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INTRODUCTION

The San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park Joint Powers Authority (JPA) was created as an independent, local government agency by the County of San Diego and the Cities of Del Mar, Escondido, Poway, San Diego, and Solana Beach in June, 1989 in order to provide a coordinated program to create, preserve and enhance the San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park for the benefit of the public. As mandated by the Joint Powers Agreement (Attachment 1), the Joint Powers Authority’s goals are to:

(a) Preserve land within the focused planning area of the San Dieguito River Valley as a regional open space greenbelt and park system that protects the natural waterways and the natural and cultural resources and sensitive lands, and provides compatible recreational opportunities that do not damage sensitive lands.

(b) Provide a continuous and coordinated system of preserved lands with a connecting corridor of walking, equestrian, and bicycle trails, encompassing the San Dieguito River Valley from the ocean to the river’s source.

The Focused Planning Area (FPA) of the San Dieguito River Park extends from the ocean at Del Mar to Volcan Mountain north of Julian and now incorporates 92,000 acres (See Attachment 2). It is intended to represent the viewshed of the river valley and its tributary canyons. The FPA extends along a 55-mile corridor that begins in the desert just east of Volcan Mountain and ends at the mouth of the San Dieguito River in Del Mar. The FPA encompasses the San Dieguito River Valley and its major tributary canyons, as well as Lake Hodges, Boden Canyon, Pamo Valley, Lake Sutherland, Volcan Mountain and portions of the high desert in San Felipe Valley. The FPA is the area where planning and acquisition efforts for the Park are to be directed. The FPA has been amended four times to date: 1) Inclusion of the entire Rutherford Ranch at Volcan Mountain; 2) inclusion of Boden Canyon; 3) inclusion of the north face of Bernardo Mountain; and 4) inclusion of the Guejito Creek viewshed at Rancho Guejito, the last remaining Mexican land rancho in San Diego County.

The JPA is advised by a standing committee, known as the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), which is composed of 36 members. The members include community planning groups, homeowners associations, citywide planning and environmental organizations, recreational user groups and property owners. See list of CAC members as of December 2013 (Attachment 3).

The JPA was established at the recommendation of a SANDAG committee formed in 1987 known as the San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park Plan Executive Committee, which preceded the JPA Board of Directors. The Executive Committee was an inter-jurisdictional task force appointed by SANDAG to provide for a park planning effort in the San Dieguito River Valley that would integrate the park planning efforts of the various jurisdictions into one regional park plan. The Executive Committee recommended that a joint powers authority should be created as the vehicle to implement park planning.

The purpose of this report is to describe the revenues the JPA has received and how the funds were spent in the 25 years from the agency’s inception in 1989 to the present, and to summarize the accomplishments of the JPA during that time period.

WITCH FIRE

The River Park’s progress was temporarily interrupted, when, in October 2007, the Witch Fire raced through the San Dieguito River Valley pushed by Santa Ana winds. Another fire, the Guejito Fire, joined the Witch Fire. Together the two fires
profoundly impacted the River Park – burning the River Park’s office headquarters to the ground, destroying the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmhouse that had been restored in 2004, burning 13 trail bridges and numerous kiosks, signs, benches, picnic tables and structures such as drainage culverts and check dams. All the River Park’s tools, equipment and vehicles were lost, with the exception of one truck that was in the shop for repairs. Sixty-two thousand acres of the River Park were within the fire area resulting in severe losses to coastal sage scrub and other sensitive habitat types, raising concerns about the future of the California gnatcatcher and cactus wren. Following on the heels of the fire were mudslides caused by rain on slopes where all the vegetation had been burned away. Forty miles of trails were damaged by the fire and the subsequent erosion.

After the fire, River Park staff worked with its insurance company on the rebuilding of the office and Sikes Adobe Historic Farmhouse, and with FEMA to replace and repair the many damaged trail features. Replacement and repair of the trail features was completed in 2009. The reconstruction of the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmhouse was completed in June 2010. The reconstruction of the office was completed in October 2010. Combined damages amounted to $2,356,352.

The California State Office of Historic Preservation granted the 2011 Governor’s Historic Preservation Award to the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead Restoration and Reconstruction.

The San Dieguito River Park office was rebuilt at its original location on Sycamore Creek Road, in Poway. The architecture firm was Rinehart-Herbst. The contractor was Lackey Construction. In October 2011 the newly constructed building was awarded an Orchid by the San Diego Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and the California State American Institute of Architects, awarded an Architectural Merit Award to SDRP for the construction of the SDRP administrative office.

JPA AGREEMENT

The JPA agreement that was entered into in 1989 by the County of San Diego and the Cities of Del Mar, Escondido, Poway, San Diego and Solana Beach had a termination clause that said that the agreement would expire after 25 years, but that it could be renewed for an additional 50 years by any two or more of the public agencies.

Acting before the termination became imminent, in 2011 the JPA Board updated and revised the JPA agreement and circulated it to the member agencies for review and comment. The revised agreement eliminated the automatic sunset provision (stating that the JPA would continue as long as any two public agencies remained members), added loss of voting rights when a member agency did not make its annual contribution, and provided details regarding distribution of liabilities and assets in the event that the JPA did dissolve. In 2012, the Board approved the revised agreement and circulated it to the member agencies to be docketed for approval. The County of San Diego and the Cities of Del Mar, Escondido, Poway, and Solana Beach approved the revised agreement in 2013 but the City of San Diego did not take action on it, citing various concerns with the JPA and with the agreement that needed to be addressed.
To avoid termination of the agreement and dissolution of the JPA, the other five agencies took action to extend the original agreement for 50 years. The City of San Diego agreed to participate in the extended agreement for a six-month period provided that the other five agencies would agree to meet and negotiate regarding the issues and concerns raised by the City of San Diego.

Multi-agency working group meetings took place in mid to late 2014 under the leadership of County Parks Director Brian Albright. The goal of the Working Group was to discuss the concerns identified by the member agencies and specifically points raised in a letter from the Mayor of the City of San Diego, Kevin Faulconer, and to reach consensus on recommendations for an amended JPA Agreement that would be presented to the member agencies for approval. Some of the recommendations from the multi-agency group as of September 2014 included:

- The JPA should prepare and adopt Operating Guidelines, and formal trail maintenance standards.
- The JPA should obtain easements or formal rights of entry documenting the Coast to Crest Trail from the jurisdiction through which each segment extends.
- Provisions should be included in the revised JPA agreement for partial back payment of membership contributions if an agency that withdrew or stopped contributing to the JPA wished to return.

As of the publishing of this report, negotiations were ongoing.

REVENUES

The JPA’s primary operational revenue sources are member agency assessments and Satellite Wagering Funds (off-track betting) at the Del Mar Race Track. These funds allow the JPA to hire staff who administer the JPA’s programs and projects and who also apply for grants to implement JPA goals. The JPA also receives fluctuating revenue from grants and grant administration, contributions, event proceeds, rent and interest. A growing percentage of the JPA’s revenue comes from income related to land management. Following is a description of each revenue category.

Member Agency Assessments: The JPA’s member agencies share an annual assessment. The formula used to share the assessment among the member agencies was developed by the City Managers of the five member cities, the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer of the County and the first Executive Director of the JPA, Mike Gotch. The formula is based on a combination of population plus acreage included within the focused planning area. The member agency percentages were unchanged from the initial amounts determined in 1989 until 2011 when the JPA Board updated the information used in the formula and identified changes that should be made as a result of population growth in several of the agencies. This update resulted in changes in the member agency contribution percentages. Percentage contributions from the County of San Diego and the City of Poway increased and the percentage contribution from the City of San Diego decreased. See Table 5 for the revenue received each year from this source.

In April 2010, the City of San Diego abruptly stopped its member agency contribution to the JPA, mid-year in the Fiscal Year 2009/10 budget. Loss of this funding was a significant impact because the City of San Diego represented 36% of the member agency assessments at the time. The JPA Board took action to cut costs by furloughing staff for the remainder of the fiscal year. The JPA’s Executive Director, Dick Bobertz, elected to retire effective July 1, 2010, while continuing to serve as the Executive Director. This action provided significant savings to the JPA Budget and enabled the JPA to avoid laying off staff. In addition, 2.5 of the JPA’s existing ranger staff were relocated to the coast where their positions were reimbursed by funding from Southern California Edison under a Trail Management Agreement (see further description below). This action retained the JPA employees but left the non-coastal portion of the River Park understaffed. Over the course of FY 10/11 and 11/12, the JPA Board took a series of additional actions to cut expenses, including a transitional reduction of the offset (this term refers to the practice of the agency paying a portion of the employee’s share of his/her retirement contribution) from 7% to zero, and freezing the health benefit at the FY 09/10 level where it remains today. During this time period, JPA Attorney Wayne Brechtel provided a portion of his services to the JPA pro bono. In the budget proposed by Mayor Bob Filner and adopted by the City of San Diego in June 2013, the funding to the
JPA was restored, at the reduced percentage of 31% of the JPA member agency contributions. The JPA immediately added one new ranger position, with the anticipation that additional rangers would be added annually until full ranger coverage for the River Park was restored. In early 2014, Mayor Filner resigned, and Kevin Faulconer was elected to replace him. Mayor Faulconer agreed to fund the JPA for one year (FY 14/15) while various concerns held by the City of San Diego could be worked out. See discussion under JPA AGREEMENT above.

Satellite Wagering Funds: Satellite Wagering Funds come to the JPA as a result of state legislation, which recognized the impact of satellite wagering on the local communities adjacent to the Fairgrounds, including the River Park. The JPA receives 20% of .33 of 1% from the total pari-mutuel wagers placed at the 22nd District Agricultural Association’s satellite wagering facility. The amount received each year declined steadily from the first year until 1997, stabilizing at about $50,000 per year for several years, and then continuing to decline to a current level of about $25,000. See Table 5 for the revenue received each year from this source.

Grants and Grant Administration: The JPA seeks grants from various local, state and federal sources to implement the goals established for the JPA in the JPA Agreement. Receipt of these grants also enables the JPA to accomplish goals in its work program. A portion of the grants is reimbursement to the JPA for administration, and is therefore revenue in the operating budget.

| The total amount provided by assessments from the member agencies from the JPA’s inception in 1989 through June 30, 2014 is $11,448,453. |
| The total amount of outside revenue that the JPA has obtained in grants, gifts or awards from the JPA’s inception in 1989 through June 30, 2014 is $172,551,340 |

Usually these grants represent major projects that the JPA is undertaking or has undertaken. In some cases, these were projects initiated by the JPA; in others, the funds were applied for by a member agency, and then transferred to the JPA because the JPA had a particular interest or expertise in the project. See Table 1 for the revenue received each year from this source. As a source of administrative revenue, grant funds are not guaranteed, are unpredictable, and fluctuate with the economy and the willingness of voters to approve Bond Acts.

Contributions: In 2000, the JPA entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, a private 501(c)(3) organization, which raises funds for land acquisition and trail development in the River Valley. The MOU established that all private donations would be directed to the Conservancy, from whence they would be directed as appropriate for the designated purpose, and $2 from each Conservancy membership would be donated to the JPA on a quarterly basis. Consistent with this agreement, the JPA has received contributions in the form of cash, equipment/materials, land and labor. Cash: Cash contributions have been received for various projects or for the general fund. Highlights include: $10,000 from Park Supporter Ron Hall in 2013 to assist with operations at the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead; $2,000 from the Lake Hodges Native Plant Club in 2005 for a Native Plant Garden near the Sikes Adobe Farmhouse; a $5,000 donation in 2007 in settlement of a code violation prosecuted by the City of San Diego Attorney’s Office; $50,000 from Northrop Grumman in 2008 to replace the Green Valley Creek Bridge; $10,000 from the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation to purchase an equipment trailer and a hydraulic dump trailer in 2012; and $6,500 in 2008 from a private individual to build a trail fence and purchase hats for Volunteer Patrol. Equipment/Materials: Park supporters have donated such items as a used Toyota pickup truck valued at $23,000 in 2006, a used Yukon SUV in 2008 valued at $10,000, and 500 copies of a book “Coast to Crest And Beyond” by Dr. Wolf Berger. The JPA is marketing the book through Sunbelt Publications. Following the fire in 2007, the JPA received donations of furniture and equipment valued at $53,000. Land:
In 2008 a 32-acre parcel adjacent to the San Dieguito River Park FPA boundary in the City of Poway was donated to the JPA. In earlier years, a 40-acre piece of private property within the focused planning area south of San Pasqual Valley was donated to the JPA, as was a 1.2-acre parcel adjacent to El Camino Real, with the donors receiving tax benefits for the donations. Other land contributions have been made within the focused planning area to one or more of the member agencies and to the JPA’s partner organizations the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy and Volcan Mountain Foundation.

Labor: Volunteers are indispensable to accomplish the goals of the San Dieguito River Park. An estimated total of 119,481 volunteer hours has been contributed over the life of the JPA. The value of a volunteer’s time per hour in California as of 2013, was $26.34. At that hourly rate, the 41,991 hours contributed between 2009-2014 has a monetary value of $1,106,043. See Table 9 for a breakdown for the years 2009-2014.

See the extensive description of our volunteer support on page 33 and throughout in this report. Notably, in 2007 the Del Mar Rotary helped with trail construction, installing the decking on the boardwalk at the San Dieguito Lagoon at a value of $40,000, and in repeated work parties to install trailside fencing and bridge decking. The Escondido and Rancho Bernardo Sunrise Rotaries joined forces that same year to install a well and windmill at Sikes Adobe. In addition, the 22nd District Agricultural Association provided labor, equipment and expertise for trail construction west of I-5 valued at $20,000. The Strawberry Stand Wetland Learning Center, described elsewhere, was built with volunteer labor and expertise. On an ongoing basis, volunteers attend monthly habitat restoration and trail rehabilitation work-parties. And finally, a core group of stalwart volunteers, known as “Dust-Devils” assist the River Park rangers on park projects on a regular basis during the week, becoming as indispensable as full-fledged ranger staff.

Rent: The JPA purchased 8.75 acres in Poway on Sycamore Creek Road for trail, wetland restoration and wildlife corridor purposes in 1994. The property included a house, a portion of which was built in the 1920’s. The house was leased to a tenant for several years, with the Park’s Rangers office in a separate garage on the property. In 1999, the JPA Board decided to move the Park administrative offices out of rented office space downtown and into the house, in order to avoid making office lease payments. In 2007 the Sycamore Creek office and ranger field office burned down. The River Park staff, then numbering 11, was temporarily housed in the City of San Diego’s nearby San Pasqual Water Reclamation Facility and paid fair market rent reimbursed by the River Park’s insurance.

In 2005, the JPA purchased the 90-acre Ruetter property adjacent to Farmer Road in Julian. The purchase included a modular house that was located on the property. The JPA Board determined that the house should be used as ranger housing to enable the JPA to more easily manage and patrol its backcountry property. The River Park’s Resources and Trails Manager lives on site, with the housing provided as part of the position compensation.

The 75-acre former Boudreau parcel west of El Camino Real was purchased by the JPA in 2004 with the intention that its long-term use would be wetland restoration. In the meantime, the JPA continued allowing the property to be farmed, with the farmer paying rent to the JPA. In 2008, the farmer discontinued farming the property, citing lack of affordable water. The property is currently the site of a wetland restoration project known as W19 that is being planned by SANDAG.

Endowment Funds. Using an initial bequest for $25,000, the JPA established an Endowment Fund at the San Diego Foundation in 1997. The purpose of the endowment fund is to help ensure the future of the San Dieguito River Park JPA and its programs and operations. In 1999, the JPA Board adopted a 20-year Fiscal Plan that projected that in twenty years time, when the San Dieguito River Park was projected to be fully implemented, there would be an annual operational need of $1,144,671. It was determined that the annual operational need in 2020 could be met by a combination of the member agencies’ current level of support as adjusted for inflation and income from an endowment fund of $11,500,000. The Fiscal Plan required contributions of $200,000 per year for twenty years in order to build an Endowment Fund of $11,500,000 in 2020. It was planned that approximately half of the annual $200,000 would be derived from member agency contributions and rent savings, with the other half derived from private and corporate contributions. To that end, the JPA’s member agencies began making annual contributions to the Endowment Fund, beginning in 2001. In FY 2004/05, due to difficult financial times, the
contribution was eliminated. The following year it was paid at a reduced amount of $50,000. The following year it was raised to $75,000, and in 2008/09 it was restored to the full level of $100,000. In April 2008, the JPA Board decided to open an internally managed account at Fidelity Brokerage, using distributable income of $100,000 from the San Diego Foundation. The Fidelity account would be managed for long-term growth, not income, and withdrawals would not be made from the principal. The national financial crisis of 2008/2009 resulted in serious impacts to the JPA and its member agencies. Recognizing that all of the member agencies were facing difficult budget decisions, the JPA reduced its member agency assessments in FY 2008/2009 by 15%, in part by eliminating the endowment fund contribution. It has not been resumed to date.

In the crisis that was precipitated when the City of San Diego eliminated its funding contribution, the JPA borrowed $37,052 from this fund in FY 2009/10.

In addition to the general endowment described above, SDRP has several other specific endowments. The first, at the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation, was established in 2003 with $30,000 from The Crosby Estate, and is intended to provide for the future replacement of the Santa Fe Valley section of the Coast to Crest Trail, if it should be washed out as a result of floods. The second was established at the Del Mar Foundation in 2004 with $500,000 from Southern California Edison, with provisions for reevaluation at 5-year intervals. The purpose of that endowment fund is to provide for the future management and maintenance of the San Dieguito Lagoon Wetland Restoration Project after Edison’s obligations are ended. In 2013, the decision was made to close the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. This action starts the clock on the decommissioning period. This action does not affect Southern California Edison’s obligation to maintain the San Dieguito Lagoon Wetland Restoration Project. The actual permit language defines the operating life from when Units 2 and 3 began operations in 1983 and 1984 respectively to include "the decommissioning period to the extent there are continuing discharges." SCE’s maintenance obligation started in September 2011 when major construction of the wetland restoration project was completed at the inlet opening and will continue until at least the year 2040. Other specific endowments are listed below under Land Management.

The JPA Board adopted an Investment Policy in 2007 which established benchmarks and appropriate investment allocations for the various Endowment Funds. The Policy assigned review and monitoring of the Endowment Funds’ performance, and recommendations relating to future investments as the responsibility of the JPA Board’s Finance Committee.

See Table 7 for the status of the JPA’s various Endowment Funds as of June 30, 2014.

**Land/Trails Management.**

The JPA earns income through management of mitigation properties. When a public or private entity is required to acquire habitat to offset habitat impacted through development, that entity is required to identify an organization to manage the acquired property in perpetuity, and to set aside funds for the management of the subject property. The first such land management program that the JPA entered into is for Bernardo Mountain. Through an agreement with Caltrans, the JPA received an endowment of $176,000 for the management of the 93-acre parcel on the west flank of Bernardo Mountain that was transferred to the JPA by Caltrans in 2004. These funds were deposited at the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation. The Rancho Santa Fe Foundation also administers the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy’s endowment for the management of a 103-acre mitigation site on Bernardo Mountain. That endowment was created with a $300,000 payment from Sempra Energy for mitigation purposes. In November 2008 SDRP received a conservation easement over 90 acres of the former Fenton Ranch property and $318,000 as an endowment for its long-term management. The JPA Board deposited those funds into its internally-managed Fidelity Brokerage account, for which the primary investment goal is income. Additional property is expected to come under the land management program in the coming years. The income from the land management endowment funds, approximately 5% per year, is used to pay ranger staff to manage those properties and to comply with all habitat management responsibilities for the properties under land management agreements. The transactions described above are part of a movement toward land management as a way for the JPA to implement its land stewardship goals and to earn the income needed as a supplement to the member agency annual assessments, as shown in the chart below.
In 2009, the JPA entered into a Trails Management Agreement with Southern California Edison for trails management in the wetland restoration area at the Lagoon. This agreement provides funding to the JPA for 2 full-time rangers and one half-time interpretive ranger, along with tools, equipment and vehicles as are necessary to manage the trails in the lagoon area. Maintenance of the trails was a requirement of Edison’s Coastal Development Permit for the Wetland Restoration Project. The agreement was amended in 2012 to add a provision that Edison would provide $4000 per month for ten years (beginning January 2013) for ranger office space. At the end of the ten-year period Edison will have no further obligation regarding office space. The JPA determined to build a ranger office station at the lagoon with those funds.

Event Proceeds: In 1994, the JPA held its first “fee” event, the San Dieguito River Park Trail Run/Hike. This event netted $2,000. In 1995, the second annual Trail Run attracted 2,300 participants and profits were $8,300, of which $830 was distributed to the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy in accordance with an agreement between the JPA and the Conservancy. Participation in subsequent years leveled off at about 1400 entries and proceeds also declined. A change in race management companies (at a lower fee) raised the profit level for a while. Following the 2003 event, which lost money due to declining participation and rising costs, the JPA Board discontinued the event. The JPA Board acknowledged the public relations benefit of the event, but felt that the same public benefit could be derived from other events that are closer to the River Park’s conservation and education goals. To date, all other River Park events have been free to the public, with the exception of some educational activities that required a modest fee to defray the cost of materials.

In the future the JPA may consider charging a fee for some activities to recover staff time and overhead as well as materials.

In 2011, JPA staff worked with its Trails Committee (a volunteer group comprising hikers, horseback riders and mountain bikers) to create a Trails Event Policy. The Trails Event Policy established criteria for conducting large-scale or for-profit events on River Park trails and staging areas, and a fee to the JPA associated with the impacts of such events. Fees received to date amount to $30,192. Creation of this
policy and publishing it on the JPA website has led to tighter controls for events in the Park, giving River Park rangers an opportunity to provide guidance to the organizers as to where and how such events can be held without impacting the resources or disrupting other trail users. Permits are still required as appropriate by the underlying property owner (such as the City of San Diego).

Interest: Other than the Endowment Funds described above, all JPA funds are deposited with the County Treasurer and interest is received quarterly in each of the JPA’s funds.

Future Revenue

As the Park has moved from primarily a planning stage into the implementation and operational stage, it has experienced increased costs, particularly in the area of Ranger staffing, as a result of the increased number of park visitors using facilities and areas of the park for which the JPA has responsibility. Land management costs will continue to increase in the future as the JPA acquires additional lands in the FPA, restores habitat and operates and maintains added trails and park facilities. Increased costs are primarily the result of the need for additional rangers and vehicles for ranger patrol and maintenance. The public’s interest in activities and interpretation offered by the Park has also increased over time and results in significant additional costs for personnel to coordinate the events and train volunteers.

Continuation of the agency’s operations each year depends upon all of the JPA’s sources of income: member agency assessments, off-track betting, proceeds from fund-raising, rent, interest, grant administration and land management. Donations are unpredictable and are usually targeted to specific projects or funds, and are therefore not available for the operating budget. The other funding sources as well do not comprise a significant or stable source of revenue. As noted earlier, the JPA Board and the JPA’s member agencies had earlier determined that the Park’s future financial security lay in building a substantial Endowment Fund, but fiscal conditions have not improved sufficiently to reinstate that program to date.

