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Top Stories



The Bard at the Birdwing: Students from North Coast Repertory Theatre perform Henry IV.



Keeping the Watch for a San Diego City Council Vote on Polo Fields

When the San Diego City Council returns from its summer recess this month, we expect a vote to be scheduled on whether to maintain land-use restrictions at the Polo Fields.

As of the publication of this newsletter, no City Council dockets have posted. Meetings are scheduled for Sept. 9 and 15.

We are concerned that the council is considering action that would break a promise to protect public land in the river valley.

The protections are part of a decades-old agreement between the City of San Diego and the original developer of Fairbanks Ranch. The deal involved 600 acres.

Please join us in demanding that the restrictions remain in place.

We will follow up as soon as the matter appears on a public agenda.

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Vote for the River Park JPA!

Tomorrow is the final day to vote for a San Dieguito River Park program that gets disadvantaged kids into nature.

The program, Watershed Explorers, has opened the outdoors to thousands of children from underserved communities throughout San Diego County. Many of these kids would never have had access to this simple pleasure.

To continue supporting kids in nature, vote for San Dieguito River Park in Harrah's Resort SoCal's All-in 4 Change contest.

[Vote](#)



RIP Sage

We are mourning the passing of Sage, a rosy boa and veteran wildlife ambassador who died this month of lymphoma.

Through the years, Sage was a gentle and patient partner in the park's interpretive ranger education programs.

She captivated visitors with her calm presence and inspired appreciation for native wildlife.

Sage was a cherished member of the River Park's team. We thank her for the important role she played in connecting people to the wonders of nature.



Thank You, Escondido Sunrise Rotary!

Thanks so much to Escondido Sunrise Rotary for its special gift of craftsmanship to restore the aging windmill pump box at Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead.

Twenty years ago, Rotary members built a wooden box to house the windmill's machinery that had started to show its age. Today, the same Rotarians built a beautiful new housing and restored the pump to full function.

We are grateful for the Rotarians' time, skills and dedication to preserving this historic facility for future generations.



Intern's Video Covers Arroyo Preserve Restoration

For a senior research project at UC San Diego our very own intern, Sophia McGovern, covered the Conservancy's \$1.5 million restoration project at Arroyo Preserve in Rancho Santa Fe. In less than three minutes, her video explains how the restoration will improve wildfire safety and the health of a crucial wildlife corridor. Great job, Sophia!

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Sept. 13: Escondido Grape Day Festival

We can't wait to see you as we participate in the Escondido Grape Day Festival from noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 13 in Grape Day Park. Visit our booth as you enjoy an event established in 1908 and billed as Escondido's Oldest Tradition.

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Downstream



EcoLogik Summer Celebration

The San Dieguito River Park and EcoLogik Institute held a Summer Celebration Aug. 9 at the Rancho Bernardo Community Center, where participants enjoyed a hike, lunch and presentation by EcoLogik apprentices on water quality within the San Dieguito Watershed.

The apprentices' work demonstrated how science, technology and community engagement can come together to protect our ecosystems.

The day wrapped up with a "speak truth to power" session in which attendees drafted a letter to Congress.



Coast to Crest Trail Challenge



Oksana Glukhikh and friends



CTC Challenge: You Can Do This!

We're two months into the fresh five-pack of hikes for Year 9 of the Coast to Crest Trail Challenge.

We can't wait for more challengers finish the hikes and send selfies.

You can do this!

CTC Challenge Details



Inna Soroka and friends



Anne Artz



Susie Kara



Weekly Gardening at Sikes Adobe

The Friends of Sikes Gardeners meet every month from 9 to 11 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Sunday and 2nd and 4th Monday to work in the gardens at the historic Sikes Adobe.

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