San Dieguito River Park Accomplishments in 2016

Awards/Grants/Donations

- $25,000 San Diego County Neighborhood Reinvestment Program for infrastructure at JPA headquarters office.
- $47,000 San Diego County Neighborhood Reinvestment Program for SDRP Founders Tribute.
- $110,000 donation from Akin Family Trust.
- $7,000 San Diego County Community Enhancement Program for Sikes Event Series.
- $20,000 donated by Friends of Sikes Adobe for restrooms at Sikes Adobe.
- $6,100 donated by Jeff Barnouw for a trail bridge along the CTC Trail in Del Dios.
- $20,197 in other private donations for various projects in the SDRP.

Trails and Other Projects

- Obtained trail easement over private property to extend the Coast to Crest Trail in the Rancho Santa Fe area.
- Applied for State River Parkways grant for the Pamo segment of the Coast to Crest Trail.
- Added ten native plant plaques to the Dust Devil Nature Trail and created three new interpretive panels for the Lagoon trail.
- Produced new Park map.
- Added interpretive plaques, benches, picnic tables and shade structures to the trail system.

Habitat Conservation and Restoration

- Conducted over 50 acres of weed control throughout the SDRP.
- Conducted habitat monitoring and maintenance in habitat mitigation areas throughout the SDRP.
- Installed a total of 13,000 native plants and native seed at 15 habitat restoration areas throughout the SDRP.

Community Outreach and Education

- Established Interpretation Committee, a sub-committee of the Citizens Advisory Committee.
- The Watershed Explorer Program developed site curriculum, volunteer recruitment materials and offered fieldtrips to the San Dieguito Lagoon.
- Connecting People with Nature Program curriculum was used by high schools in class and site visits to the San Dieguito Lagoon.
- Over 200 volunteers participated in the California Coastal Cleanup Day removing thousands of pounds of green waste and trash from the lagoon.
Continued monthly bird counts, water quality testing, monthly ranger-led hikes, and bird-watching walks.

Partnered with Cal State San Marcos, University of California San Diego and Point Loma Nazarene University for student research projects within the San Dieguito Lagoon.

Hosted on-site and in the classroom educational programs for High Tech High North County and Escondido School District.

Hosted the 6-week Advanced Naturalist Program in partnership with the Chaparral Institute.

Completed several Eagle Scout projects throughout SDRP.

Over 11,000 hours of volunteer time utilized for trail patrol, trail maintenance, interns, surveys, guided hikes, and various improvements throughout SDRP.

Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead

Hired new Sikes Saturday Series Event Coordinator, development a 4 month series, program brochure and website. Programs start in January 2017.

Developed Historic Mule Hill Van Tours, a program designed for elderly or mobility-limited visitors.

Recruited new Sikes volunteers docents and development of training materials.

Installed security cameras and motion detector lights around the property.

New 2-stall restroom with ADA compliance added to the site.

Installed pollinator garden in partnership California Fish and Wildlife.

Installed nursery shade cover, fences, and gates for work areas.

Expanded gardens and orchard.

Extensive repair of wood shingled roof and weatherproofing to interior and exterior adobe walls.

Continued hosting a variety of programs including annual Valentine Tea, docent tours, Farmers Market, Harvest Fest, home school support, special tours, etc.