EXPENDITURES

Operations

The JPA’s primary operational expenditure is staff salaries/benefits, which makes up 87% of the JPA’s annual appropriations. The next largest category is professional services, which includes the JPA’s independent attorney and auditor.

When the JPA was first formed in 1989, it was under the umbrella of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), and the JPA established financial independence gradually. In FY 89/90, SANDAG supplied furniture and paid the JPA’s rent, one staff-person’s salary, and all printing, postage and telephone costs. In addition, SANDAG provided attorney services to the JPA at no charge. In FY 90/91, SANDAG continued to pay for telephone, printing and postage costs. FY 92/93 was the first year that the JPA assumed responsibility for all operational costs.

As of September 2014, the JPA has nine full-time employees and three part-time employees. This does not include the JPA’s full-time pro bono Executive Director, Dick Bobertz. In FY 89/90, when the JPA was first created, staff consisted of an Executive Director, Mike Gotch, who was hired in October of 1989. When he resigned to run for State Assembly, Diane Coombs was appointed Interim Executive Director in February 1990, and appointed Executive Director in May of that year. In March 1998, Diane Coombs retired and Dick Bobertz became the Executive Director in May 1998. A part-time office manager/secretary was added in spring of 1990. In FY 90/91, the SANDAG staff-person who began serving as staff to the SDRP prior to the formation of the JPA while employed at SANDAG, Susan Carter, was transferred to the JPA from SANDAG as Project Coordinator; in 1994, she was made Deputy Director. The JPA employs a Principal Planner, Shawna Anderson, who is responsible for overseeing environmental issues. Ms. Anderson is employed 32 hours a week (¾ time). Ranger staff includes a Resources and Trails Manager, Jason Lopez, two Senior Park Rangers, one of whom is assigned to the coast, a Ranger II and three Ranger I’s. The Park has a full-time Interpretive Ranger and a half-time Sikes Adobe Museum Manager, and ¾ time office manager.
In mid-2014, long-time Executive Director Dick Bobertz and Deputy Director Susan Carter announced their retirements as of the end of November 2014. Per the Succession Plan approved previously by the Board, after Susan and Dick retire, their two positions are to be combined into one Executive Director position. However, the JPA Board decided to hire an Interim Executive Director for a period of about six months in order to resolve the outstanding issues with the City of San Diego. Mark Ochenduszko was hired in that capacity.

The JPA contracts out for its attorney services with the law firm of Worden Williams APC. Wayne Brechtel serves as primary counsel. The County serves as the JPA’s Treasurer and Auditor/Controller and bills the JPA for accounting and payroll services. The JPA has an independent audit of its books conducted each year by an outside firm. Since 2004, the independent audit has been performed by Hosaka, Nagel, Inc. (now Hosaka, Rotherham & Company). Through separate agreements, the JPA pays for its employees to receive life and health insurance benefits through the County’s program, and to participate in the County Employee Retirement System. In 2004, the JPA switched from worker’s compensation insurance coverage through the State Workers Compensation Insurance program to County coverage. In 2011, the JPA was informed that the County had determined it could not legally provide Workers Compensation Insurance coverage to the JPA. The JPA consequently joined the Special District Risk Management Authority and receives Workers Compensation Insurance as well as property and liability insurance coverage through that source.

In 2000, the JPA Board adopted a salary policy for non-management personnel. The salary policy established a step salary range for non-management Park employees and tied cost of living increases to the cost of living rate each year as negotiated between the County and the County Municipal Employee Union. In FY 2004/05 and again in FY 2008/09 that policy was suspended due to budget constraints. In FY 2013/14 the JPA Board reinstated the step policy, based on Merit only.

The JPA Board has a Budget/Administration/Policy Committee that prepares a draft work program and budget for review, discussion and approval by the full JPA Board each fiscal year. The work program and accompanying budget represent the JPA’s goals and priorities for each year. Staff presents updates on the work program status to the Board each quarter. This process was suspended in 2010 when the City of San Diego terminated its payments because funding was only sufficient for the status quo, and insufficient to pursue any new activities. This process of developing the annual work program in conjunction with the annual budget will be re-established in 2015.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

In accordance with its goals of preserving natural open space in the river valley and providing a trail system for hiking, bicycling and equestrian use from the ocean at Del Mar to the mountains north of Julian, the JPA has primarily concentrated its capital projects on land acquisition and trail construction, as described below.

**Land Acquisition**

“Preserve land within the focused planning area of the San Dieguito River Valley as a regional open space greenbelt and park system...”

The JPA seeks to preserve land and create an open space greenbelt and park system by purchasing land within the focused planning area that is appropriate for those purposes from willing sellers. It is not practical, desirable or possible to acquire all of the land within the focused planning area for park purposes. The focused planning area, or regional park planning boundary, now includes about 92,000 acres, of which a little over half is currently owned by various public agencies. In the middle years of the JPA’s growth, in the late 90’s and early 00’s, the
largest portion of the JPA’s revenues and expenses was in the area of land acquisition. The JPA identified the following criteria to determine whether a parcel should be considered for acquisition: parcels that contain habitat with existing endangered, threatened and sensitive species, parcels with restorable habitat, parcels located in the floodplain or important watershed drainages, parcels that are important to the preservation of a major wildlife corridor, parcels that contain significant cultural resources, parcels that are needed for public recreation or access (trails and trail linkages), and parcels that are prominent in the viewshed. Of these, the most important were habitat values and wildlife corridor followed second in importance by trail linkage and significant viewshed.

Bond Acts: From 1988, when the voters approved Proposition 70, until 2000, when the voters approved Proposition 12, there were almost no State or Federal funds available for land acquisition. The years from 2000 to 2002 saw the approval of Propositions 13, 40 and 50, in addition to Proposition 12, all of which allocated funds for acquisition of lands for watershed or habitat protection. In 2006 the voters approved Proposition 84. To date the JPA has received substantial funds from Propositions 70, 12, 13, 40 and 84.

Proposition 70: In 1988, California voters approved Proposition 70, which provided funding to state and local agencies for the acquisition of natural lands. The County was designated as the administrator of $10 million for acquisition of lands in the Tijuana River Valley, $5 million to acquire lands within County adopted Resource Conservation Areas, and $10 million for acquisition of lands in the San Dieguito River Valley. In an informal agreement between the JPA and the County, the JPA assumed the major responsibility in acquiring land with the San Dieguito River Valley Proposition 70 funds. Except for the Sycamore Creek area which links the San Pasqual Valley with the Poway open space and trails system, the JPA was responsible for negotiations, appraisal reports and hazardous materials studies for most of the acquisitions made with those funds. The San Dieguito River Valley Proposition 70 funds available for land purchases were $9,850,000 once state administrative costs of $150,000 were deducted. The JPA incurred unreimbursed direct expenditures (not including staff time) in the amount of $48,581 for these costs associated with land acquisition. As part of the informal agreement between the County of San Diego and the JPA, once all of the funds available through Proposition 70 for land acquisition in the San Dieguito River Valley had been expended, the County transferred to the JPA the properties located in the coastal area and in Poway that it had acquired on the JPA’s behalf. The transfer took place in May 1997. The remaining acquisitions were in the Volcan Mountain area and were retained in County ownership. Those parcels will continue to be administered as part of the San Dieguito River Park by the County of San Diego.

Propositions 12 and 13: In 2000, California voters approved Proposition 12, the Parks Bond Act, and Proposition 13, the Water Bond Act. Neither act designated any funds for specific areas or projects in San Diego, however, Governor Davis earmarked $11 million in funds from Proposition 13 for land acquisition in the San Dieguito River Corridor in the 2000/01 State Budget. The State Wildlife Conservation Board was the administrator for those funds. The California Department of Fish & Game (CDFG) and the State Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) approved a Conceptual Area Protection Plan (CAPP) for the properties in the San Dieguito River Valley corridor in 2001. A CAPP is required prior to acquisition of property with WCB or CDFG funds. $6.1 million of the $11 million in Proposition 13 funds was used to acquire the 5,500-acre Santa Ysabel Ranch East and West, a purchase facilitated by The Nature Conservancy. At the request of the JPA, title to the Santa Ysabel Ranch East and West property is in fee simple by the County of San Diego, and the County is responsible for its management and maintenance. The remaining $4.3 million (the amount remaining after the State’s bond and acquisition costs were deducted) were used by the JPA Board to acquire properties in the Lake Sutherland and Santa Ysabel Gorge areas. These acquisitions were facilitated by The Trust for Public Land. In February 2003, the Wildlife Conservation Board approved a second block grant to the JPA, comprising $5,000,000 in Proposition 12 funds, for use on NCCP eligible properties only, and $573,000 in Proposition 13 River Parkway funds.

Propositions 40 and 50. In 2004, the Wildlife Conservation Board and the State Coastal Conservancy awarded the JPA $1,289,000 and...
$1,500,000 respectively from Proposition 40 for a key coastal purchase. To date, no funds have been awarded from Proposition 50 to the JPA, but the San Dieguito River Park has benefitted from Proposition 50 funds awarded to other entities that were used for invasive species removal in the San Dieguito River Valley.

Grants: The JPA has been successful in grant applications from state and federal sources for land acquisition, receiving a $500,000 Intermodal Surface Transportation Enhancement Activities (ISTEA) scenic viewshed grant, and $175,000 in funding for a State Environmental Enhancement Mitigation Grant. These funds were combined to make a purchase of 390 acres at Rutherford Ranch/San Felipe Valley (the east side of Volcan Mountain). The JPA received a $1,000,000 State Environmental Enhancement Mitigation Grant for acquisition of Bernardo Mountain.

Donations: A private landowner contributed 40 acres in San Pasqual Valley to the JPA. Another landowner contributed a 1.2-acre parcel located in a highly visible area adjacent to El Camino Real. Another donation was a 32-acre parcel donated by Sunroad Maderas in Poway adjacent to JPA property on Sycamore Creek Road.

Other Sources: The JPA purchased additional lands in the river valley with funds received from the City of San Diego from the City’s wetlands acquisition fund in 1991. In addition, $2 million was committed to the San Dieguito River Park as part of the approval of Highway 56. This amount was split among the City of San Diego, SANDAG and Caltrans. $1,500,000 of that sum was paid to the JPA in 1993 and was used to acquire land in the coastal area and in the Sycamore Creek area of Poway. Caltrans, the City of San Diego and the JPA signed a three-way agreement in 2001 that resulted in the transfer of the remaining $500,000 to the JPA, and is described in more detail below.

The JPA’s primary partner in fund-raising is the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy (SDRVC), which conducted fundraising campaigns to raise money for matching purposes for the Bernardo Mountain and Lake Sutherland East purchases. The JPA’s other essential fundraising partner is the Volcan Mountain Foundation, which has raised money for land acquisitions at the east end of the FPA.

Geographic Focus

The San Dieguito River Park Concept Plan identified fourteen “landscape units” in the San Dieguito River Valley, which are distinguished from each other by topography, habitat and land use. (See Attachment 4). Following is a description of the JPA’s acquisition and restoration efforts in the valley, beginning with Landscape Unit A, at the coast.

Landscape Unit A: The first property acquired by the JPA was in the coastal area, 86 acres located west of I-5, known as the Airfield property (former Bircher/Del Mar 88), using $700,000 in Proposition 70 funds and $1.3 million from the City of San Diego’s Wetlands Acquisition Fund. Additional purchases by the JPA and negotiated agreements between the City of San Diego and Southern California Edison have led to almost all of the property west of El Camino Real coming into public ownership for habitat preservation and restoration purposes. In accordance with a 1991 Memorandum of Agreement between Southern California Edison (SCE) and the JPA, SCE transferred title to the 86-acre Horseworld property (east of I-5 and north of the river) to the JPA in 2007. This was in return for the right to use and receive mitigation credits on the JPA’s Airfield property as a part of SCE’s Wetland Restoration Project. As a result of this agreement, the Airfield property is now a deep lagoon. SCE later purchased the 54-acre Villages property adjacent to Via de la Valle and entered into an agreement with the JPA whereby the property was transferred to the JPA when construction on SCE’s Wetland Restoration Project was completed in 2013. The Park Master Plan for the Coastal Area identifies the northwest corner of that parcel for use as a Nature Center and Ranger Office site.

A 1996 Memorandum of Agreement between the City of San Diego and the JPA stated that the JPA would make the City-owned 105-acre parcel located east of I-5, west of El Camino Real and south of the river its top priority for acquisition. The City had acquired the subject property from the San Dieguito Partnership as part of a settlement agreement. The MOA established a five-year option period for the JPA to acquire all or part of the property, after which time the option could be extended or the City could market the property to other interests. The option expired in July 2001. As part of a separate three-way agreement between the JPA, City of San Diego and Caltrans,
executed in November 2001, the JPA received $500,000 from Caltrans (fulfilling Caltrans’ obligations pursuant to the approval of Highway 56) and transferred it to the City and the City entered into an agreement to preserve the 105-acre parcel for natural habitat use as part of the San Dieguito River Park.

In Del Mar there is a string of small parcels at the edge of the river along San Dieguito Drive, between Jimmy Durante Blvd. and the Lagoon Viewpoint at the Old Grand Avenue Bridge. As of 2014, all but four of these parcels have been acquired by the City of Del Mar and SDRVC. One is owned by Southern California Edison, used for access purposes to the nearby revetment that Edison installed. The remaining three parcels are privately owned. A project is in the works to install a trail along the river’s edge through these properties (skirting the privately owned parcels) that will ultimately connect the Lagoon Viewpoint at the Old Grand Avenue Bridge to the Del Mar Riverpath (on the west side of Jimmy Durante Blvd.)

In 2004, the JPA was successful in obtaining $1,500,000 from the State Coastal Conservancy and $1,289,000 from the State Wildlife Conservation Board to acquire the Boudreau property, located west of El Camino Real and south of the river. The purpose of the acquisition was to enable the future extension of the wetland restoration project directly adjacent to it. To that end, the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy commissioned a wetland biologist, Chris Nordby, to prepare conceptual restoration designs. In 2008, Poseidon Resources, which needed mitigation credits to offset the impacts associated with their proposed water desalination plant in Carlsbad, commissioned studies to evaluate the feasibility of creating additional tidal wetlands at the San Dieguito Lagoon, without negatively impacting the recently completed Edison wetland restoration project. Following completion of the feasibility study, SANDAG and its working group, of which JPA staff was part, proceeded to develop alternatives and analyze hydrology and soil deposition for each, and to complete CEQA and NEPA review. JPA agreed to serve as CEQA lead, and to amend the 2000 Park Master Plan to accommodate the new wetland restoration project. Estimated completion of CEQA/NEPA is Fall 2016, with estimated construction to begin Fall 2017.

Landscape Unit B, Gonzales Canyon: The JPA has not acquired any property in Landscape Unit B.

Landscape Unit C, Osuna: The JPA has not acquired any property in Landscape Unit C. However, a conservation agreement has been placed on 35 acres of property adjacent to the river as part of a development agreement.

Landscape Unit D, La Jolla Valley: The JPA has not acquired any property in Landscape Unit D. However, in 1999 the County of San Diego acquired 158 acres of natural open space just north of Lusardi Creek and east of the San Dieguito River. The property was dedicated as the Lusardi Canyon Preserve. Another 23-acre parcel was added to it in 2013. The Lusardi Canyon Preserve is managed as open space parkland by the County of San Diego Parks Department. Also, a large swath of land in the La Jolla Valley was preserved as open space by the City of San Diego when the Black Mountain Ranch project was approved. This dedicated open space area is managed by the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department.

Landscape Unit E, Del Dios Gorge: 332 acres along the river was preserved by the County of San Diego as part of the conditions of approval of the Santa Fe Valley Specific Plan. Other landowners also made major land donations to the County in this area. The Environmental Trust (TET), a non-profit management company, acquired 154 acres (the former Golem property) adjacent to the Lake Hodges Dam. In 2008, as a result of the bankruptcy of TET, title to this property was transferred to the JPA.

Landscape Unit F, Lake Hodges: The 232-acre Bernardo Mountain property was purchased by the
JPA and the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy in 2002.

The funds assembled to acquire the property included $1,870,000 in grants obtained by the City of Escondido, $1,000,000 in an Environmental Enhancement Mitigation Program (EEMP) grant obtained by the JPA, and the remainder in private funds and loans obtained by the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy. Caltrans had previously purchased a 93-acre parcel on the west slope of Bernardo Mountain, fee title to which has been transferred to the JPA, along with an endowment for long-term management. The Environmental Trust (TET), a non-profit management company, acquired 10 acres (the former Walsh property) adjacent to the Caltrans parcel. In 2008, as a result of the bankruptcy of TET, title to this property was transferred to the JPA. In addition, the JPA contributed to a major land acquisition by the County when the County purchased the 345-acre Derbas property along Del Dios Highway. The County also purchased the 110-acre Polo Estates property on Del Dios Highway, and the 59-acre Helix property. The County subsequently opened this open space area for trail use as "Del Dios Highlands Preserve".

Landscape Unit G, East Lake Hodges: The County purchased 70 acres of oak woodland along Sycamore Creek in Poway with Proposition 70 funds, and transferred those parcels to the JPA in 1994. In 1995, the JPA purchased another 8.75 acres along the creek. The 8.75-acre parcel included a house that served as the San Dieguito River Park offices until it burned down in 2007. In 2003, the JPA purchased 47 acres of coastal sage covered habitat on the west facing slopes of the hill that adjoins the oak woodland habitat. In 2008, the Sunroad Corporation donated 32 acres of coastal sage covered habitat located at the end of Sycamore Creek Road adjacent to the Maderas Golf Course in Poway.

Landscape Unit H, San Pasqual Valley: In April 2004, the JPA took action to acquire the 75-acre, cactus-covered Crowder property, located west of the Wild Animal Park. A major portion of San Pasqual Valley is owned by the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department (formerly Water Department) and is used for agriculture. The City of San Diego purchased the 462-acre former Kony property with a Coastal Conservancy grant in 1998. The 40-acre former Perrin parcel was donated to the JPA in 1994. In 2008, a Conservation Bank was established at the former Fenton Ranch (now known as Bandy Canyon Ranch), and the JPA accepted a conservation easement over 90 acres of the property. In 2008 the County of San Diego acquired considerable acreage for open space in the Ramona Grasslands, which will provide a significant wildlife corridor connecting the Ramona Grasslands Preserve with the San Pasqual Valley. This wildlife corridor would be significantly enhanced if the remainder of the Bandy Canyon Ranch parcels that are not preserved in the conservation easement, and that currently have an approved final map to develop 9 homes, could be acquired for open space. The JPA and SDRVC, working in partnership with the County of San Diego, have identified this acquisition as a top priority.

Landscape Unit I, Clevenger Canyon: Boden Canyon (located in the County of San Diego, west of Pamo Valley, north of Hwy 78): The JPA received a $90,000 Habitat Conservation Fund grant to purchase riparian habitat in Boden Canyon. Habitat Conservation Fund grants require a 100% match. The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy contributed the match, using a $60,000 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant and private donations. The total of $180,000 was transferred to the State Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) and was used to complete the California Department of Fish & Game (CDFG) land purchase in Boden Canyon.

WCB identified Boden Canyon as a priority acquisition area for the state’s Natural Communities Conservation Program. The WCB was able to acquire 566 acres of Boden Canyon in March, 1998. The 566 acres acquired was primarily riparian habitat,
located along the edge of the Cleveland National Forest to the east. Additional purchases for mitigation purposes were made by the City of San Diego (240 acres) and the County of San Diego (40 acres). The remaining 590 acres, generally on the western and southern sides of the canyon, was purchased by WCB and transferred to CDFG in 1999.

**Landscape Unit J, Pamo Valley:** The JPA has not purchased any property in Landscape Unit J. The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy purchased a 40-acre parcel from a private land owner in 2013. The remainder of Pamo Valley is almost entirely owned by the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department with only 80 acres in private ownership.

**Landscape Unit K, Lake Sutherland:** The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy purchased 240 acres of property north of Lake Sutherland in 2000 and 2001. In 2005, the JPA purchased 353 acres of former McCaw property known as Lake Sutherland East. The funds were raised through a major fundraising campaign by the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy and a grant for $809,000 from the State Wildlife Conservation Board.

**Landscape Unit L, Mesa Grande** The JPA purchased the 410-acre Helms Ranch using Proposition 13 River Parkway funds. Working with The Trust for Public Land, the JPA also acquired the 387-acre former Habib property and the 249-acre former Newton property using Proposition 12 funds from the State Wildlife Conservation Board.

**Landscape Unit M, Santa Ysabel** The 5,500-acre former Santa Ysabel Ranch was purchased by The Nature Conservancy in 2001, using Proposition 12 funds allocated to the San Dieguito River Valley. Title was subsequently transferred to the County of San Diego at the request of the JPA. Santa Ysabel Ranch is split by Hwy 79, with the larger portion located east of Hwy 79 and the smaller portion located west of Hwy 79. The County developed trails on these two areas, including portions of the Coast to Crest Trail, and named the open space areas Santa Ysabel Open Space Preserve West and Santa Ysabel Open Space Preserve East.

**Landscape Unit N, Volcan Mountain:** In 1993, The Trust for Public Land entered into an option to purchase a large part of the 11,000-acre Rutherford Ranch at Volcan Mountain. Since that time several agencies and non-profit organizations, among them the Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation (now renamed the Volcan Mountain Foundation) and the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, have worked together to raise funds to acquire the ranch. The County of San Diego concentrated primarily on the western portion of the ranch, west of the ridgeline, and the JPA and California Department of Fish & Game (CDFG) concentrated on the property east of the ridgeline. The County made two acquisitions at Rutherford Ranch using San Dieguito River Valley Proposition 70 funds. They were a 611-acre parcel for $1,650,000 and a 291-acre parcel for $700,000. The County also purchased property at Rutherford Ranch with County Resource Conservation Area funds from Proposition 70. In addition, the County has successfully applied for grants to acquire additional acreage west of the ridgeline of Volcan Mountain. The County also purchased 120 acres on the eastern slopes (the Arkansas Canyon/San Felipe Valley area), using State grant funds. The County retained title to all of the property it acquired at Rutherford Ranch. The Wildlife Conservation Board, on behalf of the CDFG, acquired 566 acres of the ranch along S2 in San Felipe Valley in 1995. As part of that transaction the landowner donated an additional 200 acres. WCB made subsequent acquisitions amounting to approximately 6,122 acres in 1999 and 2001. The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, with assistance from the Volcan Mountain Foundation, purchased a 23-acre parcel along Farmer Road. In 2003, the JPA purchased 390 acres on Arkansas Canyon in 1997, adjacent to the County’s 120 acres. In 2003, the JPA purchased a 143-acre Rutherford Ranch inholding on Volcan Mountain. In 2005, the JPA purchased the 90-acre former Ruetter property adjacent to Farmer Road. That property included a modular house, which is used by the JPA for ranger housing. The Volcan Mountain Foundation, and the County of San Diego worked with The Nature Conservancy to put together an agreement to purchase the remaining 1,800 acres of the ranch. The agreement has been approved by the property owner, and will be implemented in phases. The first phase, a purchase by the County of San Diego for 205 acres, closed in December 2008 for $1,828,117. VMF closed on the Hunters’ Camp (261 acres) for $1.622 million in early 2009. Funding was obtained from several sources, including $1 million in a private donation pledged to the Volcan
Mountain Foundation, a $500,000 Environmental Enhancement Mitigation Program (EEMP) grant obtained by the Volcan Mountain Foundation, and a $80,000 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) grant. In 2010 and 2011, VMF acquired the former Grand property and the former Geis property with private donations.

