



## SANDAG to Lead Buena Vista Lagoon Restoration Project

At the request of the cities of Oceanside and Carlsbad, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) recently agreed to assume the lead role in advancing the environmental document for the restoration of Buena Vista Lagoon. The change represents an important development for the Buena Vista Lagoon restoration project, which has largely been on hold since the fall of 2011.

The Buena Vista Lagoon Restoration Project would enhance and restore approximately 200 acres of wetland habitat. The lagoon, located along the border between Carlsbad and Oceanside near Interstate 5 (I-5), has been progressively degrading due to increased sediment and reduced water circulation.

SANDAG estimates it will cost approximately \$1 million to complete the environmental document for the restoration effort. The cities of Carlsbad and Oceanside plan to contribute \$100,000 each, while the remaining \$800,000 could be funded as part of the environmental work under way for the North Coast Corridor (NCC) I-5 Express Lanes Project. SANDAG will facilitate an active public involvement process and expects to have the environmental studies completed and available for public review in late 2013.

Additionally, SANDAG will soon begin work to design a new double track rail bridge to replace the aging, wooden trestle single track bridge that now spans the lagoon. At the same time, Caltrans is working to identify preliminary alternatives for improvements

to the nearby I-5/ State Route 78 (SR 78) interchange that will address regional connectivity, community concerns, and local congestion. The environmental process for the interchange improvements will be coordinated with the

Buena Vista Lagoon Restoration Project to maximize the potential opportunity to reduce congestion while enhancing the environment.

The Buena Vista Lagoon Restoration Project will be included in the NCC Program's draft Public Works Plan (PWP). The PWP is a comprehensive plan for implementing highway, rail and environmental enhancement features to improve and maintain mobility and access to coastal recreational resources in the North County.

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