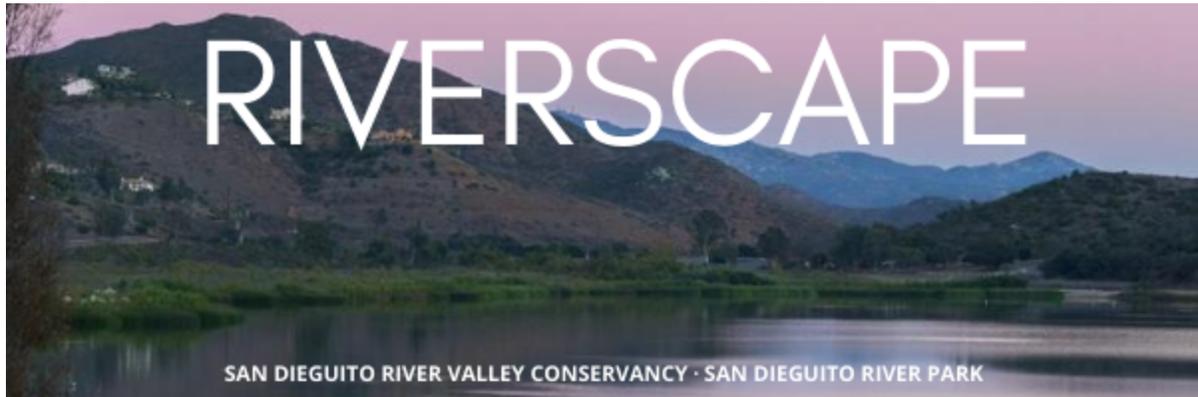


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Farewell, Trish Boaz!



In one of the toughest calls of a career dedicated to improving the intersection of nature and people, San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy Executive Director Trish Boaz announced in November she will retire Dec. 31.

"It's been my dream," Boaz said of the job she has held since 2013. "This has been absolutely the joy of my career."

In November, Boaz reflected upon some of that joy before a sellout crowd at River Valley Fest, the Conservancy's annual fundraising event.

Resplendent in a paisley dress — long and flowing like her blonde mane — Boaz greeted guests with smiles and hugs. At one point, she joined the band to sing a version of Joni Mitchell's "Big Yellow Taxi."

Later in the program, a representative of Third District County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer's office, Rebecca Smith, recognized Boaz and her commitment to the environment by proclaiming Nov. 7, 2021, as "Trish Boaz Day" throughout San Diego County. Boaz dedicated the proclamation to her mentor, attorney Jim Dawe, who had died only weeks earlier.

Peter Shapiro, a member of the Board of Directors that hired Boaz, said her work has greatly boosted the Conservancy's visibility.

Jim Smith, the Conservancy's president, added that Boaz will be a tough act to follow.

In response to all of the praise, Boaz said: "Now I know how they feel at the Academy Awards." If personality and panache define her leadership, so does substance.