Table 2 gives details regarding land acquired by the JPA. Table 3 gives details regarding lands acquired in the San Dieguito River Valley for habitat purposes by other entities.

**Habitat Conservation Planning**

The San Diego region encompasses a wide variety of habitats – coastal scrub, chaparral, grassland, forest and desert. The habitats are home to 24 plant and animal species that are listed or proposed for listing as endangered by the federal or state governments, and some 300 species are considered sensitive. The San Diego region has more “species of concern” than any other county in the continental United States. Therefore the Cities and the County of San Diego determined that it was imperative to preserve the region’s natural resources and valuable habitats while maintaining our economic prosperity as the region continues to grow. After California passed the Natural Community Conservation Planning Act in 1991, which set the stage for regional cooperation in protecting multiple habitats, the municipal agencies in San Diego County worked together to identify mechanisms for protecting critical habitat for a wide range of species using the California gnatcatcher as an indicator species of habitat health. The programs they developed include the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) which was completed in 1997 for southwestern San Diego County, the Multiple Habitat Conservation Program (MHCP) which will apply to seven incorporated cities in northern San Diego County, and the County of San Diego Multiple Habitat Conservation and Open Space Program (MHCOSP) which will apply to the unincorporated areas of North and East County.

Assembling the preserves was anticipated to happen through a combination of conservation of lands already in public ownership, private development contributions through development regulations and mitigation of impacts, and public acquisition of private lands with regional habitat from willing sellers. Many of the properties in the San Dieguito River Valley that have been preserved for open space and habitat in the decades since the JPA was formed were purchased as part of the implementation of these programs. Because the JPA itself is not a signatory agency to one of the programs, the “credits” that accrue when the JPA purchases open space in one of the program areas are attributed to the municipal agency within which jurisdiction the property lies.

The San Dieguito River Park Focused Planning Area (FPA) encompasses several MSCP planning areas: the City’s MHPA, the County’s unincorporated North and South County planning areas, and the County’s East County plan area. Both the North and East County plans are in the draft planning stages (in 2014) and have not yet been adopted by the County. In addition, the FPA includes a portion of the North County Multiple Habitat Conservation Plan (MHCP) that covers the incorporated cities in the northwestern portion of San Diego County including the City of Escondido’s MHCP preserve. Almost all of the FPA is within the planning boundary of one of the MSCP/MHCP preserves. The MSCP plans continue to evolve and are implemented through the individual local jurisdictions with the goal to assemble a habitat preserve that meets the goals and objectives of the NCCP.

In 2006 the voters of San Diego voted in favor of a half-cent sales tax extension, a measure that included $850 million for environmental mitigation. In 2009, SANDAG established the San Diego Management and Monitoring Program (SDMMP) to provide a regional coordinated approach to manage and monitor lands in San Diego that have been conserved through the MSCP/MHCP, the TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program and various other conservation and mitigation efforts (such as open...
space parks and easements). SDMMP supports land managers in San Diego County by coordinating the implementation of regional management projects and assisting with identifying funding sources. SDMMP also administers SANDAG's Regional Habitat Conservation Fund established under the TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP) (funded through 2048). The San Dieguito River Park has benefited through these programs by implementing habitat restoration projects, invasive species treatment and removal, land acquisition, and other projects. The JPA staff also actively participates in SDMMP coordination meetings, management, and information sharing.

**Trails**

“...Provide a connecting corridor of walking, equestrian and bicycle trails encompassing the San Dieguito River Valley from the ocean to the river's source.”

In order to achieve the above goal from the JPA agreement, the JPA formed a subcommittee of the Citizens Advisory Committee, known as the Trails Committee. The Trails Committee worked with staff to develop appropriate trail standards for hiking, equestrian and bicycle trails, researched existing trail conditions in the river valley, and proposed conceptual, generalized trail corridors for the multi-use “Coast to Crest Trail”, which is planned to extend from the river’s source on Volcan Mountain, all the way to the beach at Del Mar, a distance of approximately 71 miles. Thirty-six miles of the Coast to Crest Trail have been completed and opened to the public. Another 23.82 miles of side trails are also open, for a total 59.82 trails in the San Dieguito River Park that are open to the public. Not all of these trails are managed by the JPA. See Table 8 for more information on specific trails including which agency owns the land they are on, and which agency manages them.

Over the years, members of the Trails Committee have also spent considerable time in the field maintaining and improving various segments of the trails. In addition, ranger staff and volunteers from the Trails Committee have worked with planners and property owners in Santa Fe Valley and Black Mountain Ranch and with City of San Diego staff and leaseholders in the San Pasqual Valley to identify appropriate trail alignments for regional trails within those areas. Field research has also been done in areas east of San Pasqual Valley (around Clevenger Canyon), and around Lake Sutherland. Using information developed by the Trails Committee and ranger staff, the JPA has sought grants and other funds for implementation. The Trails Committee has studied a trail alignment from the terminus of the San Pasqual Valley Trail eastward to Boden Canyon, a trail alignment west of the Santa Fe Valley trail segment of the Coast to Crest Trail, where it ends at the Crosby Estate, and trail alignments that would take the trail around Lake Sutherland. The Committee has studied directional and informational signage needs on many of the Park’s trails, as well as locations for amenities such as benches and picnic tables. The Committee did traffic counts for vehicular usage of Pamo Road, as part of developing a trail alignment through Pamo Valley. In 2006 the Trails Committee completed a Gap Analysis for the Coast to Crest Trail. The Gap Analysis provides a potential trail alignment, or in some cases, several potential alignments, in each of the areas where the Coast to Crest Trail has not been completed, and describes what issues remain to be resolved in each case. That Gap Analysis was updated in 2014.

Volunteers contribute their time and energy to the Park monthly for trail construction and maintenance. A special and invaluable group of volunteers known as the “Dust Devils” works with the Park Rangers weekly on trail construction projects. Other volunteers serve as Trail Patrollers.

In 2013, a Mountain Bike Patrol program was initiated. This successful program won an Award at the 2014 California Trails & Greenways Conference.

**Trail Planning and Construction**

36 miles of the Coast to Crest Trail are currently open to the public. Another 23.82 miles of side trails in the San Dieguito River Park are also open. See Table 8. The JPA’s first area of concentration for trail planning and construction was on land in public ownership in the Lake Hodges and San Pasqual Valley area. The first trail constructed by the JPA was the 2-mile Highland Valley Trail on the south side of the river east of I-15. Another trail system constructed by the JPA was the 1.9-mile-long Piedras Pintadas Trail on the south side of Lake Hodges, west of I-15. This trail provides extensive interpretation of Kumeyaay
lifestyles and uses of native plants. Because of the critical barrier posed by the I-15 freeway bridge over Lake Hodges, a top priority was constructing a trail crossing east-west under the north side of the freeway bridge. This was accomplished in 1995. When the freeway bridge was replaced by Caltrans in 2008, Caltrans rebuilt the undercrossing. The pre-existing, 7-mile-long trail (formerly Mission Road) along the north shore of Lake Hodges is maintained by the JPA rangers and volunteers. The next priority in the Lake Hodges area was to extend the trail that dead-ended at the Sunset Drive cul-de-sac just east of I-15 eastward through San Pasqual Valley. San Pasqual Valley is an agricultural preserve, primarily owned by the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department. The first segment of the extension is called the Mule Hill Historical Trail, and takes trail users 1.25 miles past Sikes Adobe to Mule Hill, providing interpretive signage for each historic site. The trail continues on into and through San Pasqual Valley an additional 8.75 miles. In that area, interpretive signage about the history of the agricultural preserve, farm products that are grown or raised in the valley has been installed, along with informational signage about invasive species and the birds and plants that can be seen from the trail. Altogether, the segment of the Coast to Crest Trail through San Pasqual Valley is just over ten miles long and was opened to the public in 2002. Planning the trail required careful attention to the concerns of the farmers in the valley. Two of their concerns were potential exposure of trail users to pesticide use and potential liability of the farmers to claims from trail users, if they were to leave the trail and then become injured by farm equipment. The JPA addressed these concerns to the farmers’ satisfaction by adopting a Trail Closure Protocol and by passing a resolution to indemnify the farmers with leaseholds through which the trail passed. The Trail Closure Protocol, which was developed in conjunction with the County Agricultural Advisor’s Commission and the County Farm Bureau, states that the JPA will close the trail whenever advised by a farmer that he/she will be conducting spraying operations that he/she feels warrants trail closure.

Construction of the next phase of the Lake Hodges Bikeway Access Project was the north-south bicycle/pedestrian bridge across Lake Hodges, west of I-15, which was completed in May 2009. At 990 feet long and twelve feet wide, it is the longest stress ribbon bridge in the world.

The stress ribbon bridge type selected by the JPA Board places the load primarily on the abutments at each end, relying less on piers for support. There are only two piers in the lakebed, with 330-foot-long spans between the piers. The bridge profile is narrow and low, only 16 inches deep, giving the impression of a trail aloft above the water. This type of construction was selected to minimize aesthetic impact in a natural area. Construction of this project was a major undertaking by the JPA, requiring the assemblage of over $10.5 million in state, local, and federal grants, as well as individual donations. The JPA pays an annual lease payment to the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department because the bridge is located on Public Utilities Department property. The JPA Board named the bridge the David Kreitzer Lake Hodges Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge in honor of long time park volunteer and support, David Kreitzer. The remaining phase of the Lake Hodges Bikeway Access Project was construction of the West Bernardo Drive Bike Path and Cantilever project. It connects the Lake Hodges Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge with the Bernardo Bay Natural Area and Rancho Bernardo Community Park and was completed in March 2011. In October 2011, the David Kreitzer Lake Hodges Bicycle Pedestrian Bridge received a Orchid from the American Institute of Architects, San Diego Chapter.

West of Lake Hodges, the priority was to connect the North Shore Lake Hodges Trail, which ends above the Lake Hodges Dam, with the Santa Fe Valley trail constructed by the developer of the Crosby Estate. This section of trail is known as the Coast to Crest Trail at Del Dios Gorge. It was necessary to cross the gorge with a trail bridge. A 180-foot-long, 10-foot-wide steel truss bridge was fabricated off-site and
installed at the site using three cranes, two on the north side and one on the south side. The project was completed in 2007. Funding for this trail segment came from the State Resources Agency from Propositions 12, 40 and 84.

With the building momentum of the wetland restoration project at the San Dieguito Lagoon, the JPA moved into construction of the 2.0-mile-long Coast to Crest Trail at the San Dieguito Lagoon, between Jimmy Durante Blvd. and the west side of Horsepark (the 22nd Agricultural Association’s equestrian show & boarding facility) with funding from a Federal Transportation Activities grant and a State Coastal Conservancy grant. This project entailed the construction of a 1200-foot-long boardwalk for nature study along the lower edge of the Fairgrounds south overflow lot, two bridges over drainage channels on both sides of I-5, and an undercrossing under I-5. The boardwalk component was the beneficiary of a major contribution in the form of labor from the Del Mar Rotary, which held an all-day work party to install the planks along the top of the boardwalk. This volunteer effort had a dollar value of $39,000. The grand opening ceremony for the boardwalk was held in June 2007.

In addition, with a grant from the State Water Resources Control Board, the JPA constructed a series of four connected treatment ponds to treat urban runoff before it enters the newly constructed tidal wetland restoration area. The treatment ponds had the additional benefit of raising the trail out of a consistently wet area to enable year-round public use. By the end of calendar year 2008, the Coast to Crest Trail at the Lagoon extended from Jimmy Durante Blvd. to the foot of San Andres Drive. In 2009 it was extended ½ mile to the west edge of Horsepark, In 2012 it was extended another ½ mile to the east edge of Horsepark, at El Camino Real, with the cooperation of Horsepark and 22nd DAA management that enabled sufficient space for the trail to be carved out from the existing turf show rings. This segment was funded with a State EEMP grant for $350,000.

With funding from the State Coastal Conservancy, the JPA prepared a Feasibility Study in 2012, known as the “Reach the Beach Feasibility Study” that analyzed options for extending the existing Coast to Crest Trail, which ends just short of Jimmy Durante Blvd., all the way to the beach. The Study concluded that there is a need for two crossings, one on the south side of the river, and another on the north side of the river. Both crossings require coordination with SANDAG, which is designing a replacement for the existing railroad bridge and a proposed seasonal rail platform at the Fairgrounds. The study also examined options for crossing Jimmy Durante Blvd.

At the east end of the River Park, the County of San Diego opened 8 miles of the Coast to Crest Trail on the Santa Ysabel Open Space Preserve East. Additional trails on Santa Ysabel Open Space Preserve West were opened to the public in 2009.

The Heritage Trail link, which was funded with a private contribution via the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, is a short segment that links the existing Coast to Crest Trail in San Pasqual Valley with the City of Poway’s Old Coach North Trail and from there to Poway’s extensive trail system and the Trans-County Trail. The Heritage trail link represents the first connection between two regional east/west trails in the County. Construction was completed in 2011. Another project currently in the permitting stage is the Pamo Valley segment of the Coast to Crest Trail. This segment will add 12 miles to the trail system, comprising the 3.4-mile-long Lower Santa
Ysabel Truck Trail, the 6-mile-long Upper Santa Ysabel Truck Trail and a 2.6-mile-long stretch approximately paralleling Pamo Road. When completed, the trail will extend from Boden Canyon to Lake Sutherland. Completion of this project requires coordination with the underlying landowners, which are the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department and the Cleveland National Forest.

Implementation of Other Goals

The San Dieguito River Park’s goals within the focused planning area include watershed protection, conservation and enhancement of threatened and endangered species and their habitat, a continuous wildlife corridor, and the integrity of the riverine ecosystem. Promotion of biodiversity in the river valley is an important element of the habitat preservation goal. Implementing these objectives for the property in the River Park’s jurisdiction requires habitat restoration in some areas. Other management objectives include preservation and restoration of cultural resources, retention of agriculture, provision of public access trails where appropriate, and education about, and interpretation of, the valley’s natural and cultural resources. An increasing focus of management effort involves controlling, and to the extent possible, eradicating invasive species, such as Perennial Pepperweed (Lepidium Latifolium), Salt Cedar (Tamarix sp) and Giant Reed (Arundo Donax). Several habitat and historic restoration projects are described in more detail below.

Habitat Restoration

River Park rangers, with the assistance of volunteers, carry out extensive habitat restoration in regular, ongoing programs. Considerable habitat work is done in the Bernardo Mountain and Bernardo Bay areas, often as Eagle Scout projects under ranger supervision. The River Park conducts monthly habitat restoration work-parties with the assistance of the general public. Below are some of the major habitat restoration achievements in the River Park.

San Dieguito Lagoon

Lagoon Wetland Restoration Projects. The coastal area west of El Camino Real is the site of a comprehensive habitat restoration known as the San Dieguito Wetland Restoration Project, which was instigated by the California Coastal Commission’s requirement that Southern California Edison create 150 acres of tidal wetlands at San Dieguito to mitigate for fishery impacts caused by the San Onofre Nuclear Generating stations. The JPA Board adopted a plan in 2000 that includes the maximum feasible tidal wetland restoration, the tidal inlet maintained in an open condition, restoration of the associated upland properties to native habitat, and included public access paths and interpretive features. The JPA’s property in this area would be restored by SCE to tidal wetlands where appropriate, and elsewhere by the JPA or a partner to native grassland, southern willow scrub, southern mixed chaparral, and coastal sage scrub. The entire Wetland Restoration Project was on hold for several years as a result of a lawsuit filed against the project, which alleged that the Environmental Impact Report inadequately analyzed the impacts of the project. The trial judge ruled in favor of the plaintiffs, but the Appeals Court decisively ruled in favor of the JPA and SCE on all counts in August 2003. The California Coastal Commission approved the Coastal Development Permit for the project in October 2005. Construction began in October 2006. Grading of the tidal lagoons and wetlands was largely completed by the end of calendar year 2008. The site was then planted with native wetland plants, and the river mouth and inlet was excavated. Approximately 2 million cubic yards of excavated materials were disposed of on-site on areas set aside for that purpose. The San Dieguito Lagoon Wetland Restoration Project received the 2005 Association of Environmental Professionals “Outstanding Environmental Solution” Award. The project was deemed substantially complete by the California Coastal Commission in November 2011.

In October 2009, the JPA signed an option agreement with SANDAG that gave SANDAG the right to create tidal wetlands on the former Boudreau property and other JPA property that had not been needed for the Edison project. This project is known as W19, and will provide mitigation credits associated with the I-5 Corridor Widening and LOSSAN alignment. A feasibility study was completed in December 2011 that concluded that it was feasible to create another 55-65 acres of tidal wetlands without negatively impacting the recently completed Edison wetland restoration project. Following completion of the feasibility study, SANDAG and its working group, of
which JPA staff was part, proceeded to develop alternatives and analyze hydrology and soil deposition for each, and to complete CEQA and NEPA review. JPA agreed to serve as CEQA lead, and to amend the 2000 Park Master Plan to accommodate the new wetland restoration project and a new trail that will extend from the Dust Devil Nature Trail northward along the west side of El Camino Real, where eventually it will be connected to the Coast to Crest Trail on the north side of the river. Estimated completion of CEQA/NEPA for the W19 project is Fall 2016, with estimated construction to begin Fall 2017.

The JPA is responsible for creating and monitoring several acres of wetland mitigation sites at the San Dieguito Lagoon, along with 1.7 acres of coastal sage scrub mitigation. This responsibility was part of the conditions of approval issued by the California Coastal Commission when the permit for the lagoon trail and wetland treatment ponds was approved in 2005.

Del Dios Gorge

In 2010, the JPA, in partnership with SDRVC, received a grant from the State Resources Agency for $1,049,000 for the Del Dios Gorge area of the Park. $846,000 of the grant was used to remove thick growths of non-native eucalyptus trees via helicopter, and replace them with native sycamore, willow and cottonwood. This grant also included some funds that were used to eradicate bullfrogs and to survey the turtle population in the river and ponded areas and to remove non-native turtles, for future restoration of the native Southwestern Pond Turtle, if feasible. The remainder of the grant was used for trail improvements.

Lake Hodges/San Pasqual Valley

Partners for Wildlife Project. In 1998, the River Park restored 26 acres of habitat in the San Pasqual Valley through a Partners for Wildlife grant with the US Fish & Wildlife Service. The project involved the removal of tamarisk, an invasive species, and planting of mulefat cuttings.

Cloverdale Creek. In 2004, the JPA began planning a wetland creation project in San Pasqual Valley in coordination with the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department and the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). This project created 1.3 acres of new wetland habitat. The City provided the land and the JPA provided the labor. Other costs were split. The NRCS provided a grant for this project. Grading for this project was completed at the end of calendar year 2008. In early spring 2009 the site was planted.

In 2005, River Park rangers restored a streambank dumpsite in San Pasqual Valley by removing debris and stabilizing the bank. This effort was funded by grants from the State Coastal Conservancy (WRP) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) WHIP grant, and utilized the assistance of students from the San Pasqual Academy. Also in 2005, rangers restored another large dumpsite on the south side of San Pasqual Valley and restored coastal sage scrub habitat with a Riverine Restoration grant from State Parks.

In 2008, SDRVC received grants of $297,050 from the Natural Resource Conservation Service for projects that JPA ranger staff implemented. These grants restored 60 acres of cactus wren habitat on Bernardo Mountain and in south San Pasqual Valley. Cactus wren habitat was significantly impacted as a result of the Witch Fire in 2007 and there is a region-wide priority to replace that habitat to the extent feasible. Federally-funded National Emergency Workforce Partnership crews were vitally important to the success of this effort. Additional NRCS grants have been received in 2014.

In 2009, the JPA received a $347,000 grant from SANDAG that was used for invasive species removal, bullfrog eradication, access control and habitat restoration. The bullfrog eradication component was instituted at the ponds on the JPA’s Santa Ysabel Gorge property. Where they are present, bullfrogs dominate a property, outcompeting and eventually eliminating smaller, native frogs that are an important part of the natural ecosystem and food chain. The funding for the invasive plant species component was a 5-year program that enabled JPA ranger staff to identify and target invasive species removal on an as-needed basis wherever these non-native species that threaten native habitat were found in the Park. Another funding source, as yet unidentified, will be necessary to continue this program.
Santa Ysabel Gorge

In 2014, the SDRVC received a grant for $142,000 to restore Englemann oak habitat and the riparian habitat at the ponds at the JPA’s Santa Ysabel Gorge property. The JPA ranger staff will implement this project.

Historic Preservation/Restoration

Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead

The Sikes Adobe Historic Farmhouse, built circa 1870-1881, was acquired by the City of San Diego in 1925 as part of the purchase of Lake Hodges. The house consisted of one adobe room, used as the kitchen, with a frame house attached to it. Under agreement with the City, the JPA contracted with a historic preservation architecture team to research the structure’s history and prepare construction documents for its restoration. Restoration began in March 2003 and was completed by the end of that year. A grand opening attended by 300 people was held in January 2004. The County Television Network produced a video on the restoration that won Emmy Awards for Best Historical/Cultural Program and writing. The JPA received the 2005 Award from the California Preservation Foundation for the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmhouse in recognition of Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Historic Preservation. The JPA trained docents who provided tours of the restored adobe farmhouse to interpret the pioneer farming experience for the public. The Escondido and Rancho Bernardo Sunrise Rotary Clubs redrilled the old well and rebuilt the windmill. Future plans included the restoration of the adobe creamery, a small out-building adjacent to the farmhouse, the ornamental and kitchen gardens, fencing and wheat fields. In October 2007 the building was burned in the Witch Fire, and only the adobe walls of the kitchen remained. Fortunately the windmill was spared. Emergency FEMA funding was used to stabilize the adobe walls. Ranger staff rushed to cover the walls with tarps at the recommendation of Historic Preservation Architect Ione Stiegler, prior to winter rains setting in. The tarps were not successful, and a wooden framework was then installed over the walls to provide temporary protection.

In late 2007, Museum Manager Anne Cooper was hired by the JPA. Her first priority was to oversee the reconstruction of the Sikes Adobe. In early 2008 the JPA purchased the remains of the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmhouse and the 5.7-acre site that surrounds it from the City of San Diego, using $170,000 in funds provided by the County at the recommendation of Supervisor Pam Slater-Price, 3rd District, County of San Diego. As part of the purchase agreement, the insurance proceeds were transferred from the City to the JPA. The JPA rebuilt the farmhouse consistent with the previous restoration. The insurance company allowed the JPA to hire the same restoration team and contractor that had been used in the original restoration.

In the original restoration, the manta ceiling and period wallpaper were provided by the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in California, San Diego County Committee. These items were replaced with insurance proceeds. The San Pasqual Chapter of The Questers donated funds to acquire several items of furnishings for the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmhouse. An initial grant from the County of San Diego at the recommendation of Supervisor Pam Slater-Price, enabled Museum Manager Cooper, working in conjunction with the Sikes’ docents, to furnish the farmhouse. The following year, a second grant provided funds to create an interior exhibit and to install interpretive panels inside and outside the structure. The Grand Re-Opening was held on June 26, 2010.

