

San Dieguito Lagoon Wetland Restoration Project Phase II

Fact Sheet



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:

1. 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
2. Create a sustainable system that is prepared for future sea level rise and anticipated flood conditions
3. 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 began construction in January 2022 and is anticipated to be complete by Summer 2024.

Project Status and Funding

Status

Construction

Construction Start

January 2022

Construction Completion

Anticipated Summer 2024

Funding Source

Federal

TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program

Total Project Cost

\$87 million

For More Information

Please visit [SANDAG.org](https://www.sandag.org)

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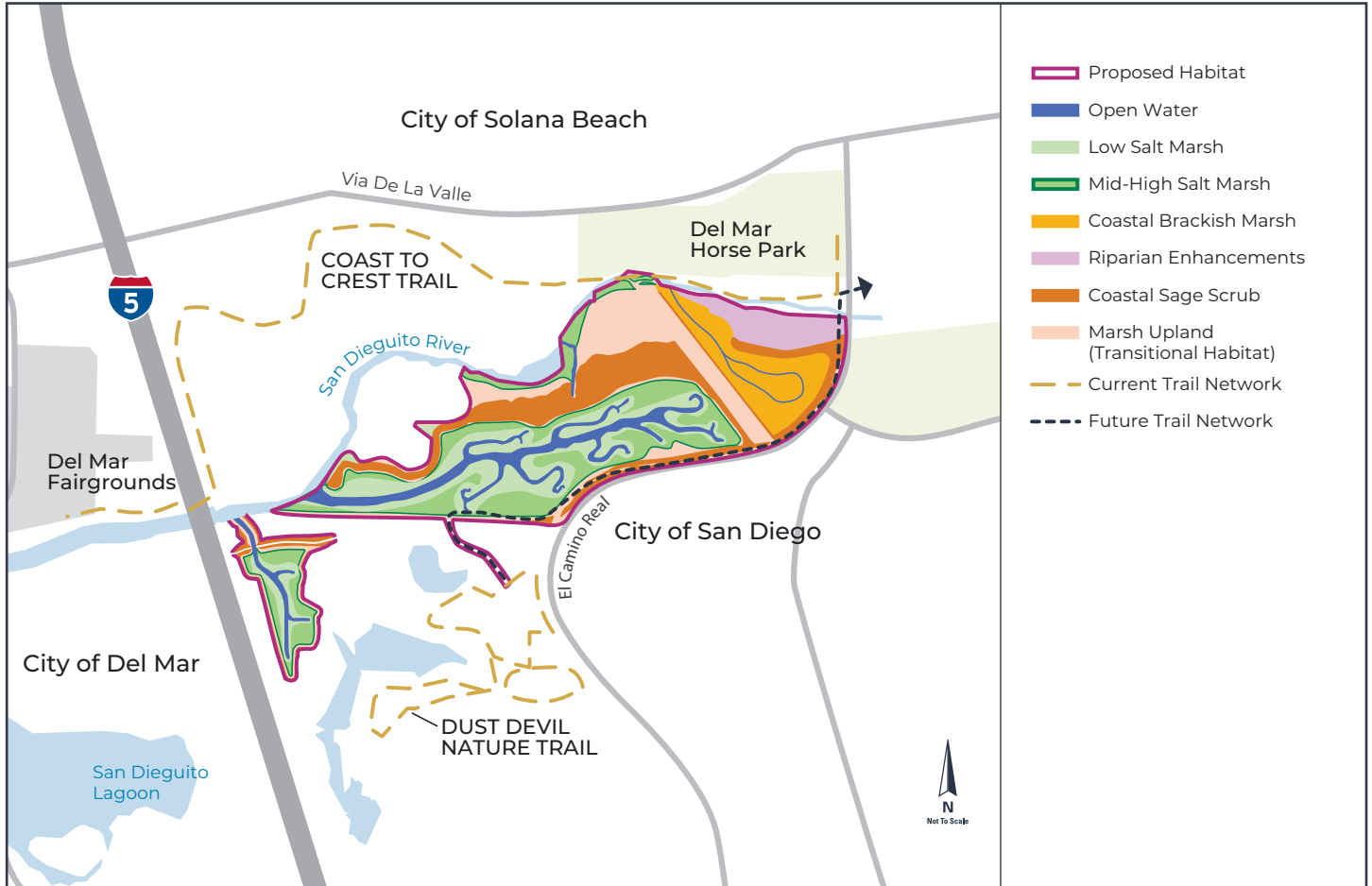
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About Build NCC

Build NCC is a collaborative effort between SANDAG, Caltrans, and the United States Department of Transportation. The first phase of construction is in the cities of Solana Beach, Encinitas, and Carlsbad as part of the North Coast Corridor Program. Build NCC includes extending the existing Carpool/HOV lane on Interstate 5 in each direction from Lomas Santa Fe Drive to State Route 78, double-tracking the rail line, and constructing nearly 7 miles of new bike and pedestrian trails. Construction on Build NCC began in early 2017 and will be complete by 2025.

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