

MAY 2023

SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY CONSERVANCY • SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK

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Upstream



May 3: Public meeting on lagoon restoration monitoring

Researchers from the UC Santa Barbara Marine Sciences Institute are hosting a public meeting on the status of the San Dieguito Wetlands Restoration Project from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. May 3 at the Del Mar Civic Center Town Hall, 1050 Camino del Mar, Del Mar.

Presenters will deliver results of monitoring from 2022.

During the 2000s, Southern California Edison funded an expansive restoration of the lagoon to compensate for marine life harmed by operations of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. The utility continues to pay for periodic dredging of the lagoon inlet.

UC Santa Barbara's monitoring program covers ecology and evolution, marine conservation, policy and education. The two-year program is funded through December 2023 by a \$6.7 million grant from the California Marine Sanctuary Program.

Members of the public can attend the meeting in person or on Zoom.

Speaker Series

May 5th, 2023



JENNI BRANDON
MICROPLASTICS: THE OCEAN'S BIGGEST TINY PROBLEM



Scan QR code or visit:
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Members only event



May 5: First talk of Speaker Series

We are excited to launch our Speaker Series with a talk led by a marine conservation expert 10 a.m. to noon May 5 at the San Dieguito Lagoon staging area.

Climate scientist Jenni Brandon will dive deeply into the scourge of microplastics—the ocean's biggest tiny problem.

The talk is open to Conservancy members.

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May Walk N Talk

ARROYO PRESERVE

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May 9: Walk-N-Talk at Arroyo Preserve

Join us for our second-Tuesday-of-the-month Walk N Talk 9 a.m. May 9. We'll hike the 2-mile loop through Arroyo Preserve. An explosive spring bloom continues to carpet the landscape. Learn about wildlife and chat with Conservancy board members and staff during the monthly, educational outings.

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May 16, May 23: Drawing is Seeing

Join artist Sue Britt at 10 a.m. May 16 and May 23 at the Birdwing Open Air Classroom to learn how drawing can be a tool to see and bring attention to the natural world. No drawing skills are necessary.

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Downstream



Recreation: Tyke hike

Our tyke hike on the north shore of Lake Hodges was tons of fun.





Recreation: Walk-N-Talk at San Pasqual Valley

Our monthly Walk-n-Talk hike April 11 took us through San Pasqual Valley to Raptor Ridge.

We saw many wildflowers and were able to identify them using the iNaturalist app.





Education: Ramona Earth Day Festival

Interpretive Ranger Jess, Intern Pablo and Community Engagement Manager Kim championed the San Dieguito River watershed April 22 during the Ramona Earth Day Festival. The trio recruited volunteers and handed out California seed packets with sage, milkweed and bladderpod seeds for pollinators.





Education: Poway Valley Garden Club Flower Show

Hi Pablo and Kim! Our intern and Community Engagement Manager represented us well and bagged a ribbon April 15 at the 44th Annual Poway Valley Garden Club Flower Show.





Education: Animals on the Bay

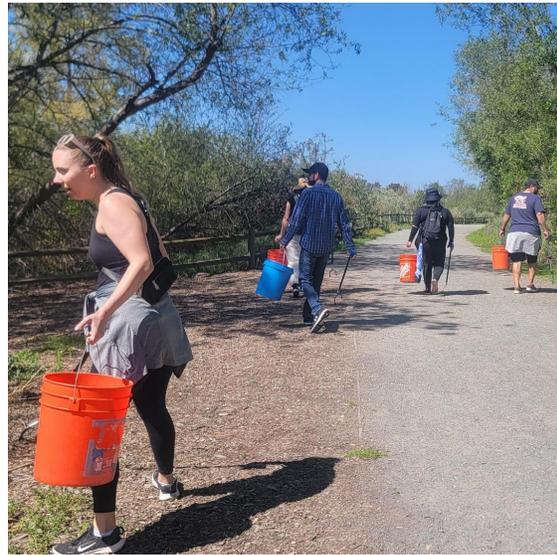
Living Coast Discovery Center in Chula Vista is an outstanding partner in conservation. We had a great time April 2 participating in the Center's Animals on the Bay event.