In 2011 the Kiwanis of Escondido installed a picket fence around the house, as was seen in a historic photo of the Sikes Adobe. A weekly Farmers Market was introduced at the site in the spring of the same year. The Market features both certified organic
produce and non-certified, hand-made items, and food vendors. Vegetables grown on-site by Sikes Adobe garden volunteers are sold at the Market, as an extension of the interpretation of the site as a historic farm, to raise awareness of the farmhouse presence and to contribute to revenue.

In 2012, a landscape architect, Tim Jachlewski, created a Vision Plan for the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead as a pro bono service. A prototype section of the Vision Plan was implemented in 2013 with a $5,000 grant from the American Society of Landscape Architects. The other parts of the Vision Plan will be implemented in phases over time. They include additional landscaping, community gardens, pathways, a footbridge from the parking lot, and a timber barn, among other things.

In 2013, the old Creamery that had been adjacent to the farmhouse but had disintegrated was restored with a $25,000 grant from the County of San Diego at the recommendation of Supervisor Dave Roberts, with help from volunteers including the Bricklayers of San Diego & Imperial Counties Apprenticeship Trust and the New Haven School’s Youth Build Program. Additional funding was provided by volunteer docent Ron Hall and the Friends of Sikes Adobe. The grand opening was held June 4, 2014.

Development of an interpretive plan for the Creamery through research and later acquisition of appropriate period furnishings are included in our future plans.

Santa Ysabel Historic General Store and Barn

In 2012, the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, San Diego River Foundation, Wildlife Research Institute, Volcan Mountain Foundation and Anza Borrego Foundation joined forces with Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) to purchase the historic 1884 General Store in Santa Ysabel, restore it and use it as a Backcountry Visitor Center and General Store. Under the agreement among the various groups, SOHO purchased the building and the other groups agreed to pay a monthly rent to SOHO, and to provide volunteers to furnish and utilize the back room as the Backcountry Visitor Center, open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Each group was responsible for a different weekend. The JPA provided programming of special events (lectures and children’s activities) during the Conservancy’s weekend. By mid-2013, the partners determined that the plan was not working out, due largely to the difficulties of regularly staffing the Center with sufficient volunteers, and the agreement was terminated. SOHO is now operating the building as a general store.

The JPA helped to facilitate SOHO’s purchase in 2014 of the old barn that is located on a parcel that is adjacent to the General Store, when the County declared it as surplus property. In return, the JPA will be able to hold special events and lectures in the barn when it is ready for use.

Prehistoric Sites

The San Dieguito River Valley is known to contain over 350 recorded archaeological sites, representing 9,000 years of Native American occupation. The earliest known Native American occupation in San Diego County can be found at the Harris Site, located within the river valley downstream of Lake Hodges Dam. The Harris Site was the seasonal home of the San Dieguito Indians in the river valley as far back as 9,000 years ago. This area has been preserved as part of the Open Space set-aside for The Crosby Estate.

Piedras Pintadas, literally “Painted Rocks” in Spanish, is best known for its remarkable rock art. While the precise function of the site is not known, it is clear that activities of great importance took place here. Even now, Piedras Pintadas is a place of special significance to the descendants of those Kumeyaay who created the site about 500 years ago. Using funds provided by a grant from the State of California and matching funds from a San Dieguito River Valley Trust Fund at the City of San Diego, the River Park
prepared a Cultural Resource Management Plan that was intended to protect the Piedras Pintadas site. There was a need for this because considerable damage was occurring at the site as a result of intentional and unintentional vandalism and general site intrusion. These activities had increased after a housing subdivision was constructed near the site. The primary objectives of the plan were to protect the site, interpret the life-style and management practices of the Kumeyaay, and to educate the public as to the importance of protecting cultural resources like Piedras Pintadas. The plan called for an official, designated trail to be constructed that would lead people past the sensitive site without calling attention to it. The River Park's Piedras Pintadas Trail includes educational signage about the lifestyles of the Kumeyaay, how the Kumeyaay used various native plants that still grow in the area, and wonderful views of Lake Hodges. Under the terms of the CRMP, responsibility for the site was turned over to the City of San Diego after five years, which occurred in 2000. River Park rangers continue to patrol the area regularly. Unfortunately the rock art has been degraded by graffiti despite City of San Diego and JPA efforts. There is a need for additional effort by the City and the JPA to protect the site, working in conjunction with the Native American community.

Other cultural resources in the San Dieguito River Park FPA include the Old Adobe Schoolhouse in San Pasqual Valley, a one-room schoolhouse built in 1882 that served the children of the early settlers in the area. There has been a proposal to restore the schoolhouse as part of a Settler’s Park interpretive area.

Interpretation/Education

An important goal for the River Park is the presentation of information to the public about the natural and cultural resources of the valley. Interpretation is offered in the form of active programs such as nature walks with the Park’s trained docents and rangers, in displays at kiosks and in brochures, in trailside interpretive panels, digitally in QR codes along the trail, on our website and in our web app, www.sdrpmobile.org. As part of the Mule Hill/San Pasqual Valley Trail, the Park constructed two interpretive stations with information about the skirmish that took place at Mule Hill in 1846 between the Californios and the American Army; the Town of Bernardo; and the old stage road between San Diego and Yuma. Interpretive signage about the agricultural products that are grown and raised has been installed along the trail in San Pasqual Valley. Interpretive signs have also been placed along the Santa Fe Valley Trail and Del Dios Gorge Trail with information about the geology of the gorge, the history of the Lake Hodges Dam and the Santa Fe Irrigation District flume, and the Harris Site, where archaeologists discovered and investigated a 9,000-year-old Native American site. Some interpretive signs have been installed in the lagoon area that explain the value of wetlands, and the bird and fish life of the lagoon. Additional signage in key areas is being installed, such as one that explains the anticipated effect of climate change at the lagoon.

An Interpretive Walk was designed and implemented at the Lagoon that features QR codes instead of interpretive panels. At each QR code, a trail user with a smart phone or ipad can scan the QR code and learn about a particular point of interest by listening to the audio clip in English or Spanish, or reading the text. The Lagoon Interpretive Walk is available to download from the River Park’s app, www.sdrpmobile.org. Other similarly designed Interpretive Walks will be created in other locations of the River Park.

The San Dieguito River Park Concept Plan describes three Interpretive/Visitor Centers that would someday be built at the San Dieguito River Park, one at the lagoon, one closer to the geographic center of the Park, probably Sikes Adobe, and one at the eastern end. The purpose of each center is described in more detail below.

Western End: Extensive interpretation of the San Dieguito lagoon ecosystem is planned as part of the Park Master Plan for the San Dieguito Coastal Area. The Park Master Plan described a site for a Nature/Visitors Center that would focus on interpretation of the San Dieguito lagoon ecosystem, and would be located on property along Via de la Valle that was transferred to the JPA in 2013 from SCE. A grant from the County at the recommendation of Supervisor Pam Slater-Price and private donations funded an interim center, which was known as the Strawberry Stand Wetlands Learning Center because it reused an existing farm produce stand. The interim structure was built with the
The American Institute of Architects Design Awards program awarded prizes in two categories to the Strawberry Stand Wetland Learning Center on Saturday, May 7, 2005. Hailing its minimal intrusion upon the land, sensitive siting, and reliance on recycled materials, the jury gave the Strawberry Stand a Design Merit Award and the SDG&E Energy Efficiency Integration Award. In 2006, the Metropolitan Water District Southern California Community Partnering Program awarded a $3000 grant that was used to host a Lagoon Awareness Day event at the site. In 2008 the interim structure was dismantled to avoid a conflict with the wetland restoration and stored for future use. The Park Master Plan for the San Dieguito Coastal Area included a concept for a Nature/Visitor’s Center and Ranger Maintenance Building to be generally located where the Strawberry Stand Wetland Learning Center (and later the SCE project construction trailer) was located. In 2009, the Sempra Foundation awarded a $60,000 grant to the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy to be used for the first phase of planning for the future permanent Lagoon Nature Center. The architecture firm, RNT, working with landscape architects Spurlock-Poirier and interpretive specialist Jennifer Rigby with The Acorn Group began the design process with a multi-day public design charrette. The preferred design concept, which was adopted by the JPA Board October 16, 2009, would be located further to the east on the property than originally described in the Park Master Plan for the Coastal Area. This was partly because the original site is constrained by the planned Via de la Valle Road Widening on the north, a City of San Diego maintenance road on the west, and the restored wetlands on the south. The other reason was to take advantage of the views of the lagoon and to increase the distance from the freeway and adjacent commercial center. The approved design consisted of three parts: a ranger/maintenance building, the Lagoon Center, and an outdoor amphitheatre. These elements are being constructed in phases, beginning with the amphitheatre, or open air classroom, nicknamed the “Birdwing” for the shape of the Cor-ten steel shade structure over the seating area.
and history of agriculture in San Diego. A potential location is on property that the JPA owns adjacent to the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmhouse at the gateway to the San Pasqual Valley. The Vision Plan for the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead proposes that a timber barn be built northwest of the Sikes Adobe Farmhouse in the vicinity where it is believed that the Sikes Family had a barn. This barn would likely fulfill the function of an Interpretive Center as described in the Concept Plan.

The eastern Nature/Visitors Center will be located in Santa Ysabel at the gateway to the backcountry, probably on property that the County of San Diego received from The Nature Conservancy. In 2010, County Parks, with funding provided at the recommendation of Supervisor Dianne Jacob, held public design workshops led by landscape architect Vicki Estrada. The Center would be owned and operated by the County of San Diego, likely with the assistance of the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority, San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, and Volcan Mountain Foundation. Funding for the Center has not been identified as of 2014.

Other Accomplishments

Concept Plan and Park Master Plans

In addition to land acquisition and trail planning and construction, a major accomplishment of the JPA has been the adoption of the Concept Plan and successful defense of the environmental impact report for the Concept Plan in court. The Concept Plan was the culmination of hundreds of hours of work by members of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) who developed the goals and objectives upon which the plan is based. In addition, two public workshops were held in the community to receive input on the plan prior to its approval by the CAC and the JPA. The multi-step process began with a goal statement (see page 1) developed by the Citizens Advisory Committee and approved by SANDAG’s San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park Plan Executive Committee, which preceded the JPA Board of Directors. The goal statement was incorporated into the Agreement adopted by all six member agencies that formed the Joint Powers Authority and serves as the underlying principle on which the Concept Plan is founded. For two years the CAC discussed and debated the objectives for the Concept Plan, and analyzed the objectives included in various plans for the river valley that had been proposed by the City of San Diego, the County, and the San Dieguito Lagoon Committee, as well as the general plans of the JPA’s six member agencies. After numerous public hearings, the JPA Board adopted the Concept Plan and certified the EIR in February 1994. After facing a legal challenge, the adequacy of the EIR was upheld by the Court in November 1994. Appendix B of the Concept Plan, “Detailed Park Planning History”, is attached (Attachment 5). In May 1995, the JPA Board adopted a Private Property Rights Protection Policy (Attachment 6).

The Concept Plan stated that more detailed plans (Park Master Plans) would be created for each of the subareas (Landscape Units) of the River Valley. The JPA will develop Park Master Plans for the areas that are in public ownership. The Park Master Plan for the coastal area (Del Mar Landscape Unit A), was developed in conjunction with the San Dieguito Lagoon Wetland Restoration Project. It has non-tidal habitat, public access and interpretation components in addition to the wetland component. The City of San Diego’s recently adopted San Pasqual Valley Plan serves as the Park Master Plan for the Lake Hodges/San Pasqual Valley area.

In 2002, the JPA Board updated the Concept Plan, and requested its member agencies to adopt the updated Concept Plan into their General Plans. The City of San Diego adopted the Concept Plan by resolution dated July 5, 2006.

Watershed Management

Culminating a year-long process involving multiple public meetings, and field visits by a planning group composed of stakeholders throughout the San Dieguito watershed, the San Dieguito Watershed Management Plan was completed in 2007. An implementing council was established, chaired by representatives of the SDRVC and JPA. The City Councils of Del Mar, Escondido, Poway and Solana Beach passed resolutions of support and participation.

Other JPA accomplishments during 1989-2014 have included:
Public Information and Education

- Designed and installed three “Entry Monuments”, one at the lagoon, one at Del Dios Gorge, one at Sikes Adobe;
- Worked with San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy and Friends of San Dieguito River Valley to create a design for Coast to Crest Trail Mile and Half-Mile Markers, and fabricated the markers which are being installed as the Coast to Crest Trail is implemented;
- Wrote, produced and distributed two videos, “A Pathway to Preservation”, which is an overview of the Park, and “Voices of San Pasqual”, a history of farming in the San Pasqual Valley; Contributed to two additional videos, “A Walk in the Park,” and “Lagoons for Laypeople;”
- Created a series of 5 short videos in 2014 about different topics in the Park and made them available on the Park website.
- Created an Interpretive Walk at the Lagoon, in English and Spanish, with multiple Points of Interest highlighted.
- Made presentations about the San Dieguito River Park to all City and County planning groups within the river valley and Focused Planning Area, as well as many homeowner associations;
- Developed slide show and Power Point presentation for use by the volunteer Speakers Bureau in making numerous presentations about the San Dieguito River Park to community and special interest organizations. Speaking engagements have included various Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis and Optimist groups, the North County Sierra Club, Rancho Santa Fe Association, Lake Hodges Native Plant Club, Rancho Bernardo Soroptimists, church groups, and SDSU classes, among others;
- Hired author Ruth Alter and illustrator Sandra Shaw to produce The Painted Rocks, a book that educates young people about local Native American history and lifestyles, and about the need to preserve and care for culturally significant pictographs. Marketed The Painted Rocks to book stores, schools, museums and catalogs. The San Diego Unified School District purchased a copy of The Painted Rocks for each 3rd grade class in the District;
- Established a website (www.sdrp.org) in 1995 to provide an opportunity for interested people to learn about the Park and its programs. In 2003 and again in 2014 with the assistance of a skilled volunteer, expanded and improved the website;
- Produced “Birds of Lake Hodges” Brochure, in cooperation with the Palomar Audubon Society;
- Inaugurated a variety of website columns on interesting places and people in the San Dieguito River Valley, trail experiences, park management and environmental issues;
- Conducted bi-monthly, and specially scheduled, work parties meant to educate volunteers about native habitat, trails and the SDRP;
- Installed information kiosks at trail heads and key locations;
- Worked with Thomas Brothers Guides and Google Maps to include the route of the Coast to Crest Trail on their maps.
- Hosted monthly Lagoon Tours by bus for the public in cooperation with the Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley, during the heart of the SCE wetland restoration project.
- Installed interpretive signs along the Piedras Pintadas, Mule Hill/San Pasqual Valley, Lagoon and Del Dios Trails;
- Created the Ruth Merrill Children’s Walk, a 1 ¼ mile-long interpretive walk with signage designed specifically for children;
- In 2004, converted to e-mail distribution of web-based information about news and activities in the River Park; in 2014 combined the JPA’s e-newsletter with the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy’s e-newsletter;
• Installed signage along I-5 indicating the San Dieguito Lagoon and San Dieguito Watershed. In 2014, seeking to install signage along I-15 identifying exits for the trails, the bridge over Lake Hodges and Sikes Adobe;

• Hosted over 1,000 children annually in education events including Lagoon Days;

• Participated in annual “I Love a Clean San Diego” events at the coast;

• Carried out monthly bird counts and water quality testing at the lagoon, beginning in 2010;

• Partnered with the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy to establish a Citizens Science Program;

• Held monthly ranger talks and walks;

**Historic Preservation**

• Prepared documentation and application that led to Sikes Adobe being named a State Point of Historic Interest;

• Implemented a Cultural Resource Management Plan to protect Piedras Pintadas, a significant rock art site, for the City of San Diego;

• Prepared a Historic Structures Report and restoration plan for the Sikes Adobe Farmhouse, along with a site plan for an adjacent planned Interpretive Center/Park Offices;

• Completed restoration of the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmhouse to its 1881 period of significance and trained docents who provide regularly-scheduled tours for the public;

• Furnished the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmhouse with appropriate period furnishings, and installed Interpretive Exhibits;

• Reconstructed the Creamery at the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmhouse;

• Worked with volunteers from the Rancho Bernardo Historical Society and the San Pasqual Battlefield Volunteer Association to research and install interpretive signage along the Mule Hill Historical Trail;

• Routed the San Pasqual Valley Trail, Piedras Pintadas Trail and Highland Valley Trail to avoid impacts to cultural sites and created barriers to protect adjacent sites. Where the trail needed to pass through sites, capped the trail so as not to cause disturbance;

• Worked with students from Cal State San Marcos on archaeology research at Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead;

**Land Management**

• Agreed to accept management responsibility for various mitigation properties in the Focused Planning Area in return for long-term endowments that provide annual income to cover the costs of management;

• Held workparties and hired work crews to cleanup vagrant camps and major dumpsites in the river valley;

• Instituted regular programs of invasive species removal, primarily targeting tamarisk, arundo and pepperweed;

• Emphasized habitat restoration via a variety of Ranger and scout projects in key areas of the river valley;

• Closed and rehabilitated unofficial trails that were causing erosion and impacting adjacent sensitive habitat;

• Established a park atmosphere around Lake Hodges and the trails in San Pasqual Valley;

• Maintained trails and managed trail usage throughout Lake Hodges and San Pasqual Valley in order to minimize erosion, trail widening, off-trail usage, and impacts to surrounding habitat;

• Maintained Fire Breaks;

• Monitored and reported illegal activities such as grading and off-roading for the City of San Diego
and worked with police and code enforcement to solve problems;

- Secured grants to implement a major eucalyptus removal project in the Del Dios Gorge area;

Fundraising and Grantsmanship

- Established Endowment Funds at the San Diego Foundation, Rancho Santa Fe Foundation and Del Mar Foundation to help ensure the future of the San Dieguito River Park JPA and its programs and operations;
- Was the beneficiary of 2 Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP) annual contributions designated for the Endowment Fund;
- Obtained Southern California Edison $86 million (est.) wetland mitigation project for the San Dieguito River Valley.
- Hosted Estate Planning Seminars with the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy to which all property owners within the focused planning area were invited;
- Applied for grants from local, state and federal agencies and private foundations, including the State Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program, State Coastal Conservancy, Office of Emergency Services, San Diego Foundation, State Parks and Recreation Department, SANDAG, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, State Wildlife Conservation Board, County of San Diego, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).
- Established the “Buy a Piece of Rutherford Ranch Program” which raised $50,370 in private contributions to be used as matching funds to acquire land at Rutherford Ranch for the Park;
- Worked with the Wildlife Conservation Board and the California Dept. of Fish and Game to promote significant land purchases by those agencies in Boden Canyon and Volcan Mountain/San Felipe Valley;
- Received an $18,000 donation for a future wildlife education center to be located in the Park;
- Was the recipient of a $25,000 and a $100,000 bequest;
- Entered into an agreement with SCE that provides reimbursement for 2.5 rangers at the coast;
- Entered into an agreement with SCE that provides $4,000/month over ten years to the JPA that will be used for a Coastal Ranger Station;

Public Activities

- Offered free activities for the public, including hikes and birdwatching events, kayak tours, mountain bike rides, boat tours, equestrian trail rides, historic farmhouse tours and lectures.
- Held “Saturday Morning at Sikes” events for the public that demonstrated old-time crafts such as quiltmaking, woodwork, candlemaking and more.
- Worked with volunteers at monthly trail construction, maintenance and habitat rehabilitation workparties and cleanups;
- Hosted ten major Trail Run/Hike events for which a fee was charged. An average of 1,400 participants attended the event each year. An Eco-Fair was held at each event with space provided for non-profit groups, and recreation oriented commercial companies to distribute information;
- Participated in community fairs, such as RB Alive, Escondido Grape Day, RB Safety Awareness, Scripps Ranch Fair, Escondido Jaycee Parade, San Diego Fairgrounds Environmental Fair, and more;
- Participated in the Science Expo at Petco Park downtown;
Research

- Primarily utilizing volunteers, conducted biological surveys and prepared biological reports and maps at Boden Canyon, Rutherford Ranch, and the Del Dios Community. The Rutherford Ranch biological surveys led to the finding by the State that a portion of the area qualifies for Rare and Endangered Habitat Area Funding;

- Established and led committees of professionals and trained volunteers to survey and record archaeological and historical data at Rutherford Ranch;

- Worked with the California Native Plant Society for “Rapid Assessment” Plant Survey on Helms property acquisition;

- Created a “Student Research Protocol” which lays out guidelines for students wishing to do research on JPA-owned land in the San Dieguito River Park;

Planning

- Prepared a conceptual “Concept Plan” for the overall San Dieguito River Park in 1993; updated the plan in 2002;

- Worked with Native Americans, archaeologists, community leaders and City of San Diego staff in the mid-90’s to arrive at a consensus approach for the protection of Piedras Pintadas; taking a new look to deal with continuing issues in 2014;

- Responded to member agencies’ requests for input on how development projects and land use proposals could impact the San Dieguito River Park;

- Worked with Southern California Edison and local, state and federal agencies to develop a wetland restoration plan for the San Dieguito Lagoon that included both tidal and non-tidal habitat restoration and public access and interpretation components. This resulted in the creation of the Park Master Plan for the Coastal Area in 2000;

- Served as lead CEQA agency on the EIR/S for the SCE San Dieguito Lagoon wetland restoration plan in 2000, and is serving as lead CEQA agency on the EIR/S for the SANDAG W19 wetland restoration plan in 2014-15;

- Prepared a feasibility study in 2013 known as the Reach the Beach Feasibility Study that examined ways the Coast to Crest Trail could be aligned to actually get to the beach, past the Fairgrounds, Railroad Tracks and Highway 101;

- Worked with the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy and an engineering consultant to study the feasibility of a trail undercrossing at Del Dios Highway to connect the trails at Del Dios Highlands preserve with the trails at Lake Hodges;

- Worked with the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy and an engineering consultant to analyze various trail alternatives to connect the Clevenger Canyon North Staging Area with Boden Canyon;

- Participating with local, state and federal agencies and property owners in the planning process for the Multiple Species Conservation Plan and the Natural Communities Conservation Plan;

- Worked with City of San Diego Planning Department and San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group on the San Pasqual Valley Plan;

- Worked with agency planning departments and major land owners on Black Mountain Ranch and Santa Fe Valley development plans;

- Created a volunteer Trails Committee to assist in planning the Coast to Crest Trail and spur and connecting trails;

- Worked with the City of Poway and the City of San Diego to plan and implement a trail connection between the City of Poway trail system and the Coast to Crest Trail in San Pasqual Valley known as the Old Coach Trail Link;
• Worked with County of San Diego to incorporate the Coast to Crest Trail in the County's Regional Trail Map;

• Worked with State Parks Dept. to incorporate the San Dieguito River Park’s Coast to Crest Trail in the California State Trails Plan;

• Added the 20,000 acre Guejito watershed portion of Rancho Guejito to the Focused Planning Area;

