

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.