

## **San Dieguito River Park Accomplishments in 2018**

### Awards/Grants/Donations

- \$25,000 in additional funds from the Natural Resources Agency for the Coast to Crest Trail Pamo segment.
- \$10,000 donation from Jeff Barnouw for Coast Ranger Station
- \$5,314 in private donations
- \$301,043 in funds from Federal Emergency Management Agency and California Governor's Office of Emergency Services for 2017 storm repairs.
- \$404 donation of Akin Family Trust balance distribution
- \$1,500 donation from Jacqueline Winterer for San Dieguito Lagoon Bird Brochure
- \$1,000 donation from Diane Coombs for Watershed Explorer Program van expenses

### Trails and other Projects

- Constructed majority of the Pamo Trail segment of the Coast to Crest Trail with approximately 90% of the trail completed by the end of 2018 and a ribbon-cutting celebration scheduled for January 2019.
- Hired a new designer to redesign the proposed coast ranger station after a second round of construction bids were received on the previous design exceeding the JPA's project budget. The new design was resubmitted to the City of San Diego for building permits.
- JPA Board certified the Final EIR for the San Dieguito Lagoon W-19 Restoration Project and approved the project.
- San Dieguito River Park Founders Tribute project, funded by the County of San Diego Neighborhood Reinvestment Program, was completed consisting of a video "Creating Legacy, the Founding of the San Dieguito River Park" and sculpture placed adjacent to the Coast to Crest Trail. Held video debut and art unveiling ceremony on 9/20/18 at the new Del Mar Town Hall.

### Habitat Conservation and Restoration

- Continued habitat maintenance on HMP sites including weed control and plantings.
- Avian surveys conducted at Bernardo Mnt HMP to determine the status of the Coastal Cactus Wren. Partnered with the San Diego Natural History Museum to implement a 2 year plant survey and mapping project at East Gorge HMP.
- Invasive weed removal and restoration continued via partnerships with the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy and Del Dios Habitat Protection League as part of the JPA's Invasive Plant Control Program. Approximately 5 acres around Lake Hodges and in Fairbanks Ranch area treated for weeds and replanted. Arundo, eucalyptus and other invasive plants were removed from the San Dieguito River funded by the USFWS Partners for Wildlife Program.

## Community Outreach and Education

- Six fieldtrips to the San Dieguito Lagoon & Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead under the Watershed Explorer Program.
- Over 200 volunteers participated in the California Coastal Cleanup Day at the lagoon.
- Managed habitat restoration projects for Girl & Boy Scouts of America, Calvary Church, Scout groups, National Charity League, Teen Volunteers in Action, UC San Diego Alumni and Teradata.
- Hosted educational programs for High Tech High North County, Escondido School District and homeschools, serving over 500 students.
- Presented at Natural History Museum, Children's Museum, UTC for Culture Resource, the California Greenways Conference and community fairs.
- Added interpretive plaques, benches, picnic tables and shade structures to the trail system.
- Hosted volunteer trainings, enrichments and appreciation party

## Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead

- Completed 5 Eagle Scout projects including kiosk, weather station, new gardens, restroom facade
- Hosted Valentine Teas, Harvest Fest and Festive Farmhouse
- Provided tours for Senior Communities
- Partnered with the County of San Diego for volunteer opportunities
- Eight Habitat Restoration projects at Sikes
- Developed a new Sikes Brochures and field trip flyer