Training

• Provided a training program for the JPA’s Trails Committee and other volunteers in trail design and layout, safe trail construction techniques, bridge building and erosion repair;

• Trained docents in a comprehensive program in natural and cultural history of the river valley, safety and first aid techniques and other skills needed to lead hikes and other activities in the San Dieguito River Park;

• Trained docents in a comprehensive program in the history of the Sikes family, the Town of Bernardo, the history of agriculture and rural life in San Diego;

• Trained volunteers to serve in a Speaker's Bureau, who have made presentations to numerous community organizations;

• Trained volunteers to serve as Volunteer Patrol members. The Volunteer Patrol work in pairs walking, biking or riding along Park trails, interacting with the public, observing trail conditions and providing emergency services;

• Created and trained a Mountain Bike Patrol, which won an award at the 2014 State Trails Conference;

Partnerships

• Worked with North County Convention and Visitors Bureau to establish an Ecotour program that aims to benefit North County businesses and provide volunteers to assist in Park workparties and volunteer projects;

• Participated in the advisory committee for the National Civilian Community Corps, and were the beneficiary of field assistance from NCCC teams for the years 1995-00;

• Joined with the City of San Diego and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in a Partners for Wildlife Project that restored 26 acres of wetlands in San Pasqual Valley;

• Entered into an agreement with Southern California Edison in regard to planning and implementation of a wetlands restoration plan in the San Dieguito Lagoon;

• Entered into an agreement with SANDAG in regard to planning and implementation of a second wetlands restoration plan in the San Dieguito Lagoon;

• Entered into a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for uplands and access planning associated with the wetland restoration plan at the San Dieguito Lagoon;

• Worked with the farmers of the San Pasqual Valley in a cooperative fashion to align the San Pasqual Valley Trail near active farm operations by establishing mechanisms to close the trail when pesticides are applied, and to satisfactorily address concerns about potential liability, vandalism and theft;

• Worked closely with the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley and Volcan Mountain Foundation to accomplish park goals and objectives;

Volunteer Program

The JPA initially established a number of programs in which volunteers could contribute their time and efforts toward making the River Park a county and community-wide success. These include the River Valley Guides, the Volunteer Trail Patrol, the Speakers Bureau, Dust Devils, Trail Maintenance, Habitat Restoration and Sikes Adobe Historic Farmhouse docents. In 2001, responsibility for the Speakers Bureau was transferred to the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy. The intensive Guides program was discontinued in 2004 and a new
program was put in its place, with an emphasis on partnerships, collaborations, and sponsorships with other civic and environmental agencies and organizations, as well as individuals knowledgeable in their fields, with the goal of offering more diverse educational outreach. The Volunteer Trail Patrol and the Sikes Docents continue to receive substantial training from the JPA in return for committing a certain number of hours in a calendar year. For example, the Patrollers receive ongoing enrichments in the natural history of the River Valley, and in return they promise to lead hikes for interested park visitors and/or walk, ride on horseback or bicycle along park trails and report their activities and observations to the Park Rangers. Their specific training includes two-way radio procedures and equipment, effective contact and communication with visitors, and emergency situation protocol. In addition, twice-monthly, the SDRP Rangers host Trail Maintenance and Habitat Restoration work parties to encourage public participation in working hands-on in the field. Individuals, families, and groups are welcome to attend and it has proven an excellent way for participants to earn scout badges, and school credits in Earth Science and Ecology for children aged ten to eighteen; and the Dust Devils work side by side one to two days during the workweek with the Rangers on priority projects. Sikes Farmhouse docents celebrate the spirit of craftsmanship in the community through sampler courses taught by members of the San Diego and North County Guilds, which in turn promotes interest and visitation to the historic farmhouse, the River Park’s chief cultural resource. Area high schools, private schools, and parochial schools assign students special work projects and volunteers also are recruited through Volunteer San Diego, thus providing labor for additional work projects from groups such as Teen Volunteers in Action, The Bridge, The National Charity League of Mothers and Daughters, and Chalice.

Rotary Club members and Kiwanis Club members also volunteer for annual projects. Other volunteers work in the JPA office working with staff on administrative tasks; or provide professional expertise on an as-needed basis for special or seasonal events, programs, and activities throughout the River Park.

The JPA hosts a Volunteer Appreciation Event in the Park every year, honoring all volunteers and giving special recognition to each year’s most outstanding volunteers. The JPA and the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy started co-hosting the event in 2012.

Scout/Youth Projects:
In one of the River Park’s most successful programs, a number of park projects have been constructed by Scouts and other youths to earn merit awards. In 2002, 15 scouts created kiosks, bat boxes, routed signs, built a small bridge on the Highland Valley Trail, re-vegetated closed trails at Bernardo Bay and created a “way-station” at the Ysabel and Bandy Canyon Road staging area. In 2003, 21 scouts created park benches, built picnic tables for the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmhouse, and along the San Pasqual Valley Trail, built bike racks, dog scooper dispensers, bird boxes, brochure boxes, mile-markers and routed signs. In 2004, 13 scouts have routed signs, planted willow bundles, re-vegetated degraded open space areas, made a native landscape garden at the River Park office, and built kiosks and benches. At Sikes Adobe, a scout built a two-sided...
kiosk, with adobe brick base. In 2005, 9 scouts built projects ranging from kiosks, benches, picnic tables and bat boxes to a drainage lens causeway and habitat restoration with irrigation. In 2006, 10 Eagle scouts replaced the River Park Ranger office tool shed roof, built a spike moss protection fence, created coast live oak and cactus wren habitat, built a viewing area with a bench and a drainage causeway. In 2007, 10 scouts created cactus wren and coastal sage scrub habitat, built bat boxes, a puncheon bridge, four picnic tables, a trail kiosk information panel, a viewing area with a bench and routed trail signs. In 2008, 8 scouts built picnic tables, interpretive panels, two kiosks, information boxes, a puncheon bridge, a viewing area with steps, created cactus wren habitat and an education pamphlet about the coastal cactus wren. At Sikes Adobe, a scout built a water tank casing and stand. In 2009, 2 scouts built rock steps for the trail and picnic tables for the staging areas. In 2010, 7 scouts installed kiosks, live oak restoration, picnic tables, Sikes Adobe sign, trail benches, and bat boxes. In 2011, 4 scouts built tables and benches, nursery tables, cactus wren habitat restoration, installed lodge pole fence for a staging area. At Sikes Adobe a scout built a toolshed. In 2012, 6 scouts built bicycle racks, installed kiosks, did cactus wren habitat restoration, build a native soil bin, built picnic tables and benches, built and installed bat boxes. At Sikes Adobe a scout built a chicken coop, and another scout installed a peach orchard with irrigation. In 2013, 3 scouts built wood routed sign for SDRP office, built a compost bin, built and installed bat boxes. In 2014, 5 scouts built kiosks, built a fence for Sikes chicken coop, built picnic tables, built a porta-potty enclosure, and cactus wren habitat restoration. Scouts also built shelving for the interior of the newly restored creamery at Sikes Adobe, a poultry yard and a watering trough for horses.

Volunteer Hours: Dedicated volunteers have contributed thousands of hours to the River Park. Over the life of the River Park, from 1989 to 2014, 119,481 volunteer hours have been contributed in various capacities. The value of a volunteer’s time per hour in California as of 2013, was $26.34. At that hourly rate, the 41,991 hours contributed between 2009-2014 has a monetary value of $1,106,043. See Table 9 for a breakdown of volunteer hours for the years 2009-2014.

The River Park relies on volunteers with specialized skills who share their professional expertise: to create a Marketing Plan for the Park; conduct biological surveys at Del Dios, Boden Canyon and Rutherford Ranch; to create a conceptual design for an Interpretive Center in the River Park; and to conduct archaeological surveys at Rutherford Ranch. In 2001, volunteers enabled the production and printing of two bird brochures. The “Birds of Lake Hodges” brochure was produced as a joint effort by the JPA and the Palomar Audubon Society. The “Birds of the San Dieguito Lagoon” was produced by the Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley. Over the years, volunteer groups of engineers, architects, archaeologists, and historians have assisted in projects such as constructing the Strawberry Stand Wetland Learning Center, rebuilding the Sikes Farmstead; and installing trailside fencing and bridge decking for the Boardwalk, to name just a few. Countless hours are contributed annually by members of the Park’s Trails Committee, Project Review Committee and the Citizens Advisory Committee. The CAC has met bimonthly since August of 1987. The San Dieguito River Park works closely with the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy to organize and share volunteer resources to ensure the completion of work projects beyond the scope of Park staff. During fire recovery in 2008 the Park and Conservancy pooled volunteers to work on clean-up projects in unaffected areas as well as fire recovery areas. Students from the Universities of Virginia and Minnesota came to assist. The Park and the Conservancy also share in coordinating corporate work parties, such as Callaway Golf, REI, Apple Corporation, Takeda Corporation and Sempra Energy.

Public Relations

Number of Public Activities/Special Events: This category includes the many activities hosted at no charge to the public by the San Dieguito River Park. Guided hikes are offered every month of the year and provide the public with both recreational and educational opportunities throughout the Park from the summit of Volcan Mountain to the gateway at the Lagoon. Hikes are planned for audiences ranging from children to seniors and rated on difficulty levels from moderate to intense. Guided hikes also include equestrian outings and bicycling trips; and to a lesser
extent, kayaking rides. Specialty hikes encompass outdoor photography, bird-watching, Native American history, plants, local tales and folklore, “hiking with the hounds”; and Get Out, Get Active and Step It Up hikes to encourage health, exercise, and outdoor recreation. Special opportunity hikes also include tracking and geology and wildlife sessions. In addition to hikes the San Dieguito River Park offers many programs. Since 2004 a partial list of these include: Junior Naturalist, Wilderness Survival for Kids (And Adults Too), Women’s Awareness, Art in the Park, Stargazing in the San Pasqual Valley, and The Kids Connection to the Natural World; and sponsorship of programs through Sky Hunters, Kruisin’ Kritters, Southwest Search Dogs, and Southern California Bats. Prior to the fires, the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead provided the setting for classes in soap making, square foot gardening, quilting, woodworking, and scrapbooking. Events at the house included an ice cream social and quilting bee, a collectible teddy bear show, and a High Tea. Today the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead is the site of the popular Valentine’s Day Teas that take place each Sunday in February. The River Park promotes and participates in planned activities through these events: Lagoon Exploration Day, California Watershed Awareness Month, California Coastal Clean-up Day, California Trails Day, National Trails Day, Earth Day, and I Love A Clean San Diego. Staff and volunteers have also represented the Park at dozens of public events such as the Rancho Bernardo Spirit of the Fourth Parade, Kiwanis March Madness running event, Internship Fairs at SDSU, the Ramona Rodeo Parade, to name just a few. In cooperation with the Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley, bus trips of the lagoon area were offered the year before construction began to provide information about the wetland restoration project; and in partnership with the Del Mar Foundation Children’s Committee and a $3000 grant from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the “Exploring the San Dieguito Lagoon” program was launched to give kids in the coastal area an opportunity to learn about the benefits of wetlands. Subsequently, with funding from SDGE and USFWS, the River Park has developed educational curricula as part of its “Connecting Children with Nature” program. In 2008, with the support of the 22nd District Agricultural Association, the River Park had a prominent display at the Fair; since then the River Park has continued to participate at the one day Environmental Fair, and also at the Science Expo at Petco Park. The electronic newsletter, “Riverscape” links readers to the website at www.sdwrp.org to encourage membership through the Conservancy and to offer information and various updates.

Special Partnerships

The JPA’s accomplishments are due in great measure to the long involvement and assistance of those who share the goals of open space preservation in the San Dieguito River Valley, among them hundreds of citizen volunteers, the JPA’s member agencies, non-profit groups that represent recreational users and environmental organizations, local land trusts, and state and federal agencies whose goals complement the JPA’s in so many ways. For example, the Volcan Mountain Foundation (VMF) has taken the lead on coordinating the permanent preservation of Volcan Mountain. Volcan Mountain is an important part of the San Dieguito River Park, but it is also the focus of the VMF. However, above all, the JPA is dependent upon its primary partners, the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy and the Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley. An explanation of what these organizations are and how they work with the JPA is included in Attachment 7.
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* These parcels were acquired by the County of San Diego in cooperation with the JPA, using Proposition 70 funds. The parcels were transferred to the JPA in May, 1997.
Table 3. Habitat Preserved in the San Dieguito River Park Focused Planning Area Since 1989

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* Santa Ysabel Ranch currently extends outside the San Dieguito River Park Focused Planning Area boundaries. The acreage shown is the acreage inside the FPA.
** Santa Ysabel Ranch was purchased by The Nature Conservancy in 2000 and transferred to the County in 2001 at the JPA’s request.

Table 4. Parcels Managed by SDRP JPA Under Habitat Management Plans as of September 2014

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Table 6. Member Agency Assessments

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<td>Total</td>
<td>$686,212.83</td>
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Comments and Outlook: The RDF’s allocation is 41.6% to domestic equities, 56.6% to fixed income and cash, 0% to alternative assets and 21.8% to international and emerging market equities as of 06/30/2014.

Del Nua Foundation

| Lagoon Endowment Fund | $661,846.76 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $24,093.75 | $3,259.39 | $682,581.12 |

Comments and Outlook: The DMF has 63.5% in U.S. large-cap equity funds and ETF’s, 17.7% in foreign developed equities, 9.7% in fixed income and cash-equivalent funds, and 9.1% in U.S. and international small-cap equities as of 06/30/2014.

The San Diego Foundation

| Endowment, Fund 1161 | $631,147.54 | $0.00 | $13,187.81 | $32,466.95 | $1,591.69 | $648,834.99 |
| Non-Endowment, Fund 6759 | $25,831.10 | $13,187.81 | $23,610.34 | $0.00 | $57.07 | $13,151.30 |

Comments and Outlook: The allocations to domestic equity are 26.7%, international and global equity at 30.1%, real and alternative assets at 25.8% and international and domestic fixed income at 17.4% of the total endowment fund as of 06/30/2014.

Fidelity ETF Fund

| Long-Term(873-943525) | $322,043.97 | $25,810.34 | $0.00 | $25,483.33 | $0.00 | $383,337.64 |
| Income (875-000221) | $664,276.01 | $0.00 | $22,314.00 | $35,476.63 | $0.00 | $649,458.64 |
| Total                 | $983,319.98 | $25,810.34 | $22,314.00 | $60,959.96 | $0.00 | $1,032,796.28 |

Comments and Outlook: The 06/30/14 allocations for the Long-Term account are 63.0% in domestic equity, 21.10% in fixed income and cash and 17.9% in international and global equities. The 06/30/14 allocations for the Income account are 65.4% in domestic equity, 19.2% in domestic and international fixed income (and cash) and 15.4% in global equity ETF’s.

(1) Net of the administrative fee of 1% and the mutual fund expense ratios of 0.10-0.12% annualized.
(2) Net of the DMF annual fees of 1.0% and the mutual fund expense ratios.
(3) Net of the annual foundation support fee of 0.5%, and the approximately 0.5% in manager fees for the Endowment Balanced Pool.
(4) Net of the average management fee for the ETF’s of 0.3%.
(5) The LT goal is 60% S&P 500 and 40% Barclays Int. Gov/Credit.
Table 8. Trails in the River Park (includes miles of Coast to Crest Trail as well as other linking and/or spur trails)

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<th>Trail Description</th>
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JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AND THE CITIES OF DEL MAR, ESCONDIDO, POWAY, SAN DIEGO AND SOLANA BEACH CREATING THE SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

THIS AGREEMENT is hereby made by and between the COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, a political subdivision of the State of California, and the cities of DEL MAR, ESCONDIDO, POWAY, SAN DIEGO, and SOLANA BEACH, municipal corporations, which shall individually or collectively be referred to as "Public Agencies".

RECITALS

A. Public Agencies are each empowered, pursuant to California Government Code Section 6500, et seq., to exercise their common powers jointly by agreement, including the powers to acquire and hold property, to undertake overall planning for and to plan and design public facilities and appurtenances for park purposes, and to develop, operate and maintain parks.

B. Public Agencies agree that it is their goal to create, preserve and enhance the San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park (hereinafter referred to as "Park") for the benefit of the public.

C. Public Agencies agree that a local agency shall be created to provide a coordinated program for the acquisition, planning, design, plan implementation, operation and maintenance of the Park and such other activities related thereto as determined by this Joint Powers Authority to be appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the recitals and mutual obligations of the Public Agencies as herein expressed, the Public Agencies agree as follows:

1. PURPOSE. This agreement is made pursuant to the provisions of Article 1, Chapter 5, Division 7, Title 1 of the Government Code of the State of California (commencing with Section 6500), relating to the joint exercise of powers common to public agencies. Public Agencies each possess the powers referred to in the recitals hereof. The purpose of this agreement is to exercise those powers jointly to acquire, plan, design, improve, manage, operate and maintain the San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park which is described in the SANDAG Focused Planning Area map, Attachment A hereto, as amended in accordance with the terms of this agreement, which is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein. Such purposes are to be accomplished and said common power exercised in the manner hereinafter set forth. The goals of the Public Agencies are to exercise such powers in order to:

(a) Preserve land within the focused planning area of the San Dieguito River Valley as a regional open space greenbelt and park system that protects the natural waterways and the natural and cultural resources and sensitive lands, and provides compatible recreational opportunities that do not damage sensitive lands.
(b) Provide a continuous and coordinated system of preserved lands with a connecting corridor of walking, equestrian, and bicycle trails, encompassing the San Dieguito River Valley from the ocean to the river's source.

2. TERM. This agreement shall become effective immediately upon approval by the last of the Public Agencies, and shall continue in full force and effect so long as any two Public Agencies agree to continue as members or for twenty-five years, which ever occurs first. At the end of the twenty-five year term, Public Agencies may act to continue this agreement in full force and effect for an additional fifty years. Public Agencies shall provide ninety days notice of intent to withdraw from the Joint Powers Authority.

3. CREATION OF INDEPENDENT AGENCY. Pursuant to Section 6507 of the California Government Code, there is hereby created a public entity known as the "San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park Joint Powers Authority" herein called "Authority" and said Authority shall be an entity separate and apart from the Public Agencies.

4. BOUNDARIES. The boundaries of the territory within which Authority shall exercise its powers shall be those described in Attachment A. Said boundaries may be amended by Authority subject to concurrence by the Public Agencies within whose jurisdiction the proposed boundary change lies.

5. BOARD. Authority shall be governed by a board to be known as the "San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park Board (hereinafter called "Board"). Each member shall serve in his/her individual capacity as a member of the Board. The membership of the Board shall be as follows:

   (a) Two (2) elected members of the governing bodies of the County of San Diego and the City of San Diego appointed by their respective, governmental bodies.

   (b) One (1) elected member of the City Councils of the cities of Del Mar, Escondido, Poway and Solana Beach appointed by their respective councils.

   (c) The Chairperson of the San Dieguito Citizens Advisory Committee. The elected members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority. Each member shall have an alternate which may act in his/her absence. Alternates shall be chosen in the same manner as regular members except that the alternate to the Chairperson of the San Dieguito Citizens Advisory Committee shall be the Vice Chair-person of that Committee. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as described herein for appointment. The Board shall select its own Chairperson and Vice Chairperson from among the members.

6. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.
(a) Regular Meeting. The Board shall conduct regular meetings at least annually and such other times as the Board shall direct or the bylaws specify.

(b) Ralph M. Brown Act. All meetings of the Board, including, without limitation, regular, adjourned regular, and special meetings shall be called, noticed, held, and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (commencing with Section 54950 of the California Government Code).

(c) Quorum. A majority of Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except that less than a quorum may adjourn from time to time. The affirmative vote of at least a majority of the members available in the quorum shall be required for any act of the Board other than adjournment.

7. RULES OF THE BOARD. The Board may adopt, from time to time, bylaws, rules, and regulations as may be required for the conduct of its meetings and the orderly operation of Authority; and copies and amendments thereto shall be filed with the Public Agencies.

8. STANDING COMMITTEE. The Board shall appoint a standing committee to be known as the San Dieguito Citizens Advisory Committee which shall be advisory to the Board. The Committee shall have a Chairperson selected by the Board and a Vice Chairperson selected by the Committee subject to the concurrence of the Board.

9. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF AGENCY.

(a) Staff. The Public Agencies and the San Diego Association of Governments will staff Authority, until such time as Authority acts to hire or appoint permanent staff.

(b) Executive Director. The Board may appoint an Executive Director who shall have such duties as prescribed by the Board.

(c) Treasurer. The Treasurer of the Authority shall be the duly appointed and active Treasurer of the County of San Diego serving ex-officio as Treasurer of Authority. The Treasurer shall receive, have the custody of and disburse funds upon the warrant or check warrant of Auditor pursuant to the accounting procedures set forth in Section 15 hereof, and shall make the disbursements required by this agreement or to carry out any of the provisions or purposes of this agreement. The Treasurer may invest Authority funds in accordance with general law. All interest collected on Authority funds shall be accounted for and posted to the account of such funds.

(d) Auditor. The Auditor of the Authority shall be the duly appointed and acting Auditor of the County of San Diego serving ex-officio as Auditor of Authority. The Auditor shall draw warrants or check-warrants against the funds of Authority in the Treasury when the demands are approved by the Board, or such other persons as may be
specifically designated for that purpose. Any fees paid to Auditor for performance of said services shall not be greater than those normally paid by other entities receiving similar services.

(e) Experts and Other Employees. Authority may employ such other officers, employees, consultants, advisors, and independent contractors as it may determine necessary.

(f) Authority shall cause such of its officers and employees to be bonded as required by Auditor.

10. POWERS OF AUTHORITY. Authority shall have the powers:

(a) To acquire, hold and dispose of property by any legal method for Park purposes, to undertake overall planning for and to plan and design the Park, and to take any and all actions necessary to accomplish these powers. Decisions by Authority to acquire or dispose of real property shall be subject to prior approval of the Public Agencies wherein the property to be acquired or disposed of lies. Prior to acquisition or disposal of real property within the Park by Public Agencies, they shall refer the proposed transaction to Authority for review and recommendation. However, failure of a Public Agency to so refer a transaction shall not affect its validity.

(b) To establish guidelines for and advise Public Agencies on appropriate land uses within the Park.

(c) To review and comment on development proposals submitted to Public Agencies which are within or have an impact on the Park.

(d) To improve, manage, operate and maintain the Park.

(e) To make and enter into contracts and agreements to carry out its activities.

(f) To employ agents and employees.

(g) To sue and be sued in its own name.

(h) Pursuant to California Government Code Section 6509, the powers of Authority shall be subject to those legal restrictions which the County of San Diego has upon the manner of exercising said power.

11. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE. Authority shall provide for operation and maintenance of the Park. For an initial period, as determined by Authority, Authority shall contract with the County of San Diego through its Department of Parks and Recreation to operate and maintain the Park. Authority shall audit and evaluate County's performance after said initial period and as necessary to determine whether the County should continue to perform this function.
12. **CONDITIONAL POWERS.** Subject to unanimous agreement of Public Agencies, Authority shall have the power to issue bonds and levy assessments under any assessment district act or impact fee provisions authorized by State law.

