

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.