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River Valley Fest 2021

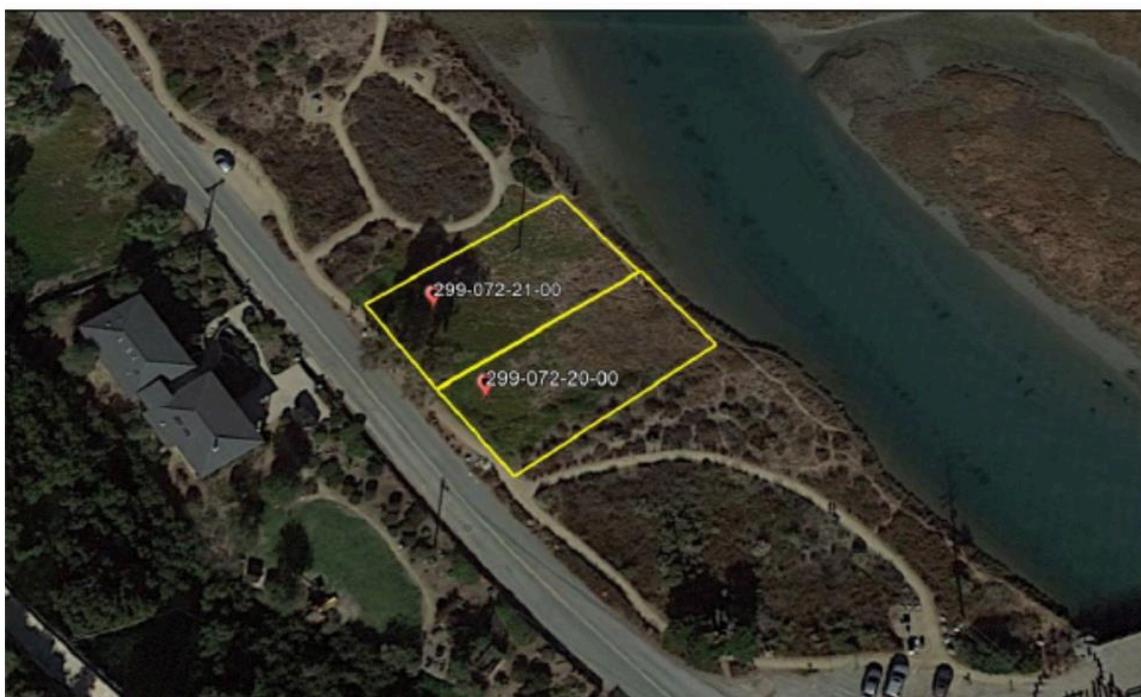


The annual River Valley Fest fundraiser Nov. 7 drew an extremely generous, sellout crowd to Hilton Del Mar for an evening of fellowship and support for San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy. The event netted more than \$100,000 to fund our unique brand of conservation, education and recreation programming. Thank so much to all!





River Path Del Mar



We are thrilled to have closed escrow on .36 acre of lagoon-fronting property in Del Mar and to advance conservation, education and recreation with a single, \$157,000 deal.

Our newly-acquired land will provide important mitigation credit to build a final phase of River Path from the Grand Avenue Bridge to Crest Canyon.



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Currents

National Charity League named as Volunteer of the Year

During the North County Philanthropy Council's annual volunteer award event this month, we were delighted to name the National Charity League San Dieguito Chapter as the Conservancy's Volunteer of the Year.

An NCL volunteer said, "We are so thankful for the opportunity to volunteer with the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy this past year. Whether it was sewing fabric masks or getting outside and enjoying the recreational hiking trails, SDRVC provided us with wonderful opportunities to foster our mother and daughter relationships through community service."



Video Vault



Dahlen and her mom had an excellent adventure at the San Dieguito Lagoon.

Coast to Crest Trail Challenge



Bo Smitham, Vicki King and Darlanne Mulmat

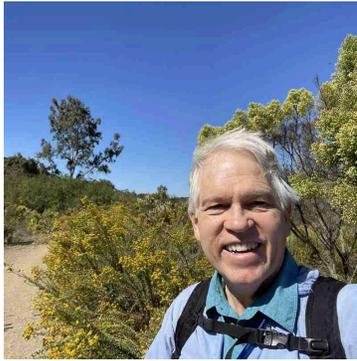


Calling all Coast to Crest Challengers! You will love the five hikes and the swag and bragging rights that come with completing the challenge. We can't wait to see you on the trail!



Danni Wetherington, Scott R and Dagger

CTC 2021-22 Details



Bryan Heard



Carl LaCerte



Jill Sells and Alberto Martinez



Krissa Jeldy



Louise Carmon



Mary L



C2C 21-22 Gonzales Canyon Loop



Ryan LaCerte

Samantha Piper, Bill Piper and
Kevin Dinglasan

Sara Bergvall and Krissa Jeldy

River Park News



The Chalice Unitarian Congregation joined River Park Rangers to plant 160 native plants, spread seed and cut and place prickly pear pads.



Jenn is a sculptor. Juan holds a degree in math. They dig surfing, hiking and biking. One of their rides, at Mule Hill, brought them to the farmer's market at Sikes Adobe, where a friendly chat inspired the couple

to accept volunteer assignments and, most recently, the role of caretakers. Welcome aboard, Jenn and Juan!



Valentines Tea

SIKES ADOBE 150TH ANNIVERSARY
FEBRUARY 6, 2021

Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead is turning 150 and we invite you to join our celebration Feb. 6 with tea, light refreshments, and a docent-led tour of the house and grounds.

Seating is limited to 10 guests per session. Starting Jan. 1, reservations will be accepted for seating times at: 10:45 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. Cost: \$10 per guest.

Email questions to ahissem@gmail.com.

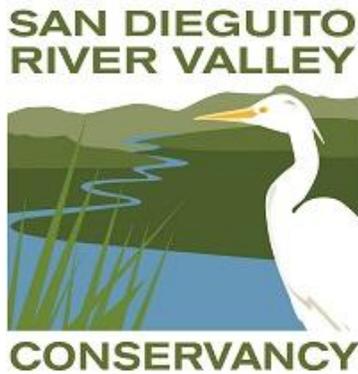
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Executive Director Trish Boaz organized the purchase of 118 acres for preservation in Del Dios and Del Mar. Conservation Manager Emily Kochert coordinated restoration projects in Gonzalez Canyon and cleanups at San Dieguito Lagoon. Associate Conservation Manager Joseph Rivera built an education website to unveil next month. These are just some of the activities made possible by your donations. Every gift of every size supports nature and our connection to it. As 2021 draws to a close, thanks so much for your continued support.

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