13. **BUDGET.** Authority shall prepare and adopt an annual budget prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. The "fiscal year" for Authority shall be coterminous with that of the County.

14. **FUNDING.**

(a) Authority shall fund its activities by and is authorized to expend Satellite Wagering Funds which are available to Authority to carry out its activities.

(b) Authority is empowered to make applications for and receive grants from governmental or private sources for its activities.

(c) Public Agencies may, but shall not be required to contribute money, office space, furnishings, equipment, supplies, or services as may be necessary.

(d) Authority may receive gifts, donations, bequests and devises of all kinds and descriptions, and perform any and all legal acts in regard thereto as may be necessary or advisable to advance the objects and purposes of the Authority and to apply the principal and interest of such gifts, donations, bequests and devises as may be directed by the donor, or as the Board of the Authority may determine in the absence of such direction.

(e) Authority may collect and expend revenues generated from Park operations and activities.

15. **FUNDS DEPOSITED IN COUNTY TREASURY.** The Treasury of County shall be the depository of the funds of Authority and the Treasurer shall receive and have custody of Authority funds.

16. **RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS - CHARGE FOR SERVICES.**

(a) Authority shall be strictly accountable for all funds.

(b) Authority shall cause to be kept proper books of records and accounts in which a complete and detailed entry shall be made of all its transactions, including all receipts and disbursements. Accounting systems shall be established and maintained consistent with State laws and rules and regulations of the State Controller as required by Auditor. Said books shall be subject to inspection at any reasonable time by the duly authorized representatives of Public Agencies.

(c) Authority shall cause a single annual audit of the accounts and records of Authority to be performed as provided in Sections 6505, 6505.1 and 6505.5 of the
California Government Code. Within eight (8) months after close of each fiscal year, a financial statement for such fiscal year shall be provided to the Public Agencies.

(d) The County of San Diego shall determine the charges, if any, to be made against Authority for the services of the Treasurer, the Auditor and other County officers and employees.

17. LIABILITY OF PARTIES. Pursuant to the Authority of Section 6508.1 of the California Government Code, the debts, liabilities, or obligations, of Authority shall be solely the debts, liabilities and obligations of Authority and not the Public Agencies.

18. DISPOSITION OF ASSETS. At the termination of this agreement, all property of Authority, both real and personal, including all funds on hand, after payment of all liabilities, costs, expenses, and charges validly incurred under this agreement, shall be returned to the respective Public Agencies as nearly as possible in proportion to the contributions, if any, made by each.

19. NOTICES. Notices hereunder shall be sufficient if delivered to:

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO (Address)
CITY OF DEL MAR (Address)
CITY OF ESCONDIDO (Address)
CITY OF POWAY (Address)
CITY OF SAN DIEGO (Address)
CITY OF SOLANA BEACH (Address)

20. MISCELLANEOUS. The paragraph headings herein are for convenience only and are not to be construed as modifying or governing the language in the paragraph referred to. This agreement is made in the State of California, under the Constitution and laws of such State and is to be so construed.

21. OPERATING MEMORANDA. To preserve a reasonable degree of flexibility, many parts of this agreement are stated in general terms. It is understood that there will be operating memoranda executed and amended from time to time which may further define the rights and obligations of the parties hereto.

22. SUCCESSORS. This agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the successors to the Public Agencies.

23. PARTIAL INVALIDITY. If any one or more of the terms, provisions, promises, covenants, or conditions of this agreement shall to any extent be adjudged
invalid, unenforceable, void or voidable for any reason whatsoever by a court of competent jurisdiction, each and all of the remaining terms, provisions, promises, covenants, and conditions of this agreement shall not be affected thereby, and shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

24. FILING OF NOTICE OF AGREEMENT. Within 30 days after this agreement becomes effective pursuant to paragraph 2 above, the SANDAG Executive Director shall file with the Secretary of State the Notice of Agreement required by Government Code Section 6503.5.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreement is executed by the City of Escondido, the City of Poway, and the City of San Diego, acting by and through their City Managers, pursuant to Resolutions No. 89-193, No. 89-072, and No. 273718 respectively, by the City of Del Mar and City of Solana Beach acting by and through their City Managers, pursuant to Minute action of April 10, 1989, Item 9N-1-c (confirmed by Resolution No. 89-49) and Minute action of May 1, 1989, Item 7, respectively, and by the County of San Diego, acting by and through the County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Minute Order No. 56, authorizing such execution.

Dated this 12th day of June, 1989

*Extended for 50 Years by Action in 2013 of the County Board of Supervisors and the City Councils of Del Mar, Escondido, Poway and Solana Beach*
Citizens Advisory Committee Member List
2014

ADA Representative*
American Society of Landscape Architects
Association of Environmental Professionals
Audubon Society
California Native Plant Society
Carmel Valley Planning Board
Citizens Coordinate for Century 3
Del Dios Town Council
Fairbanks Ranch Association
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
Hiking Organization*
Julian Community Planning Group
League of Women Voters
Lomas Serenas Homeowners Association
Rancho Bernardo Planning Board
Rancho Santa Fe Association
Ramona Trails Association
San Diego City Agricultural Advisory Board
San Diego County Bicycle Coalition
San Diego County Farm Bureau
San Diego County Trails Council
San Diego Zoo Safari Park
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
San Dieguito Planning Group
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Santa Fe Irrigation District
Sierra Club
Torrey Pines Community Planning Group
Volcan Mountain Foundation

Property Owners
Coastal Area (2)
San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Area (2)
East County Area (2)**

* Position is Vacant
** One Seat is Vacant
San Dieguito River Park
Focused Planning Area

All Landscape Units

From San Dieguito River Park Concept Plan, 2002

LEGEND

- Project Boundary
- Landscape Unit Match Line
- Primary Roads
- Political Boundary
- Lakes / Water Bodies
- Stream Channels

Landscape Unit A: Del Mar Coastal Lagoon
Landscape Unit B: Gonzales and La Zanja Canyons
Landscape Unit C: Claire Valley
Landscape Unit D: East Lake Hodges
Landscape Unit E: Dei Bosque/ Santa Fe Valley
Landscape Unit F: Lake Hodges
Landscape Unit H: San PASQUAL Valley
Landscape Unit I: Clairemont Canyon
Landscape Unit J: Pintos Basin
Landscape Unit K: Black Canyon
Landscape Unit L: Lake Sutherland Basin
Landscape Unit M: Santa Ysidro Valley
Landscape Unit N: Volcan Mountain

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Detailed Park Planning History

With the formation of the San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park Joint Powers Authority (JPA) in June 1989, a vehicle was established that allowed for the comprehensive planning of the river valley with the full and joint cooperation of the six governmental agencies which have jurisdiction over portions of the study area (the Cities of San Diego, Del Mar, Solana Beach, Poway, and Escondido and the County of San Diego). The formation of the JPA as a separate agency provided for a centralized park planning effort, rather than the somewhat piecemeal planning effort that had occurred up until this time. Prior to the establishment of the JPA, individual agencies and individual departments within these agencies had prepared a variety of opportunities and constraints studies and planning documents to address specific segments of the San Dieguito River Park, but a comprehensive planning document had yet to be adopted. Through the efforts of all of these agencies, as well as many dedicated individuals, the JPA was ultimately formed, and a comprehensive planning document, the San Dieguito, River Valley Regional Open Space Park Concept Plan, was prepared.

The park's long planning history began in 1974 with the formation of the San Dieguito Lagoon Committee. This Committee was formed by the City of Del Mar for the purpose of revitalizing and managing the lagoon ecosystem west of I-5. Through the work of the San Dieguito Lagoon Committee with its founding chairperson, Dr. Nancy Weare; the City of Del Mar, under the leadership of then Planning Director William Healy; the Coastal Conservancy; the Coastal Commission; Department of Fish and Game; and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, preparation of the San Dieguito Lagoon Resource Enhancement Program was completed in December, 1979. The Lagoon Enhancement Program was subsequently adopted or endorsed by all surrounding jurisdictions including the City of San Diego, the County of San Diego, the City of Solana Beach and the City of Del Mar.

The primary purpose of the Lagoon Enhancement Program is to restore and enhance the San Dieguito Lagoon. The initial projects outlined in the Enhancement Program have been completed, and the results of these projects clearly demonstrate that the lagoon and its associated wetland habitats can be successfully restored. In 1987, the program was honored with an "orchid" for environmental design concepts by the Orchids and Onions Committee.

Also in 1979, the City of San Diego adopted its Progress Guide and General Plan, which designated the area of the river valley east of I-5 within the City of San Diego as open space and placed much of the valley east of I-5 within the urban reserve.

The San Dieguito River Study Draft Conceptual Master Plan was prepared by The Pekarek Group in March 1981 for the City of San Diego. This study is described in the plan text as "the first effort in creating a comprehensive land and water use plan for the
San Dieguito River Valley," and as such the study focuses on the regional issues of water supply, pollution, flooding, water reclamation and land use. The primary objectives of the study were threefold: 1) to review and coordinate existing information about the study area, which included the 44 miles of the San Dieguito River Valley that extends from the Pacific Ocean in Del Mar to Sutherland Reservoir; 2) to identify potential conflicts and impacts among the plans of different governmental agencies within the study area; and 3) to prepare a comprehensive plan which emphasizes the recreational potential of the Lake Hodges area and the use of reclaimed water in the study area. This study ultimately lead to the development of the City of San Diego's San Dieguito River Regional Plan.

About the same time that the City of San Diego was preparing the San Dieguito River Study, the County of San Diego was preparing the San Dieguito River Plan. This plan was completed in December 1981 and adopted in concept by the County Board of Supervisors in March 1982. The purpose of the County's plan was to address issues of ultimate jurisdictional boundaries within the planning area, land use controls in the floodplain, continuation of agricultural practices, the use of Lake Hodges reservoir, provision of recreational uses, utility and road crossings of the river, development on steep slopes, and provisions for sand mining in the river valley. It was the County's intent that this plan supplement the adopted San Dieguito Community Plan, and that the County's General Plan be amended to incorporate a number of specific policies related to floodplain management, development on steep slopes, and utility and road crossings of floodplains.

The San Dieguito River Regional Plan, the first comprehensive land and water use plan for a 44-mile segment of the San Dieguito River Valley (from Del Mar to Lake Sutherland), was funded by the City of San Diego Water Utilities Department and prepared by the City Planning Department. The vision of this plan is to preserve those qualities that make the San Dieguito River Valley unique. To achieve this vision, the plan includes the following goals: 1) to preserve the function of the San Dieguito River basin as an open space corridor; 2) to protect and preserve significant natural, cultural, and aesthetic resources, including the integrity of the river basin; 3) insure compatibility between the various land uses; and 4) to preserve water quality and quantity. It was the City of San Diego's intent that this study serve as a guide for both development and conservation programs within the City, and that the goals of this plan be consistent with and complementary to the goals and policies of all jurisdictions that have an interest in the future of the San Dieguito River basin. The San Diego City Council adopted this plan on October 30, 1984.

As a result of the efforts of several concerned individuals, including Lyn Benn, Karen Berger, and Joyce Mattson, the San Dieguito River Valley Land Conservancy, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, was founded on June 2, 1986. The Conservancy's mission statement calls for the Conservancy to conserve, restore, and enhance the entire San Dieguito River Valley system, including both the wetlands and uplands, for its scenic, open space, and recreational value, as well as for the scientific, historic, and educational opportunities that the area provides. The Conservancy's activities are directed toward
supporting the planning efforts within the park through fundraising, acquisition, and education.

On December 22, 1986, the Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley was formed by Alice Goodkind, Poppy DeMarco-Dennis and Dr. Joanna Louis. The Friends is a non-profit 501(c)(4) organization whose purpose is to conserve, restore and enhance the scenic, ecological and open space resources of the river valley system, emphasizing the importance of ecological resources. In addition, the Friends support or oppose projects, private and public, which may affect the river valley.

Between 1986 and 1987, several committees were established to involve local citizens in the park planning effort. These committees included the San Dieguito River Valley Regional Park Advisory and Review Committee (RVRPARC) founded by San Diego Councilmember Abbe Wolfsheimer in early 1986, and the Upper San Dieguito River Valley (also known as the Santa Fe Valley) Working Group formed in March of 1987 by the County Board of Supervisors at the request of County Supervisor Susan Golding.

In addition to the efforts of these new committees, Citizens Coordinate for Century 3 (C-3) also took an active role in the development of the park. In fact, in April 1987 C-3 called for the creation of a Joint Powers Authority to create a regional open space greenbelt in the San Dieguito River Valley. It was as a result of the strong support from both C-3 and the San Dieguito River Valley Land Conservancy that SANDAG in June 1987 appointed an interjurisdictional task force known as the San Dieguito Regional Open Space Park Plan Executive Committee. This Committee was formed to ensure a park planning effort that would finally integrate the various park planning efforts of the various jurisdictions into one regional park plan.

The Executive Committee, which held its first meeting in August 1987, was composed of elected officials from the Cities of San Diego, Del Mar, Solana Beach, Escondido, and Poway and the County of San Diego. San Diego City Councilmember Abbe Wolfsheimer and County Supervisor Susan Golding were elected co-chairs of the Executive Committee. In November 1987, the Executive Committee appointed a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAQ) to advise them, and in May 1988, San Diego State University geography professor Philip R. Pryde was named chair of the CAC. The CAC continues to operate as a standing committee of the Joint Powers Authority. The CAC is composed of representatives from interested community planning groups, homeowner associations, property owners, environmental organizations, and other special interest groups.

Further planning for the enhancement of the San Dieguito Lagoon was initiated by the City of Del Mar's San Dieguito Lagoon Committee in 1987, and in 1989 the Conceptual Plan for the Expanded San Dieguito Lagoon Resource Enhancement Program was funded by the City of Del Mar and prepared by the San Dieguito Lagoon Committee and River Valley Committee with consultants The Spurlock Office and James Massey Enterprises. The objective of this plan was to focus on a restored San Dieguito Lagoon and to illustrate established goals for biologic and aesthetic enhancement of this rare and
valuable natural resource. This plan was endorsed by the CAC and the Joint Powers Authority in 1989.

In 1988, the City of San Diego Parks & Recreation Department commissioned Estrada Land Planning to prepare a conceptual master plan for the area within the City's jurisdiction and/or ownership. This plan, which was never adopted, provides detailed resource and existing conditions information for the portion of the planning area that extends from the coast in Del Mar eastward to and including the Sutherland Reservoir.

The San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park Joint Powers Authority was officially established as a separate entity in June 1989, and was empowered by its member agencies (the County of San Diego and the Cities of Del Mar, Escondido, Poway, San Diego, and Solana Beach) to acquire, hold, and dispose of property for park purposes; to undertake overall planning for; and to plan, design, improve, operate, manage and maintain the San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park. The JPA is further empowered to establish land use and development standard guidelines for the Park's focused planning area. The goals established by the Joint Powers Authority are as follows:

- To preserve land within the focused planning area of the San Dieguito River Valley as a regional open space greenbelt and park system that protects the natural waterways and the natural and cultural resources and sensitive lands and provides compatible recreational opportunities that do not damage sensitive lands;

- To use public land only for the benefit of the public, and for uses consistent with the goals of the Park; and

- To provide a continuous and coordinated system of preserved lands with a connecting corridor of walking, equestrian, and bicycle trails, spanning the entire river valley from the ocean to the river's source.

Over the years, many citizens have been involved in nurturing the vision of the San Dieguito River Park and their contributions have been invaluable. They include (with apologies to those whose names have been inadvertently omitted) Karen Berger, John Gillies, Bob Sensibaugh, Brooke Eisenberg, Nancy Weare, Ramona Salisbury-Kiltz, Emily Durbin, Alice Goodkind, Bob Long, Opal Trueblood and others too numerous to mention. Their tireless attendance from the earliest days at strategy meetings, drafting and redrafting language for the park's goals and objectives, and their advice on many occasions will be long remembered and deeply appreciated by those who benefit from the San Dieguito River Park. And, last but not least, the San Dieguito River Park would still be only a dream were it not for the leadership of the JPA's first co-chairs, Abbe Wolfsheimer and Susan Golding.

Volunteers have played an essential part in the development of the vision for the Park, and they continue to be intimately involved in the everyday workings of the Park. As a result of the tireless efforts of the Park volunteers, in particular Steve Berneberg and Max Kiltz, an oak grove has been established in the Bernardo Bay area with funding from the
Rancho Bernardo Soroptimists, the Highland Valley Road Trail has been completed, trails are being maintained and signs and fences are being built. Through the efforts of the volunteer Speakers Bureau, especially Julie Hamilton and Carolyn Washington, organizations and groups throughout the County are being introduced to the Park. Scouts have cleaned graffiti from rocks in cultural site areas, and built bridges, benches and signs. A volunteer, Chris Donovan, is creating an Education Curriculum to use to reach out to children and their parents through the school system and scouting programs. Volunteer Gene Tendler has assisted JPA staff with office duties and researched historic resources in the Park. The Project Review Committee, chaired by Jan Fuchs, has spent long hours making site visits and reviewing proposed projects for consistency with the Park's goals. The Trails Committee, originally chaired by Peggy Gentry, and later by Max Kiltz, visited almost every part of the FPA on foot, horse or bicycle to document existing trails. These efforts led to the JPA Board's approval in concept of the "Coast to Crest" trail plan, an important step in implementing the JPA and member agencies' goals for the San Dieguito River Park.

Created in part to establish land use goals for the entire river valley, the Joint Powers Authority initiated the preparation of an overall Concept Plan for the focused planning area. The purpose of the Concept Plan is to set forth the vision, goals, and objectives of the Park, as well as to establish the overall planning framework for future park development within the focused planning area. The Concept Plan represents the initial component of the planning process. It will be followed by the development of detailed master plans for individual planning areas. These future master plans will propose specific park amenities, establish policies for the restoration, enhancement, and/or preservation of sensitive resources, and address park maintenance and management policies.

The San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park Concept Plan has been prepared for the purpose of blending together the concepts of each of the individual agencies, consistent with the goals and objectives adopted by the Citizens Advisory Committee and the Joint Powers Authority. The Spurlock Office, which prepared the preliminary Concept Plan, researched the existing plans and those being developed, conferred with the principal players, and held a number of public workshops in order to obtain a clear understanding of the existing goals and visions for the planning area. Based on this input, as well as the opportunities and constraints information provided in the accompanying Environmental Impact Report, the Citizens Advisory Committee, the Joint Powers Authority, and its consultants developed the concepts proposed in this plan. Therefore, it is the Concept Plan that provides the vehicle for tying together all of these past planning efforts; and it is in the Concept Plan that the vision and goals for the San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park are at last unified into one, comprehensive document.
POLICY NO. P95 -2

ADOPTION DATE: 5/19/95

POLICY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS PROTECTION

PURPOSE

The San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park Joint Powers Authority, a government agency without land use authority, respects private property rights and has pledged not to infringe upon those rights to implement its goals and objectives. To ensure that private property rights are respected, the JPA has adopted the following specific guidelines for private property rights protection.

POLICY

**Eminent Domain**

The JPA has never condemned property. The JPA will never recommend nor participate in a hostile condemnation. By law, when it acquires property the JPA must compensate property owners for the fair market value of their property. It is the desire of the JPA to retain ‘friendly’ condemnation for tax purposes, an important benefit to property owners desiring to sell their property.

**Acquisition of Property**

The JPA may not acquire property without the approval of the member agency within whose jurisdiction the property lies (page 4 of Joint Powers Agreement). When property is offered for sale or gift\(^1\) to the JPA, that approval shall be made by a majority of the governing body of that jurisdiction. By law, the JPA must pay full fair market value as determined by a certified appraiser or as required by state law, unless the property owner offers the land at a below market price for tax purposes.

**Focused Planning Area**

The JPA is not an agency with land use authority and cannot regulate or impose restrictions on private property owners in the focused planning area of the San Dieguito River Park. The focused planning area for the San Dieguito River Park is a regional park planning boundary. Both private and public land is included within the

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\(^1\) Amended to delete “or gift” on September 15, 1995.
focused planning area. Some of the private land may be acquired for the park in the future from willing property owners if the land is needed for park purposes.

**Design Standards**

The JPA has adopted design and development standards which apply ONLY to park-initiated projects on public land (page 100 of Concept Plan). The JPA cannot adopt design and development standards which are binding on private property owners. The adopted Concept Plan includes in an appendix a compilation of possible guidelines developed by other agencies which are not part of the Plan. These types of guidelines could only be adopted and implemented by the member agencies which have land use authority. The County of San Diego has not adopted design standards for the unincorporated area within the FPA.

**Project Review**

The JPA has the right only of advisory review and comment on private development proposals. The JPA cannot limit private property owners rights. The JPA is authorized to review and comment on private development proposals submitted to its member agencies which are within or have an impact on the San Dieguito River Park (pg 4 of Joint Powers Agreement). Such review and comment is advisory in nature only, similar to any planning group or private individuals exercising free speech. Decisions regarding land use, including zoning, discretionary and ministerial permits and other regulations are made by the JPA’s member agencies, which have complete land use authority. The JPA will review and comment only on discretionary projects such as subdivision or use permits. The JPA will not review and comment on ministerial projects, remodels, single family home building permits, or other uses permitted by right such as agricultural uses.

**Trails**

Trail planning and implementation of park improvements will be focused on publicly owned land located west of Lake Sutherland. The Coast to Crest Trail will not be implemented on privately owned land without the property owner’s consent; however, if the property owner seeks a discretionary permit (such as a major subdivision) to develop his/her property, the County or City may utilize its right to require a trail as a condition of approval. Trail alignments will be developed in cooperation with landowners and leaseholders in order to minimize impacts to existing uses, such as farming, cattle ranching and private residences (pg 37 of Concept Plan). When determining where a specific trail should be located, consideration shall be given to surrounding uses, both existing and planned for the area, in an adopted land use plan (pg 37 of Concept Plan). In order to minimize impacts to adjoining properties and uses, trails shall be adequately separated from existing uses through setbacks, significant elevational separation, and/or fencing (pg 37 of Concept Plan). Signage shall be provided along the trail to inform users to stay on the trail and respect adjoining private property (pg 37 of Concept Plan). The JPA will establish a volunteer patrol program.
supervised by a park ranger to ensure that park regulations are observed (pg 37 of Concept Plan). When a private property owner seeks a discretionary permit to develop his or her property, the JPA will work with member agency staff and the property owner to identify appropriate trail alignments and to support trail dedications ONLY when a land use agency under its own policies would normally require a trail dedication (such as a major subdivision) (pg 37 of Concept Plan). Segments of the Coast to Crest Trail may have to extend outside of the San Dieguito River Park focused planning area because of topographical constraints or to avoid property owner conflicts. Due to topographic, sensitive resource or other constraints, the bike path portion of the Coast to Crest Trail may in some places have to be located along existing streets (pg 36 of Concept Plan).

