

January 2021



2020 in Review

Happy New Year! As we look ahead to 2021, pictures help us reflect upon 2020 -- a year like no other.



January

The year -- and decade -- began with bright horizons and a Watershed Explorers hike in Pamo Valley.



February

UCSD's Alternative Breaks Program provided upbeat volunteers for a restoration project at Gonzales Canyon.



March

The global pandemic brought temporary closures to the portions of the River Park.



April

After a rainy winter, Conservation Manager Jonathan Appelbaum and volunteers visited River Path Del Mar to remove invasive plants.

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May

Our education program reinvented itself and launched a popular series of interactive chats on Facebook Live and Zoom.

June

During orders to stay at home, these snowy egrets seemed right at home on the banks of the San Dieguito River. Photo: Hanna Zhao



July

As the River Park reopened, the Saam family returned to the trails to complete the Coast to Crest Trail Challenge.

August

Our wildlife cameras are a key tool for "Through the Lens," our collaboration with the Climate Science Alliance. Here's the work of one of the motion-activated cameras in San Pasqual Valley.



September

Smoke from a faraway wildfire created a surreal sunrise above the San Dieguito Wetlands. Photo: Hanna Zhao



October

For our annual gala, we produced our first "hybrid event," which drew a limited number of in-person guests to Viewpoint Brewing Co. and a large number of online attendees to a webcast.

November

Some of the best news of 2020 was the promotion of longtime planner Shawna Anderson to the position of executive director of the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority.

December

We made a strong close to the unusual year by securing funding for a 117-acre habitat acquisition in Del Dios, overlooking Lake Hodges.

Del Dios Fundraising Update

Enthusiastic donors have pushed our Del Dios Fundraising Campaign more than two-thirds of the way toward a \$322,000 goal to cover costs for a 117-acre habitat acquisition.

In less than a month, we have raised \$216,000 -- and counting!

Longtime supporters Al and Steve Tarkington initiated the drive with a \$50,000 gift. More than two-dozen donations soon followed.

Thanks so much to all of our donors!

[Learn more about the Del Dios acquisition](#)

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Del Dios Donors

\$100,000+

Carol Mann and Alan Vier

\$50,000+

Bill Sherrard; Al and Steve Tarkington

\$1,000+

Anonymous; Candace and Jerry Garner; Jill Weitzen MacDonald; John A. And Susan Miller

\$500+

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Coast to Crest Trail Challenge

Repeat challenger Vy Tran.

Repeat challenger Anne Yilmaz.

Repeat challenger Linh Tran.

You can do this! Hit the trails, snap the selfies and join the ranks of the Coast to Crest Trail Challengers!

CTC 2020-21 Details

Row 1: Anna Tink; Louise Carmon; Ashley Jeznach; Bill and Cyndy Martin.

Row 2: Conor Sung, Chiyang Chen, Yung Chi Sung; Cynthia and Marvin Davis; Dave Dohren; Dorie and Mike Day.

Row 3: Heike Rodriguez; the Ohana family; Laurel Chestney, Craig Wuchner, Fawkes and Godric.

Row 4: Lisa and Monte DeBel; Manuel Adum (circled); Misha Schreiber and Bonnie Alexander; Peter Zahn and Gary Wolf.

Stephen Mazurek and Max.

Thomas and Tish Qian.

Joel Gaspar.

Current

Please join us in congratulating our executive director, Trish Boaz, for earning a seat on the Citizens Coordinate for Century 3 board of directors.

Open C3 Notice

River Park News

A Creative and Delicious Contest

The River Park received colorful and delicious entries for its first ever virtual Gingerbread Trails Contest. Congrats to Ashley for her first place creation of Lake Hodges and to second-place finishers Lauren and Louise for their interpretation of a hike they took to Lake Sutherland.

Kids' Inspiration

We are delighted by these water colors of native plants by 2nd- and 11th-grade students from High Tech High Mesa. The young artists/scientists worked together to research native plants, their importance to the Kumeyaay, threats the plants face and how they contribute to the overall ecology. The art pieces will be published in a plant guide and displayed in the native plant booth at the River Park's weekly farmers market.

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