

San Dieguito River Park Accomplishments in 2010

Awards/Grants

- The Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI) awarded a 2010 Design Award to the David Kreitzer Lake Hodges Bicycle Pedestrian Bridge for “aesthetic expression, design innovation, engineering achievement, functional excellence and economy of construction.”
- The American Society of Civil Engineers selected the David Kreitzer Lake Hodges Bicycle Pedestrian Bridge to receive the Outstanding Bridge Project for 2010.
- The California Transportation Foundation selected the David Kreitzer Lake Hodges Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge as a finalist for the 2010 “TRANNY” award for Pedestrian/Bicycle Project of the year.
- The National Council of Structural Engineers named the David Kreitzer Lake Hodges Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge an award winner for the 2010 Excellence in Structural Engineering competition.
- The San Diego Chapter of the Women’s Transportation Seminar gave the David Kreitzer Lake Hodges Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge a Transportation Innovation Award in the category of Alternative Modes.
- \$349,670 Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program grant was awarded by the California Transportation Commission to plan and install a Coast to Crest trail link across the Horse Park property.
- \$100,000 grant received from SCE and Sempra Energy Foundation for Lagoon Trail and Mesa Loop Trail construction adjacent to the San Dieguito Lagoon .
- \$317,000 grant received from the California Coastal Conservancy to study alternative Coast to Crest Trail links from I-5 to the ocean and to construct trail segments on the north and south side of the San Dieguito Lagoon.
- \$21,000 grant received from San Diego County Community Enhancement and Neighborhood Reinvestment Programs for interior and exterior interpretive signs and exhibits for the Sikes Adobe restoration.
- \$1,049,000 grant received from the California State Resources Agency for Eucalyptus removal and trail improvements west of the Lake Hodges Dam. (Joint app. with SDRVC)

San Dieguito Lagoon Wetland Restoration Project

- An ADA-accessible path was constructed to improve beach access from Camino del Mar to the beach north of the river mouth.
- An extensive weeding effort was initiated at disposal sites and berms to prepare for hydro-seeding and to promote native plant establishment.
- Monitoring of the results of the restoration project showed excellent reestablishment of numerous fish and other marine and avian species.
- Water quality testing of the treatment ponds on the north border of the project was initiated in cooperation with San Diego Coastkeeper.

Trails

- Construction of the one half mile segment of the Coast to Crest Trail south of Via de la Valle was completed.
- Construction of the West Bernardo Drive Bike Path and Trail linking the Lake Hodges Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge and the Piedras Pintadas Staging Area was begun with completion expected in early 2011.
- Construction of the Highland Valley trail link and staging area to connect the San Dieguito River Park trail system to the City of Poway trail system was begun with completion expected in early 2011.

Habitat Restoration

- 31 acres of habitat were restored using over 12,500 plants and 750 pounds of seed and 150 acres were controlled for weeds in areas of Lake Hodges/Bernardo Mountain, San Pasqual Valley, Santa Ysabel Gorge, Cloverdale Creek, Santa Maria Creek and East Del Dios Gorge.

Fire Recovery

- The Sikes Adobe historic farmstead post-fire reconstruction was completed and reopened to the public on 6/26/10.
- The River Park administrative office reconstruction was completed and occupied on 10/22/10, the third anniversary of the Witch Creek fire that destroyed the original structure.