**Farming and Ranching**

The JPA strongly supports the continued use of private property for farming and ranching purposes. The adopted Concept Plan encourages agriculture as the predominant use in the San Pasqual Valley and continued ranching in the Santa Ysabel Valley (pages 63 and 73 of the Concept Plan). The JPA has not and will not interfere with a property owner’s rights or ability to farm. However, there is nothing in the Concept Plan or in the powers of the JPA that would require a property owner to farm or ranch his property, if the underlying zoning of the land use agency permits other uses. The JPA will not put a trail across active grazing land.
## COMMON GOALS, DIFFERENT ROLES:
### PRESERVING THE RIVER VALLEY

**The Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley** is an incorporated 501(c)(4) citizens’ group serving as political advocates to actively promote the conservation, restoration and enhancement of the San Dieguito River Valley resources: scenic, ecological and permanent open space. The Board meets monthly and hosts a website to keep members up to date on activities. FSDRV lobbies to constantly remind elected officials of the goal of preserving an open space park, habitat and trail system; monitors projects; exposes issues for public discussion.

**The San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority** is an independent local government agency authorized by its member agencies, the County of San Diego and the cities of Del Mar, Escondido, Poway, San Diego and Solana Beach, to create a greenway and natural open space park in the River Valley that protects unique resources while providing compatible recreational and educational opportunities. The San Dieguito River Park JPA’s primary activities are restoring habitat, constructing and maintaining trails, managing natural open space, offering recreational, volunteer and educational programs.

**The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy** is a private non-profit organization established to support long-term, sustainable management of the San Dieguito Watershed, focusing on the river corridor. SDRVC raises funds to acquire land to complete the River Park, and extend the segments of the Coast-to-Crest Trail that are open, and assists with careful management of River Park lands; partners with the River Park JPA, citizens, land owners, governments and other non-governmental groups to ensure coordinated protection of the river corridor resources. Operations are funded by annual member donations.

### The Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
- **Formed in 1986**
- Board of Directors and a volunteer staff.
- Membership donations are not tax deductible.
- Information: P.O. Box 973, Del Mar, CA 92014-0973
  - info@fsdrv.org
  - www.fsdrv.org

### The San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority
- **Formed in 1989**
- Board of Directors: member agency elected representatives and chair of Citizens Advisory Committee.
- Executive Director, Administrative Staff and Ranger Staff
- Contributions: tax-deductible.
- Information: (858) 674-2270
  - www.sdrp.org

### The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
- **Formed in 1986**
- Board of Directors
  - Executive Director, Conservation Manager and Administrative Assistant
- Membership contributions are tax-deductible under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Newsletter: Currents, 4/yr
- Information: (858) 755-6956
  - www.sdrcv.org
San Dieguito River Park
Accomplishments 1989-2014
• The California Parks & Wildlife Bond Act (Prop 70) was passed in 1988 and included $10 million for property acquisition in the San Dieguito River Valley

San Dieguito River Park Accomplishments in 1989

• Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement signed by the County of San Diego and the Cities of Del Mar, Escondido, Poway, San Diego and Solana Beach on June 12th, 1989. The Agreement provided for creation of a governing Board and a standing Citizens Advisory Committee with representation on the Board.
• Executive Director hired.
• $20,000 consultant contract awarded for development of River Park Concept Plan.

San Dieguito River Park Accomplishments in 1990

• A member agency funding formula based on a combination of population and acreage in the Focused Planning Area was established.
• A Draft River Park Concept Plan was adopted for environmental review.

San Dieguito River Park Accomplishments in 1991

• Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed between JPA and Southern California Edison for cooperative restoration of San Dieguito Lagoon wetlands.
• 88-acre Horseworld property purchased by SCE for $5,718,000 for restoration of San Dieguito Lagoon wetlands.
• JPA acquired 89-acre San Dieguito Lagoon property for $2,000,000 with State and City of San Diego funds.
• Received $24,000 SANDAG grant for Lake Hodges/Highland Valley Trail Feasibility Study.
San Dieguito River Park Accomplishments in 1992

- $22,500 received from permit condition for a trail easement and construction (Brazeau).
- $18,000 received from donation from the Coalition for Living Resources for a native animal museum.
- $420,000 grant received from California Transportation Commission for I-15 undercrossing.
- $100,000 grant received from SANDAG for Lake Hodges Bikeway Access Design.
- $55,000 grant received from State Parks for Highland Valley Trail construction.
- $2,500 grant received from Rancho Bernardo Soroptimist Club for tree planting.
- The first issue of “RIVERSCAPE” a quarterly JPA newsletter, was published.
- A video of the History of the San Pasqual Valley was produced with a $5,000 County Cable TV grant.
- The San Dieguito Lagoon was chosen as the site for the SCE mitigation project by the California Coastal Commission.

San Dieguito River Park Accomplishments in 1993

- A 95.5-acre parcel of land east of I-5 was acquired by the River Park with $4.95 million of State Park Bond Act (Prop. 70) funding.
- Sikes Adobe was named a State point of Historical Interest by the State Historic Preservation Commission based on an application from the River Park.
- $715,000 Federal grant received for I-15 Undercrossing construction.
- The two-mile long Highland Valley Trail was completed and opened for public use.
- $496,250 State/City of San Diego received for Piedras Pintadas Cultural Resource Management Plan.
- $1,500,000 SANDAG/City of San Diego HWY 56 mitigation fund established for River Park.
- A 11.37 acre parcel of land east of I-15 was acquired by the River Park with HWY 56 mitigation funds.
- 4 acres of land in the San Dieguito Lagoon was acquired by the California Department of Fish and Game.
San Dieguito River Park Accomplishments in 1994

- $675,000 Federal and State grant funding received for Volcan Mountain land acquisitions.
- 1,199 acres on Volcan Mountain purchased by County.
- $12,960 Federal grant received for “Partners for Wildlife” habitat restoration.
- JPA Board adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration for the I-15 Undercrossing and awarded a construction contract.
- A 40-acre parcel of land in Bandy Canyon was donated to the River Park.
- 86.75 acres of land in Sycamore Creek including a house was acquired with $1.65 million of State Park Bond Act (Prop 70) funds and $350,000 of HWY 56 mitigation funds.
- The River Park office was moved to larger office space in San Diego
- JPA Board adopted the San Dieguito River Park Concept Plan and certified the Environmental Impact Report for the Concept Plan.

San Dieguito River Park Accomplishments in 1995

- Successfully concluded legal challenge to the Concept Plan and EIR with Court decision in favor of the River Park.
- $80,000 SANDAG grant received for Lake Hodges North Shore and San Pasqual Valley Trail feasibility and design studies.
- $145,000 Federal and State grants received for non-tidal habitat planning in the San Dieguito Wetland Restoration project.
- 291 acres on Volcan Mountain purchased by County.
- 566 acres on Volcan Mountain purchased by California State Department of Fish and Game.
- 240 acres of land in Boden Canyon purchased by City of San Diego.
- 105 acres of land in the San Dieguito Lagoon purchased by the City of San Diego.
- $5,900 donation received from the Diegueno Jr. High School for habitat restoration.
- I-15 Undercrossing completed and opened for public use.
- The Rancho Bernardo Soroptimists Oak Tree Grove and Monument with 100 newly planted oak trees was dedicated.
San Dieguito River Park Accomplishments in 1996

- A Grand Jury report concluded that the San Dieguito River Valley JPA should be used as a model for other multi-jurisdictional preservation efforts.
- San Dieguito River Park website established.
- $90,000 State grant received for Boden Canyon land acquisition.
- 120 acres of land on Volcan Mountain purchased by County.
- 40 acres of land in Boden Canyon purchased by County of San Diego.
- $6,900 donation received from the Diegueno Jr. High School for habitat restoration.
- Two-mile long Piedras Pintadas interpretive trail completed and opened to the public.

San Dieguito River Park Accomplishments in 1997

- Conceptual San Dieguito Lagoon Wetland Restoration Project approved by California Coastal Commission.
- 390-acre Arkansas Canyon property on the eastern slopes of Volcan Mountain was acquired by the River Park.
- $10,000 County grant received for Trail Run and Scout projects.
- $500 and the American Rivers Urban Hometown River Gold Award for Special Achievement in River Stewardship received by the River Park.
- $3,000 grant received from Powerbar for habitat restoration.
- $50,000 SANDAG grant received for I-5 trail design.
- $25,000 River Park Endowment Fund established with the San Diego Foundation
San Dieguito River Park Accomplishments in 1998

- Received $50,716 State funding for preparation of Boden Canyon Management Plan.
- Received $7,000 Federal funding for Highland Valley Staging Area.
- Received $10,000 grant for Trail Run and Youth projects.
- Received $550,000 State funding for Mule Hill/San Pasqual Valley Trail construction.
- Received $1,000 from City of Poway for a Children’s Interpretive Trail.
- Received a timeshare gift from a private donor valued at $2,500.
- Contract awarded for Mule Hill/San Pasqual Trail final alignment and engineering plans.
- 95 acres of land on Volcan Mountain purchased by County.
- 462 acres of land in San Pasqual Valley purchased by the City of San Diego.
- 54 acres of land in the San Dieguito Lagoon purchased by Southern California Edison.
San Dieguito River Park Accomplishments in 1999

- Adopted a 20-year Fiscal Plan to target a permanent endowment fund for the River Park.
- Relocated River Park offices to JPA-owned property in Poway with $20,000 annual rent savings to go to endowment fund.
- Received Governor’s Historic Preservation Award for the Piedras Pintadas Cultural Resource Management Program.
- Matched $90,000 in grant funds with $90,000 from the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy to assist the State Wildlife Conservation Board to complete acquisition of land in Boden Canyon.
- Secured $50,000 funding for preparation of a joint agency Management Plan for Boden Canyon.
- Received $3 million grant funding to design and construct a bicycle/pedestrian bridge across Lake Hodges.
- Received $62,000 grant from State Parks for the Mule Hill Trail.
- Received $10,000 grant from County for Trail Run and Youth projects.
- Received $212,000 from the City of San Diego for Sikes Adobe restoration planning.
- Received $772,000 from SCE for San Dieguito Lagoon Wetland Restoration project EIR/EIS.
- Received a $5,000 fee waiver from the City of Poway for processing permits for the River Park office.
- Held a California Trails Day event with volunteers to regrade the Highland Valley Staging Area and add improvements including gravel surface, fencing, children’s seating area, plantings and a kiosk.
- Completed and dedicated the Ruth Merrill Children’s Interpretive Walk, and prepared self-guided brochures.
- 26-acre Partners for Wildlife Habitat restoration project completed.
- 1,081 acres of land purchased on Volcan Mountain by California Department of Fish and Game.
- 1,231 acres of land purchased in Boden Canyon by California Department of Fish and Game.
- 59 acres of land in the San Dieguito Lagoon purchased by the City of San Diego.
San Dieguito River Park Accomplishments in 2000

- Received a 1.2 acre parcel of land on the west side of Camino Del Real as part of the legal settlement with the San Dieguito Partnership.
- Granted $59,400 from the City of Escondido for construction of the Mule Hill Trail.
- Granted $47,700 for Mule Hill Trail construction and an annual $5,000 contribution to the Trail Run as conditions of approval for the Lake Hodges Golf Improvement Center.
- The River Park’s Painted Rocks Book describing the Kumeyaay culture was selected by the San Diego School District to be provided to all City of San Diego third graders as part of a new native American history curriculum.
- A $10,000 grant was awarded to the River Park by County for trail maps and signs for the Mule Hill/San Pasqual Trail.
- A $10,000 grant was awarded to the River Park by County for Trail Run and youth projects.
- The JPA member agencies agreed to begin funding an endowment for the River Park with annual contributions of $71,427. The Association of Environmental Professionals also contributed $2,500 to the endowment fund along with $820 of private contributions.
- Received grants of $1.3 million for San Dieguito Lagoon trail construction and $175,000 for expansion of the Santa Maria Creek bridge for the Mule Hill/San Pasqual Trail.
- Received $350,000 from the California Arts Council for the Sikes Adobe restoration.
- Received $14,000 reimbursement for well drilling at the River Park office from a golf course developer in Poway.
- The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy purchased 200 acres of habitat property north of Lake Sutherland using funding provided by private donations.
- 84 acres of land on Volcan Mountain purchased by County.
- 3,562 acres of Santa Ysabel Valley acquired by County.
- 627 acres of Santa Fe Valley acquired by County.
- Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted for the Mule Hill/Pasqual Valley Trail project.
- EIR/EIS and River Park Master Plan for the San Dieguito Lagoon Wetland Restoration Project adopted and certified.
San Dieguito River Park Accomplishments in 2001

- $11 million was allocated in the State budget (Prop. 13) for purchase of habitat properties in the San Dieguito River corridor.
- The State Department of Fish and Game adopted the JPA’s recommendations for a Conceptual Area Protection Plan (CAPP) for the San Dieguito River Valley Corridor which qualifies over 8,000 acres for State funding.
- $362,608 in grants received from SANDAG and State Parks for construction of the Mule Hill/San Pasqual Trail.
- Received $500,000 from CALTrans resulting from the Highway 56 Agreement. The funding was passed on to the City of San Diego to benefit the San Dieguito Lagoon restoration through preservation of 106 acres of land in the Wetland Restoration Project.
- $95,000 was received from County for construction of the Grand Avenue Bridge interpretive platform and the Strawberry Stand Wetland Learning Center.
- $10,000 was received from County for the Trail Run and Youth projects.
- The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy purchased 40 acres of habitat property north of Lake Sutherland and 23 acres on the east side of Farmer’s Road using funding provided by private donations.
- 152 acres of land on Volcan Mountain purchased by County.
- Received a $3,500 grant from the Association of Environmental Professionals for the River Park Endowment Fund.
- The River Park was awarded the Trail/Greenway Program Merit Award at the Annual California Trails and Greenway Conference.
- The River Park was identified as a State Wildlife Corridor linkage by the California Department of Parks and Recreation, the U.S. Geological Survey, the San Diego Zoo, the Nature Conservancy, and the California Wilderness Coalition.
- The River Park produced a brochure depicting the birds found at Lake Hodges in partnership with the Palomar Audubon Society.
- The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy prepared an eight-page River Park Brochure with funding from the San Diego Foundation.
- The Friends of the San Dieguito River Park financed and produced a brochure depicting the birds that are found in the San Dieguito Lagoon.
San Dieguito River Park Accomplishments in 2002

- $200,000 State grant received to fund construction of the Del Dios Gorge Trail and Bridge which will link the Crosby Estate Trail to the Lake Hodges Dam.
- Administrative updates to the 1994 River Park Concept Plan were adopted.
- A $5,000 grant was awarded to the River Park by County.
- The City of San Diego waived $37,000 of processing fees for the Mule Hill/San Pasqual Valley Trail.
- The ten-mile long Mule Hill/San Pasqual Valley segment of the Coast to Crest Trail was opened to the public.
- Design concepts for the Grand Avenue Bridge Interpretive Overlook and the Strawberry Stand Wetland Learning Center were approved by the JPA Board.
- The JPA Board authorized a $35,000 contribution to a coalition of interests coordinated by the City of Del Mar to open the San Dieguito River Mouth.
- The 410-acre Helms (Proudfoot) property was purchased by the River Park for habitat conservation.
- The JPA Board authorized an allocation of $1,675,000 to assist the County purchase of the 345-acre Derbas property for habitat conservation.
- A $1 million state grant was received by the River Park to assist in the purchase of Bernardo Mountain. The 232-acre Bernardo Mountain was purchased with the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy ($1.23 million) and assistance of the City of Escondido ($1.87 million).
San Dieguito River Park Accomplishments in 2003

- Successfully concluded legal challenge to the EIR/EIS for the Wetland Restoration Project with Court decision in favor of the River Park.
- Established a partnership with the County of San Diego for purchase of habitat properties. (Derbas and Habib)
- Established a partnership with the Trust for Public Lands to help acquire habitat properties.
- Conserved 193 acres of habitat properties through acquisition by River Park:
  - Penn (Sycamore Creek, Poway) 47
  - McDonald Trust (Volcan Mt.) 146
- Procured $8,305,000 in State grant funds for property acquisition and projects.
- Received $5,000 from County for Trail Run and youth projects.
- Received $30,000 endowment contribution for Crosby Estate link of Coast to Crest Trail in Del Dios Canyon.
- $1,800 received from a benefit concert, “Songs of the Settlers”, for the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead.
- Restored Sikes Adobe Farmhouse. Received CA Preservation Foundation and the Save Our Heritage Organization awards for outstanding achievement and significant contributions to historic preservation.
- Established a stewardship program for habitat properties funded through endowment. (Bernardo Mt.- SDRVC endowment of $330,000)
- Began a partnership with the County Farm Bureau in San Pasqual Valley to provide education on the history and importance of agriculture.
- Helped fund and promote two educational videos. (A Walk in the Park and Lagoons for Lay People)
- Initiated regional trail connections planning with Poway and the Trans County Trail Joint Agency Planning Committee.
- The State of California added the San Dieguito River Park Coast to Crest Trail as an official California Trail Corridor in the State Recreational Trails Plan.
- Partnered with the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy to develop a Geographic Information System.
San Dieguito River Park Accomplishments in 2004

- Procured $4,337,000 in state grant funds for property acquisition and projects.
- Received $29,433 grant from the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy.
- Received $27,000 from the County for operational budget support.
- Received $10,000 grant from County for trail signage and youth projects.
- Received $77,520 in cash and material contributions for construction of the Strawberry Stand Wetland Learning Center from local companies, the Del Mar Rotary and private contributors.
- Increased annual revenue to the River Park by $44,846 through stewardship program for habitat properties funded through endowment and lease revenue. (Bernardo Mt. and Boudreau)
- Converted from mail-based agenda, activity schedule, and newsletter distribution to web-based distribution for an annual savings of approximately $17,000.
- 5,041 acres of land on Volcan Mountain purchased by the California Department of Fish and Game.
- 870 acres of habitat and corridor connection properties acquired by the River Park:
  
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- Completed restoration of the Sikes Adobe Farmhouse and opened to the public with docent guides.
- Completed construction of the Strawberry Stand Wetlands Learning Center and opened to the public.
- Established a $500,000 endowment fund with the Del Mar Foundation for maintenance of the San Dieguito Lagoon Wetlands Restoration Project.
- Established a $176,900 endowment with the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation for Bernardo Mountain (Caltrans).
- Published the River Park Revenues/Expenditures/Accomplishments report for 1989-2004.
San Dieguito River Park Accomplishments in 2005

Endowment

• Received a $65,000 endowment grant from County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price which leveraged an additional $20,000 of private contributions for the River Park endowment fund.

Sikes Adobe

• Awarded a $10,000 grant from County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price for Sikes Adobe improvements.
• Received material and labor contributions from the Escondido and Rancho Bernardo Sunrise Rotary Clubs to install a period windmill and well on the Sikes Adobe site, valued at $30,000.
• Received a $2,000 gift from the Lake Hodges Native Plant Club to create a native plant garden near the Sikes Adobe.
• Received 2005 Award from the California Preservation Foundation for the Sikes Adobe Farmhouse Restoration in recognition of Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Historic Preservation.

San Dieguito Lagoon Wetland Restoration Project

• Three Interpretive signs were designed and installed at the Grand Avenue Bridge by the Friends of the San Dieguito Lagoon and the Del Mar Lagoon Committee with help from the City of Del Mar.
• Received a $177,000 State Coastal Conservancy grant for design and construction of the coastal trail segment of the Coast to Crest Trail.
• Awarded a $1,000 grant from the American Institute of Architects to develop an interpretive sign to show the reuse of an original farm produce stand to the Strawberry Stand Wetland Learning Center.
• Received Energy Efficiency Integration and Design Merit awards from the San Diego Chapter of the American Institute of Architects for the Strawberry Stand Wetland Learning Center.
• An agreement was entered into with Southern California Edison to define how the endowment amount for the Wetland Restoration Project would be determined in the future.
• An agreement was entered into with Southern California Edison and the 22nd Agricultural District for construction/maintenance of least tern nesting sites, Coast to Crest Trail easements, and river mouth access.
• The California Coastal Commission gave final approval for the San Dieguito Lagoon Wetland Restoration Project.
• Received the 2005 Association of Environmental Professionals “Outstanding Environmental Solution” award for the San Dieguito Lagoon Wetland Restoration Project.
**Habitat Restoration**

- Completed restoration of former waste site on river bank funded by grants from the State Coastal Conservancy through the Wetlands Recovery Project and the Federal Natural Resource Conservation District.

- Completed restoration of former waste site in coastal sage habitat area funded by a State Riverine Restoration Grant.

**Land Acquisition**

- Acquired the 90-acre Reutter parcel located west of Farmer’s Road with State grant funding.

- Acquired the 353-acre Lake Sutherland East parcel which connects city property at Lake Sutherland with the 249-acre Newton parcel acquired in 2004. State funding of $809,000 was leveraged with over $300,000 of private donations raised by the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy to purchase the property.

**Trails**

- JPA Board and San Diego Planning Commission approved design and mitigated negative declaration for the Lake Hodges Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge.

- The first connection between the San Dieguito River Park Coast to Crest Trail and another regional trail system was initiated in cooperation with the City of Poway. The link will provide a connection to the Trans County Regional Trail through the City of Poway Trail System.
San Dieguito River Park Accomplishments in 2006

Awards/Grants

- Received a finalist nomination for a Regional Golden Watchdog Award from the San Diego County Taxpayers Association for leveraging $5 million of local taxpayer funds to obtain over $50 million in federal and state grants.
- Awarded a Certificate of Outstanding Merit for producing the video, *Voices of San Pasqual*, by the San Diego Archeological Center at the 2006 Archaeology Film Festival.
- Two Emmys were awarded for a video produced by CTN documenting the restoration of the Sikes Adobe. Emmys were awarded for Best Historical/Cultural Program and Writing.
- $10,000 granted by Supervisor Pam Slater-Price for interpretive signage along the Del Dios Gorge Trail.
- $1,000 donated by Lake Hodges 50K Trail Race for trail maintenance.
- $1,000 Kodak Greenways Grant awarded in association with the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy for archeological interpretive signs.
- $20,000 pick-up truck donated by Karen and Wolf Berger for ranger operations.

San Dieguito Lagoon Wetland Restoration Project

- $3,000 grant awarded by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Community Partnering Program to educate students about the importance of watersheds and the benefits of wetlands. Used in association with $500 of support from the Del Mar Foundation to stage an event at the Strawberry Stand Learning Center for Lagoon Exploration Day on April 30, 2006.
- Hired EDAW inc. to monitor construction of the Wetland Restoration Project
- All permits acquired and Construction begun in October.

Habitat Restoration

- $50,000 awarded by SANDAG (Transnet) for habitat land management
- $20,700 awarded by Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project through the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy to restore 2 acres of disturbed wetland and upland.
- $550,017 granted by the State water Resources Control board to create freshwater runoff ponds at the San Dieguito Lagoon.

