



# San Dieguito Lagoon Wetland **Restoration Project Phase II**

# **Project Overview**

The Caltrans and SANDAG North Coast Corridor (NCC) Program is a \$6 billion, 40-year balanced set of transportation, environmental, and coastal access projects to improve the quality of life for residents, create a stronger local and regional economy for the future, and enhance the coastal environment. As part of the program's environmental preservation efforts, and in partnership with the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority (JPA), the San Dieguito Lagoon Wetland Restoration Project Phase II will see the establishment of coastal salt marsh wetlands and associated habitats within the lagoon. The project is also serving as mitigation for the City of San Diego's El Camino Real Bridge Replacement Project.

The project encompasses approximately 154 acres of land east of Interstate 5 and adjacent to the San Dieguito River. This project will create and restore wetland upland habitat, supplementing restoration efforts completed within the San Dieguito Lagoon in 2011.

The project also will include the creation of a new trail paralleling El Camino Real. The trail will link to the Dust Devil Nature Trail along the southern edge of the project area, and extend north near the El Camino Real bridge for future connection to the Coast to Crest Trail.

### **Project Benefits**

The primary objectives of the San Dieguito Lagoon Wetland Restoration Project Phase II are:

- Establish a mix of coastal wetlands that includes approximately 64 acres of tidal salt marsh, 15 acres of brackish wetlands, and enhance an additional five acres of riparian habitat to benefit local wildlife
- Create a sustainable system that is prepared for future sea level rise and anticipated flood conditions
- Improve trail connectivity and public access in the San Dieguito River Park at the San Dieguito Lagoon

### **Project Status**

The San Dieguito Lagoon Wetland Restoration Project Phase II is currently in final design. Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2022 and be completed by spring 2024.

## **Project Status** and Funding



#### **Status**

In Final Design

### **Construction Start**

January 2022

### **Construction Completion**

Anticipated Spring 2024

#### **Funding Source**

Federal

*TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program

### **Total Project Cost**

\$87million

### For more information:

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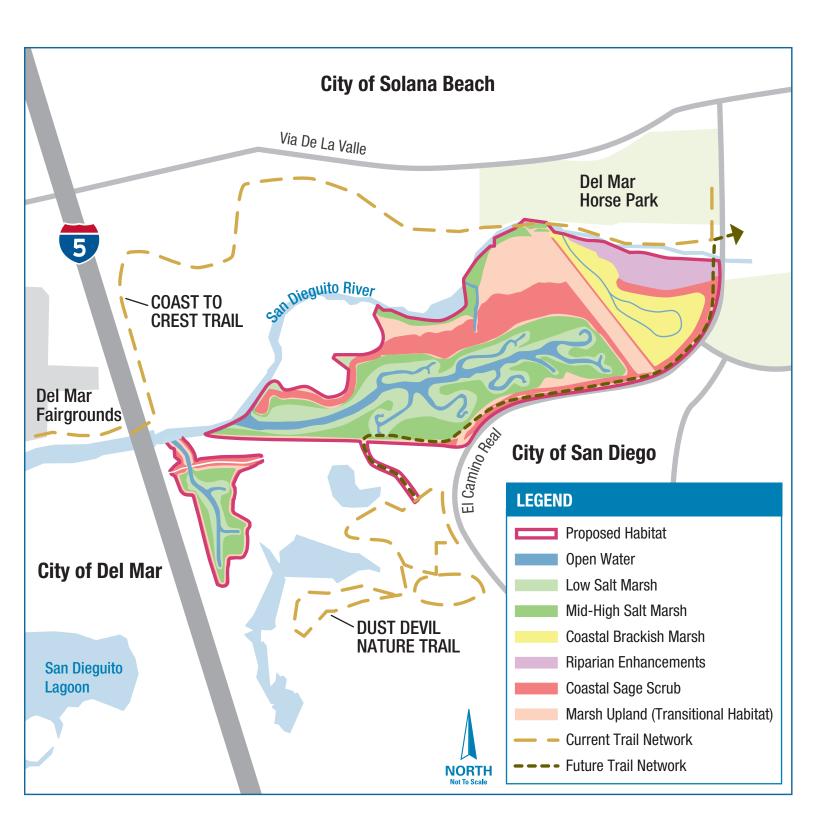








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