Conservation: Lagoon Cleanup with Brookfield Properties

Good on ya, Brookfield Properties! We appreciate your good vibes and good work April 21 in hauling 61 pounds of debris away from the San Dieguito Lagoon trail.





Conservation: Busy Hands at Sword Way Trailhead

We joined forces with the San Diego Zoo Conservation Corps and WILDCOAST April 8 to plant native plants and spread mulch at the Sword Way Trailhead in Carmel Valley. Thanks so much for the help!



Coast to Crest Trail Challenge



Andrew, Amy, Jake and Becca Lane

There could not be a better time to knock out the 2022-23 Coast to Crest Trail Challenge!

The selfies are piling up. We salute the hearty hikers who sent their shots this month.

Get details online for the five-hike challenge. We'll see you on the trail!



C2C Challenge Info



Janice Johnson and friends



Alyssa Valerio and Jesse Schmidt



Kevin Dinglasan and Samantha Piper



Oscar Efen Cavender



Mike Hansen and Jack Harrison



Kelly Kelsoe and Clint Stoddard



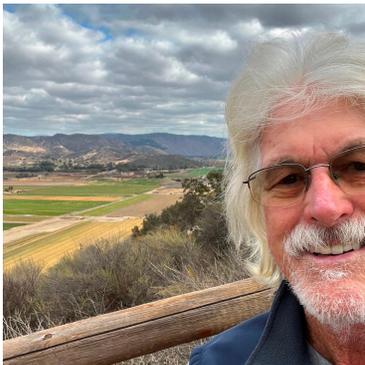
Mirko Raner



Naj Taylor and Ellie



Denise Truett and friends



Willie Wachob



Ed and Kimberly Willey



**Brent McDonald, Maria LaZelle
and Glen Scally**

River Park News



New CAC Trail Committee Chair

Matthew Cunningham is the new Chair of the Trails Committee, part of the Citizen Advisory Committee. He is a retired English teacher and cross country coach from La Costa Canyon High School. Since an early age when his father took him backpacking he has been passionate about using and preserving the wilderness left on the planet. He and his wife, Judy Seid, backpack, mountain bike and hike regularly. So do his five adult children. He thinks the San Dieguito River Park is the crown jewel of Southern California's parks. He would like to help preserve, expand and educate people about the SDRP's Coast to Crest Trail. Nature and wilderness are essential to his mental health and joy. He wants to preserve the wilderness left to help others find the same joy and connection as he does. He looks forward to being of service.



Monthly Trail Maintenance

Work with rangers to improve the trails and restore native habitats on the second Sunday of every month. Tools, training and work gloves provided! Please bring drinking water, sun protection and wear sturdy, closed-toed shoes.

Time: 9 a.m. May 14. Location: Ysabel Staging Area, 16414 Ysabel Creek Rd, Escondido.
Contact: leana@sdrp.org



Adobe Home Tours as Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead

The 10th North County Adobe Home Tour on March 26 included a stop at Sikes Adobe. Friends of Sikes Adobe docents worked nonstop providing tours and information to ticket-holders. Tour docents noted that many visitors were in awe of the historic house, most often commenting, "We never knew this place existed."

The parking lot and grounds were exceedingly busy. SDRP staff, directed by Leana and Jess, provided assistance with many details needed for guest services. The Escondido History Center is grateful for this partnership. Nearly 500 tickets were sold with the proceeds benefitting the Escondido History Center.



California Native Plants Society Native Garden Tours

Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead was a featured location April 1 during the California Native Plant Society San Diego's Native Garden Tours. More than 400 people turned out to tour our pollinator garden and native plant gardens.

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Wall Clock Donated to Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead

A Manross, Prichard & Co. Ogee style wall clock was recently donated to the Sikes Historic Farmstead. This generous gift was from Dave Morehead and Rob Stevanato. The clock had been in the private collection of Rob's father, who was an avid collector of antique and vintage clocks.

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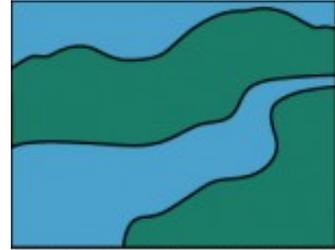
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