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MEDIA ADVISORY

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GRAND OPENING OF NEW TRAIL AT SAN ELIJO LAGOON ECOLOGICAL RESERVE
Popular Slot Canyon Restored and Opened to Public

WHAT: The County and Conservancy celebrate the grand opening of a new trail along one of the wildest stretches of San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve. This moderately strenuous quarter-mile loop trail with steep switchbacks and sandstone slot canyons connects to both the Solana Hills Trail and the N. Rios Avenue Trail in Solana Beach.

This project is a joint effort of the County of San Diego, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. It was made possible with the support from an anonymous conservancy donor, a 30-year resident of Solana Beach.

The opening also includes an inaugural trek through the canyon. All ages are welcome.
(Wear sturdy shoes; no restroom facilities)

WHEN: 1 p.m., Tuesday, June 21, 2016

WHERE: Annie's Canyon Trailhead, San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve
(Directions: I-5 to Lomas Santa Fe Drive, head west, turn right on N. Rios Avenue, follow road to end; park streetside. Take the N. Rios Avenue Trail to the right 0.6 mile to Annie's Canyon Trail.)

Media Parking: Solana Hills Trailhead:
(Directions: I-5 to Lomas Santa Fe Drive, head west, turn right on Solana Hills Drive, stay right, park streetside at end. Take the Solana Hills Trail to the left 0.6 mile to Annie's Canyon Trail.)

WHO: Brian Albright, County Parks and Recreation Director
Doug Gibson, San Elijo Conservancy Executive Director/Principal Scientist

WHY: Once off-limits and prone to vandalism, Annie's Canyon Trail has been cleaned and restored to its natural state. Graffiti and trash were removed along with the "no trespassing" signs. Public access is now allowed and rail fencing was installed along the trail to protect plants and ensure public safety.

VISUALS: Ribbon-cutting ceremony, inaugural trek on trail, and overlook to the lagoon and ocean.

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