

Reviving Your Wetlands for Nature and You

Phase I of the San Elijo Lagoon Restoration Project Begins This December

Imagine the flow of healthy waters and an increase in wildlife diversity at San Elijo Lagoon. New trail connections are on the way. *Reviving Your Wetlands*—the San Elijo Lagoon Restoration Project—is about to begin. San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy is guiding the restoration of the lagoon, estimated to conclude in 2020. Transnet tax revenue funds this essential restoration project.

You're going to see the beginning of 20 years of grassroots planning that has culminated into the restoration of the lagoon. *Reviving Your Wetlands* is designed to be resilient with sea level rise in our changing climate. Tidal circulation will improve. Lands and waters will be enhanced for native plants and animals—including threatened and endangered species.

Here's a glance at how several native plants, animals, and Pacific Flyway habitats will benefit as tidal flow increases and will reach farther east into lagoon basins:



Mudflats

- Striped Shore Crabs on mudflats can eat algae by the clawful. A natural recycler—tidbits of decayed animals are on its menu.



Saltmarsh

- Salty Susan adds bright pops of yellow from May to October. Like Pickleweed, these native plants concentrate seawater in special spaces, using the remaining fresh water to grow.



Pacific Flyway

- The nearly 1000-acre San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve is home to more than 300 species of birds including year-round residents, winter visitors, summer breeders, and migrants passing through to rest and refuel.

Following restoration, public access and education opportunities will expand. As managing partners of San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve—San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy, County of San Diego Department of Parks & Recreation, and California Department of Fish & Wildlife—will continue to protect sensitive natural resources.

Save the Date

Join San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy supporters at the **Reviving Your Wetlands Open House** on Monday, December 11 in the evening. More information is online at SanElijo.org/revivingwetlands

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