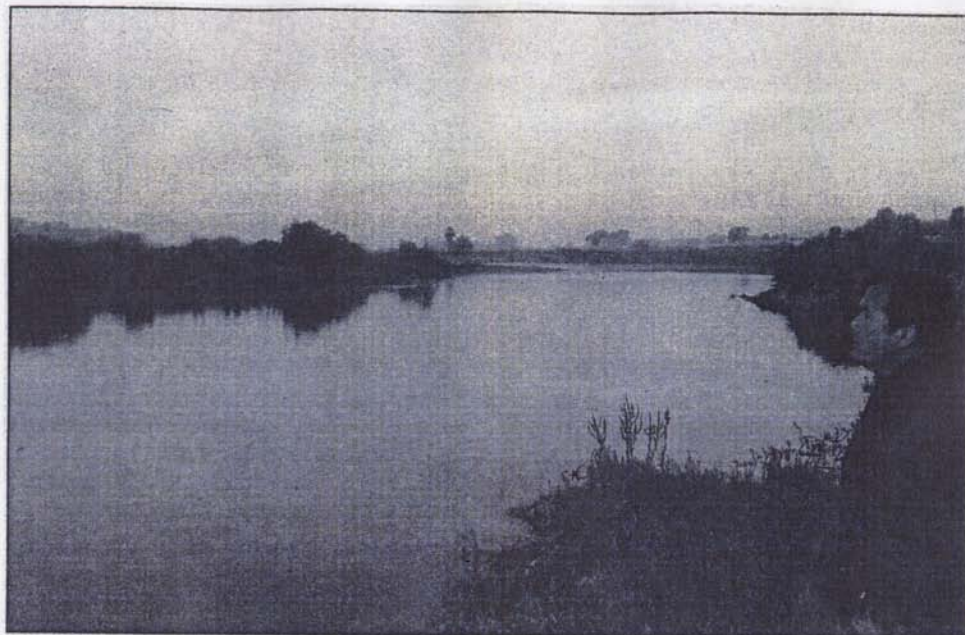


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Mike Furby

Joe Ellis, project superintendent with Marathon Construction Corp., looks out over the San Dieguito wetlands that will undergo a \$20 million restoration.

Del Mar: Birds to Finally Get Refurbished Home

With nearly all of its permits in hand, **Marathon Construction Corp.** of Lakeside is gearing up for a three-year, \$20 million project to restore wetlands at the mouth of the San Dieguito River in Del Mar.

Among other tasks, construction crews will build or restore more than 150 acres of wetlands, dredge the river inlet and cre-

ate places for the California least tern and western snowy plover birds to nest.

Southern California Edison is funding the restoration project to mitigate the effects of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, which is roughly 35 miles to the north.

Marathon Construction is a 25-year-old business specializing in waterfront construction, with yearly revenue in the range of \$25 million to \$30 million.

Typically, Marathon employs 40 people. The company is bringing on 20 people for the wetlands restoration project, said Mike

Furby, the company's president.

The project has been in the planning stages for 15 years.

— Brad Graves

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