Planning

San Dieguito River Park Concept Plan accepted by the City of San Diego, 6-26-06

Trails

- $2 million awarded by SANDAG to fund the Lake Hodges Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge, bringing total funding for the project to $7 million.
- Eight mile segment of Coast to Crest Trail from Farmers Road to State Highway 79 opened to public in cooperation with the County of San Diego.
- Completed GAP Analysis with Trails Committee.
- Staging Area established at east end of Crosby Estate for Santa Fe Valley Trail and Del Dios Gorge Trail
San Dieguito River Park Accomplishments in 2007

Awards/Grants

- $313,000 was received from the State Resources Agency for construction of the Del Dios Gorge Trail.
- $147,000 was donated by the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy for trail expansion.
- $71,000 was provided by the San Diego County Water Authority for construction of the Del Dios Trail.
- $100,000 was provided by Pardee Construction to the City of San Diego for an El Camino Real wildlife and trail undercrossing study to facilitate a North/South regional trail connection between the Coast to Crest Trail and the Trans County Trail.
- $2,500,000 was received from the State Resources Agency and SANDAG for the Lake Hodges Bridge.
- $10,000 was received through a San Diego County Community Enhancement Grant sponsored by Supervisor Pam Slater-Price for restoration of the Sikes Adobe creamery.
- $5,000 was contributed by the “River Park Equestrian Center”.
- $25,000 was produced by The “Donate a Plank” fundraising program initiated by the Del Mar Rotary and the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy for construction of trails and interpretive signs in the Wetlands Restoration area.
- $60,000 in grants and contributions were designated for a Del Dios Highway undercrossing engineering study and a Clevenger Canyon Trail linkage feasibility study by the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy.

San Dieguito Lagoon Wetland Restoration Project

- Project grading reached 70% of completion.
- A $1,264,284 contract was awarded and construction begun on water quality treatment ponds, I-5 trail undercrossing and trail segment south of San Andreas Drive.
- The North Bank Re-Vegetation project was begun by the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy on the river bank between Jimmy Durante and I-5.
- Seven bus tours of the ongoing project were conducted by the Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley, accommodating over 250 people.

Planning

- The San Dieguito Watershed Management Plan was completed and an implementing council was established chaired by representatives of the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy and the San Dieguito River Park. The City Councils of Del Mar, Solana Beach, Poway and Escondido passed resolutions of support and participation.
- The River Park Focused Planning Area was expanded to include the approximately 20,000-acre Guejito Creek viewshed.

Land Acquisition

- A 154-acre land parcel in the Del Dios Gorge was acquired from The Environmental Trust along with a $26,000 annual maintenance payment.
- Four half-acre parcels along San Dieguito Drive in Del Mar were acquired by the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy.
Trails

- A 180-foot long steel truss bridge was constructed across the Del Dios Gorge as part of the Coast to Crest Trail for a construction cost of $623,000.
- The south abutment of the Lake Hodges Bridge was constructed for a construction cost of $2,020,000. Construction was initiated on phase 2 and phase 3 with award of a construction contract for $6,376,877.
- A 1200-foot boardwalk was constructed on the north bank of the San Dieguito River east of Jimmy Durante. The Del Mar Rotary provided labor to install the decking of the boardwalk saving approximately $40,000 for the River Park.

Fire Recovery

- The 22nd District Agricultural Association committed to construct the Coast to Crest trail from the Boardwalk to I-5 to free up River Park staff to concentrate on fire recovery.
- The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy provided executive staff time to coordinate with FEMA.
- Contributions of office furniture, tools and cash equivalent to over $30,000 received.
- The River Park Administrative and Ranger offices were temporarily reestablished in the City of San Diego Water Reclamation facility on Highland Valley Drive.
- The remaining adobe walls of the Sikes Adobe were stabilized through contributions of labor by the original Sikes restoration contractor, Mark Sauers.
- The Lake Hodges North Shore Trail was cleared of after-fire conditions endangering public safety and reopened to the public.
San Dieguito River Park Accomplishments in 2008

Awards/Grants

- $24,750 was awarded by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to remove invasive plants and restore three ponds on River Park property in Santa Ysabel. Grant Application by SDRVC.
- $50,000 was awarded by Northrup Grumman to help rebuild the Green River Valley Bridge on the Piedras Pintadas trail at Lake Hodges. Grant application by SDRVC.
- $48,000 was awarded by the Natural Resources Conservation Service for habitat restoration at Cloverdale Creek.
- $56,250 was awarded by the Natural Resources Conservation Service to restore 47 acres of non-native grasslands to coastal sage and cactus scrub in San Pasqual Valley. Grant application by SDRVC.
- $123,750 was awarded by the Natural Resources Conservation Service to remove eucalyptus below the Lake Hodges Dam and replant with native sycamores, cottonwoods and riparian vegetation. Grant application by SDRVC.
- $142,500 was awarded by the Natural Resources Conservation Service for arundo removal in San Pasqual Valley. Grant application by SDRVC.
- $54,800 was awarded by the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program to supplement the previous four projects funded by the NRCS. Grant Application by SDRVC.
- $186,000 was awarded through the San Diego Foundation Fire Recovery fund to restore critical habitat (cactus wren and gnatchatcher) in burn areas.
- $6,500 was donated by a Trails Committee member to finish fencing on the Coast to Crest Trail segment west of I-5 and to purchase hats for trail volunteers.
- $5,000 worth of volunteer labor and materials to apply preservatives to the Grand Avenue Bridge was donated by the Del Mar Rotary Club.
- $4,450 was donated by REI for trail reconstruction at Lake Hodges. Grant application by SDRVC.
- A used SUV worth approximately $10,000 was donated to the River Park.
- $15,000 was donated by the SDRVC to purchase and install fencing, a solar-timed gate and grading for the Sikes staging area.
- $15,000 was donated by a SDRVC member as a match for other contributors to fund a Coast to Crest Trail segment in the Wetlands Restoration Project.
- $342,000 awarded by SANDAG (Transnet EMP) for natural habitat fire recovery, invasive species removal and access management.
- $20,000 worth of labor, equipment and materials contributed by the San Diego Mountain Bike Association and Geogrid to construct a segment of the Del Dios Gorge Trail.
- $20,000 worth of labor, and equipment was donated by the Del Mar Rotary and 22 nd Agricultural district to extend the Boardwalk Trail to I-5.
- $15,000 was produced by The “Donate a Plank” fundraising program initiated by the Del Mar Rotary and the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy for construction of trails and interpretive signs in the Wetlands Restoration area.
- $332,362 was received for first year costs and endowment to manage 90 acres of mitigation property on the Fenton Ranch in the San Pasqual Valley.
- $60,000 was awarded to the River Park by Sempra to begin planning for a Wetland Restoration Interpretive Center.

San Dieguito Lagoon Wetland Restoration Project

- Project grading reached 80% of completion and 75 acres of new tidal wetlands on the east side of
I-5 were opened to tidal flow.

- Grading of wetland treatment ponds and associated trail segment on northeast side of project completed.

Planning

- “Plants of San Dieguito River Valley” brochure produced and printed. (SDRVC).
- Sunrise Powerlink alignment modified to avoid habitat impacts in FPA.
- A Needs Assessment study was completed to compare funding of similar agencies and evaluate options to increase River Park funding.
- An internally managed endowment fund was established.
- The 30+ miles of constructed River Park trails were added to the Thomas Guide San Diego County Street Guide book.

Land Acquisition

- The 5.74 acre Sikes Adobe site was acquired through a $170,000 grant obtained through the office of County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price.
- A 32.6 acre high value habitat property was donated by Maderas Westridge. Estimated value of $815,000 based on $25,000/acre of comparables.

Habitat Restoration

- Contract was awarded for habitat restoration at the Cloverdale Creek Project.
- The San Dieguito River North Bank Revegetation Project was completed by SDRVC.

Trails

- The 1200-foot boardwalk trail constructed on the north bank of the San Dieguito River east of Jimmy Durante was extended to ¾ mile with a dirt trail to I-5 including two bridges over drainages on the east and west sides of the I-5 bridge. The Del Mar Rotary and 22nd District Agricultural Association provided labor, equipment and supplies to install the trail saving approximately $20,000 for the River Park.
- Lake Hodges Bridge north abutment and two piers in lake completed with superstructure under construction.
- Contract awarded to construct 700 feet of the Del Dios Gorge Trail.
- First solar-powered automatic gate installed for staging area control at Sikes Adobe site.

Fire Recovery

- $46,000 contract awarded to reconstruct the Santa Maria Cantilever Bridge (FEMA).
- $93,600 contracts awarded to fabricate and install the Green Valley Creek Bridge replacement (FEMA).
- $154,000 contract awarded to reconstruct eight trail bridges in the Santa Fe Valley and Highland Valley (FEMA).
San Dieguito River Park Accomplishments in 2009

Awards/Grants

- $440,000 secured from SANDAG for grading, landscaping and water quality monitoring of San Dieguito Lagoon wetland treatment ponds.
- $400,000 private donation was received for the Lake Hodges Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge.
- $350,257 received from the U.S. Navy for purchase of 8.9 acres of mitigation rights on the Sycamore Westridge property.
- $350,000 granted by the California Resource Agency from the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program for the West Bernardo Bike Path Cantilever Project.
- $1,425,000 granted by SANDAG Bicycle Transportation Program for the West Bernardo Bike Path Cantilever Project.
- $267,350 granted by SANDAG Transnet EMP for treatment and monitoring of pepperweed and equipment. (SDRVC)
- $12,000 granted by the San Diego County Community Enhancement Fund for Sikes Adobe period furnishings.
- $9,600 was received from the Think Blue program for interpretive signage and pet waste bags and dispensers. (SDRVC)
- $5,000 donated by the Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley for Grand Avenue Bridge Overlook interpretive signs.
- $2,000 private donation was received for trail maintenance tools
- $2,500 private donations received for I-5 San Dieguito Lagoon Signs
- $1,063 private donation for purchase of an “Iron Ranger”
- $1,000 general donation from Wardell Builders, Inc. of Solana Beach
- $800 worth of books, DVDs, online resources and annotated bibliographies known as the Connecting to Collections Bookshelf awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services/American Association of State and Local History for the Sikes Adobe.
- Lake Hodges Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge was completed and received awards from the American Council of Engineering Companies, American Public Works Association, the Pre-stressed Concrete Institute, Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute, Roads and Bridges Magazine, North County Times Roses/Raspberries Program, the national Best of the Best Awards of McGraw-Hill’s Engineering News-Record magazine and an Orchid nomination in the Orchids and Onions program.
San Dieguito Lagoon Wetland Restoration Project

- Project grading reached 100% of completion and wetland plants were established on all high salt marsh areas.
- Grading of wetland treatment ponds and associated trail segment completed.
- Grand Avenue Bridge/Overlook completed and opened to public on April 7, 2009.
- 1.4 mile trail segment from I-5 to San Andreas Drive completed and opened to public.
- A weed management plan was approved by Coastal Commission and implementation initiated.
- The San Dieguito River Park initiated full time ranger patrols, maintenance and public outreach in the lagoon project area with an annual cost of $205,685 funded under an agreement with Southern California Edison.

Planning

- San Dieguito Lagoon Center conceptual plan completed.
- Sanag/Caltrans agreement adopted for additional San Dieguito Lagoon restoration.
- A no-smoking policy was adopted for trails, natural habitat areas, and River Park facilities.
- Processing and permitting completed for the Heritage Trail connection linking the San Dieguito River Park Coast to Crest Trail and the City of Poway Trail system.
- Environmental processing completed for the San Dieguito Watershed Invasive Species Control Program.
- A donation acceptance and recognition policy was adopted to encourage and recognize the support of donors in ways consistent with River Park goals and objectives.
- Coastal Development Permit received for a pedestrian loop trail south of Via De La Valle overlooking newly established tidal basin.

Land Acquisition

- A 32.64 acre parcel (Sycamore Westridge) with high quality habitat was donated by the Sunroad Corporation.

Habitat Restoration

- The Cloverdale Creek Restoration Project was completed.
**Trails**

- The Lake Hodges Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge was opened to the public on 5/15/09.
- Solar powered gates installed at five staging areas and the Lake Hodges Bridge.
- 2-mile segment of the Del Dios trail from the Santa Fe Valley staging area to the Lake Hodges Dam completed, establishing a 25-mile continuous segment of the Coast-to-Crest Trail.
- Construction of West Bernardo Bike Path & Cantilever project initiated.

**Fire Recovery**

- Ten bridge reconstruction projects completed and all trails reopened to public.
- Reconstruction of the Sikes Adobe initiated.
- Reconstruction of the River Park Office initiated.
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.
San Dieguito River Park Accomplishments in 2011

Awards/Grants

- The San Diego Architectural Foundation awarded an Orchid to the David Kreitzer Lake Hodges Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge in the 2011 Orchids and Onions program.
- The American Concrete Institute presented a 2011 design award to the River Park for the David Kreitzer Lake Hodges Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge.
- The San Diego Architectural Foundation awarded a second Orchid to the River Park for construction of our administrative office.
- The California State American Institute of Architects (AIA) provided an Architectural Merit Award to the San Dieguito River Park for the construction of the administrative office. The award was one of twenty provided to projects throughout the state and one of only two awarded in San Diego County.
- The Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) provided an award titled, “Phoenix Rising, Sikes Again” for reconstruction of the Sikes Adobe.
- The City of San Diego Historical Resources Board provided an award titled, “2011 Excellence in Historic Preservation” for reconstruction of the Sikes Adobe.
- The California State Office of Historic Preservation granted the 2011 Governor’s Historic Preservation Award to the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead Restoration & Reconstruction.
- $57,000 was awarded from the County of San Diego Neighborhood Reinvestment Program to design, fabricate and install three entry monuments at the western, central and eastern gateways to the River Park and seven interpretive panels throughout the River Park.
- $4,000 was awarded from County of San Diego Community Enhancement Program for support of Scout projects.
- $93,655 was provided by the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy for trail construction for the Old Coach Trail Link, and for planning and permitting for the Pamo Valley and Lusardi Creek trails.

San Dieguito Lagoon Wetland Restoration

- 40,000 cubic feet of sand was excavated from the river channel and used for beach replenishment, allowing full ocean tides to nourish the restored wetlands for the first time in decades.
- The construction phase of the Southern California Edison project was determined complete by the California Coastal Commission
- SANDAG completed a first phase Feasibility Study for a new restoration area (W19) encompassing approximately 100 acres, which determined that it is feasible to create
approximately 60 acres of additional tidal wetlands without negatively impacting the 
SCE project.

**Trails**

- Construction of the West Bernardo Drive Bike Path and Trail linking the Lake Hodges 
  Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge and the Bernardo Bay Staging Area was completed and 
  opened to the public on April 8, 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 Old Coach trail was completed and 
  opened to the public on October 8th, 2011. This linkage provides access to the Trans 
  County Regional Trail through the City of Poway trail system making it the first 
  north/south connection between east/west regional trail systems in the County.
- A one mile long loop trail was completed on the northeast section of the Wetland 
  Restoration Project (Lagoon Trail and Salt Marsh Bird View Trail).
- Planning and permitting were completed and construction started on the 1.7 mile Mesa 
  Loop Trail on the southeast section of the Wetland Restoration Project.
- Permits were obtained for the Horse Park Trail with construction to begin in January 
  2012.
- Work began on the Reach the Beach Trail Feasibility Study including public meetings 
  and workshop.
- A viewing platform composed of native rock in the shape of a rattlesnake was built along 
  the Del Dios Gorge Trail.

**Habitat Restoration**

- **Bernardo Mountain and West Bernardo** - Weed control on 35 acres on the south 
  side of Bernardo Mtn. was accomplished and 130 native species planted. Combined 
  with native plant seedlings of prior years, the treatment has repaired fire damage and 
  produced flourishing habitat with California Gnatcatcher sightings.
- **East Gorge Habitat Management Area** – 241 native plants installed along with 
  Eucalyptus and weed control.
- **Santa Maria Creek Habitat Management Area** – Weed control and native plant 
  installation transformed a half acre site from invasive plants to native habitat.
- **Sycamore Westridge Habitat Management Area** – Weed control and planting of 
  125 1-gallon container native plants combined with distribution of 4.5 pounds of 
  native seed collected from the Lake Hodges area restored fire damaged habitat 
  resulting in confirmed gnatcatcher sightings.
• **Eucalyptus Removal Del Dios Gorge** – The first phase of eucalyptus removal began downstream of the Del Dios Gorge Bridge. The non-native trees were removed and are being replaced with native trees and shrubs in and along the riverbank.

**Community Outreach and Education**

- Over 2000 hours of service was provided throughout the Park by volunteers
- Completion of 4 student internships
- Directly educated over 300 students about environmental issues
- Partnered with several schools for research and habitat restoration opportunities
- Sponsored 8 scout projects throughout the Park
- Established monthly Ranger walks at the San Dieguito Lagoon
- Entered into partnership with San Diego Coastkeeper for water quality testing by River Park staff and volunteers at the Treatment Ponds at the Lagoon
- Bi-monthly educational events were held at the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmhouse, in addition to student field trips and senior groups.
- The River Park cooperated with various non-profit groups in the planning and acquisition of the Santa Ysabel General Store with the intention that it will become a Backcountry Interpretive Center.
San Dieguito River Park Accomplishments in 2012

Awards/Grants

- $377,294 grant awarded by the San Diego County Neighborhood Reinvestment Program for the Outdoor Classroom at the San Dieguito Lagoon, development of a Lagoon smartphone application and purchase of a ranger truck. Recommended to the Board by Supervisor Pam Slater-Price.
- $40,000 awarded by the San Diego Foundation Ariel W. Coggeshall Fund to the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy to work with the River Park to develop a Citizen Scientist Environmental and Wildlife Monitoring Protocol for the San Dieguito River Valley
- $27,000 awarded by SDG&E and REI to establish a Lagoon Interpretive Walk mobile phone application in English and Spanish along with a data entry application for the Citizen Scientist Program.
- $10,000 grant provided by the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation to purchase an equipment trailer and hydraulic dump trailer for habitat restoration and trail projects. Recommended by Supervisor David Roberts.
- $5,000 granted by the American Society of Landscape Architects to implement a site development plan for the Sikes Adobe. The site development plan was designed and donated by Tim Jachlewski of In-Site Landscape Architecture, Inc.
- $15,000 donated by Ron Hall for the River Park and Friends of Sikes Adobe.
- $1,500 donated by the Rancho Cycling Club for the Trails Fund.
- $1,000 donated by Jeffrey Barnouw for the Trails Fund.
- $1,000 provided by Southern California Edison to purchase a kayak and canoe to help maintain the Lagoon restoration.

San Dieguito Lagoon Wetland Restoration

- Southern California Edison authorized a $4,000/month, ten-year revenue stream to be paid to the River Park to establish a ranger station/utility building to serve the Wetland Restoration Project.
- Plans and construction documents were developed for the Lagoon Outdoor Classroom.
Trails

- The 1.7 mile Dust Devil Nature Trail on the southeast section of the Wetland Restoration Project was completed and opened to the public.
- The one half mile Horse Park Trail was completed and opened to the public.
- The Reach the Beach Trail Feasibility Study including public meetings and workshop was completed and accepted by the JPA Board on April 19, 2012.
- River Park monument signs were constructed and installed in Del Mar and Escondido.
- The first trail mile-markers were installed along the lagoon trail. The mile markers were donated by the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy and Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley and will be installed along the entire 55-mile Coast to Crest Trail as it is developed.

Habitat Restoration

- Eucalyptus Removal Del Dios Gorge – The second phase of eucalyptus removal began downstream of the Del Dios Gorge Bridge. Over two million pounds of non-native trees were removed and are being replaced with native trees and shrubs in and along the riverbank.
- Partnered with more than ten corporations and fifteen local organizations to restore habitat throughout the River Park.
- 67 acres of native habitat in 17 locations throughout the River Park were treated to control weeds.
- 15 acres of native habitat in 13 locations throughout the River Park were restored with over 17,500 native plantings and 165 pounds of native seed.

Community Outreach and Education

- The River Park cooperated with various non-profit groups including the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy and Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) in the planning and acquisition of the 1884 historic Santa Ysabel General Store which opened on October 6, 2012 as a Backcountry Interpretive Center. The River Park established a monthly lecture series and Children’s Nature Program at the facility.
- Partnered with University of San Diego, Cal State San Marcos, Cal State San Diego, and Bishop’s School to host research projects throughout the River Park.
- Hosted education events for over 1000 children and managed over 20 Scout projects.
- River Park staff and volunteers participated in the “I Love a Clean San Diego” program removing over 3,000 pounds of greenwaste and 510 pounds of trash.
- The River Park Volunteer Program increased by 25% and four internships were completed.
- Established monthly ranger-led hikes and bird-watching walks.
San Dieguito River Park Accomplishments in 2013

Awards/Grants

- $5,000,000 fifty-four acre “Villages” property was deeded to the San Dieguito River Park by Southern California Edison as part of the San Dieguito Lagoon Wetland Restoration Project.
- $25,000 awarded by the San Diego County Community Enhancement Program for restoration of the historic creamery at Sikes Adobe Farmhouse recommended by Supervisor Dave Roberts.
- $250,000 of completed projects were confirmed by the California Coastal Conservancy as qualifying for Proposition 40 funding credit.
- $254,000 of annual funding was reinstated to the San Dieguito River Park by the City of San Diego.
- $20,000 grant provided by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and SDG&E for production of a classroom/field research curriculum manual and website for the Citizen Science Program. Joint program of San Dieguito River Park and San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy.
- $8,000 granted by the Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation for replacement of solar lighting system on the David Kreitzer Lake Hodges Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge.
- $10,000 donated by park supporter and volunteer Ron Hall.
- $2,500 of book copies, entitled “Coast to Crest and Beyond, authored and donated by Wolf Berger, Ph.D.
- $1,000 donated by park supporter and former JPA Board member Marion Dodson.
- $500 donated by park supporter Jill Underwood.

Lagoon Wetland Restoration

- Construction was initiated for the “Birdwing” Lagoon Outdoor Classroom.
- A design contract was awarded for the Lagoon Ranger Headquarters Building.
Trails

- The entire 70+ mile Coast to Crest Trail corridor was hiked by San Dieguito River Park Board Chair Jim Cunningham, Bill Simmons, a San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy member and staff.

Habitat Conservation and Restoration

- The San Dieguito River Park accepted a conservation easement for 210 acres located in the Ramona Grasslands Conservation Bank.

Community Outreach and Education

- The River Park cooperated with the Save Our Heritage Organization (SOHO) in the acquisition of a historic barn adjacent to the historic Santa Ysabel General Store.
- Hosted over 1000 participants in Lagoon Days, “I Love a Clean San Diego” event, education events and habitat restoration projects. Participants included Del Mar Unified third graders, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Kids Corps, Teens in Action, Boys and Girls Club, corporations, local organizations and volunteers.
- Established a Children and Art program.
- Carried out monthly bird counts, water quality testing, ranger-led hikes and trail maintenance activities.
- Increased participation in the River Park Volunteer Program by 25%.
- Partnered with the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy to establish the Citizen Scientist Program.

Sikes Adobe

- Hosted over 1000 visitors and seven group visitations including Cub Scouts, Explorer Club, Savvy Travelers, and school groups.
- Provided a venue for thirteen events including birthdays, weddings, and group celebrations.
- Trained four new volunteers and a post-graduate intern.
- Accepted donations of four 1850-1895 circa. furnishings.
San Dieguito River Park
Comparison of JPA Member Agency Assessments and Grants Obtained through FY 13/14

Cumulative Grants and Gifts Obtained
Cumulative Member Assessments

Attachment 9