



This publication is meant to give you the latest and greatest news and information from around the City.

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## SECTION 1 SOUTH COUNTY EVENTS

Please see **Attachment #1**, which is a listing provided by South County Economic Development Council, which lists upcoming events in the South Bay areas.

## SECTION 2 MITIGATION FOR POSEIDEN

The attached materials, **Attachment #2**, were given to the city by a representative of Poseiden. The company is funding restoration in the South Bay as mitigation for its desalination plant near Carlsbad.

## SECTION 3 CARBON MONOXIDE DANGERS IN THE HOME

Carbon monoxide can be produced in homes by faulty gas appliances such as furnaces, stoves, or water heaters. The dangers with carbon monoxide are that it is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas that inhibits the body's ability to carry oxygen in the bloodstream. High concentrations of carbon monoxide can cause a loss of consciousness, coma, and permanent brain damage and is responsible for an annual average of 450 deaths and more than 20,000 emergency room visits. According to the American Medical Association carbon monoxide is the leading cause of accidental poisoning in the United States.

The Imperial Beach Fire Department recently responded to an apartment with a carbon monoxide alarm activation. Upon their arrival, the Imperial Beach Fire Department crew utilized their multi-gas detector and confirmed that there was a high level of carbon monoxide in the apartment. SDGE was requested to respond and was able to troubleshoot the cause of the carbon monoxide release to a malfunctioning appliance and mitigate the emergency.

According to the fire crew "they resident did the right thing by calling 911 and evacuating the apartment" prolonged exposure would have resulted in a trip to the hospital or worse for these residents.

Although currently only required in select single family homes, this family was proactive and placed a carbon monoxide detector in their apartment. This decision played a critical role in

saving the lives of an entire family.

San Diego Gas and Electric will inspect your home gas appliances free of charge; all you need to do is make the appointment.

Telephone appointment scheduling:

1-800-411-7343

Online appointment scheduling:

<http://sdge.com/online-service-requests>

## SECTION 4 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Public Safety will be adding to the City Web site information for people that are having concerns about Domestic Violence. Remember if there is the possibility of immediate danger to people as a result of an attack call **9-1-1**. Do not hesitate as you might be saving a life! For questions, concerns, and referrals for resources, utilize the following phone numbers:

County Wide Domestic Violence Hotline: 888-385-4657

South Bay Community Services Crisis Hotline: 800-640-2933

## CONTACT US

City of Imperial Beach  
City Hall Offices  
825 Imperial Beach Blvd.  
Imperial Beach, CA 91932  
City Hall Main Line (619) 423-8300  
[www.cityofib.com](http://www.cityofib.com)



## SOUTH COUNTY HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Event: **Coronado Museum Holiday Open House**

Date: Nov. 18, 2011

Hosted by: Coronado Museum of History and Art

Place: 1100 Orange Ave, Coronado, CA 92118

Time: 5:00pm-8:00pm

Contact: 619-435-7242

Cost: None

Website: [www.coronadohistory.org](http://www.coronadohistory.org)

Event: **Aquatic Center Groundbreaking**

Date: Saturday Nov. 19, 2011

Hosted by: City of National City, Port of San Diego and South Bay YMCA

Place: Pepper Park 3299 Tidelands Avenue, National City, CA 91950

Time: 9:00am-11:00am

Contact: (619) 336-4255

Event: **Thanksgiving Feast**

Date: Nov. 23, 2011

Hosted by: South Bay Kiwanis Club and Boys & Girls Clubs of Imperial Beach

Place: Boys & Girls Clubs of South County Imperial Beach Unit

Webb Gymnasium

847 Encina Ave.

Imperial Beach, CA 91932

Time: 2:00pm-5:30pm

Contact: (619) 424-2266 Ex 221

Cost: Free

Event: **Skating by the Sea**

Date: Nov. 23-Jan 1, 2011

Hosted by: Hotel del Coronado

Place: 1500 Orange Ave, Coronado, CA 92118

Time: daily

Contact: (800) 468-3533

Cost: None

Website: [www.hoteldel.com](http://www.hoteldel.com)





## SOUTH COUNTY HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Event: **Coronado Ferry Landing Fall Concert Series**

Date: Sun, November 27, 2011

Hosted by: Coronado Ferry Landing

Place: Coronado Ferry Landing, 1201 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Coronado, CA 92118

Time: 1pm – 4pm

Contact: (619) 435-8895

Cost: Free

Event: **Festival of Christmas**

Date: Dec. 1-30, 2011

Hosted by: Lamb's Players

Place: 1142 Orange Ave, Coronado, CA 92118

Time: times vary

Contact: (619) 437-6000

Cost: \$27-\$58

Event: **First Friday Breakfast**

Date: Dec. 2, 2011

Hosted by: Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce

Place: San Diego Country Club, 88 "L" Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910

Time: 7:30 am

Contact: Chula Vista Chamber (619) 420-6603

Cost: \$11.00 per person

Event: **San Ysidro Tropical Casino Night**

Date: December 2, 2011

Hosted by: San Ysidro Chamber and San Ysidro Business Association

Place: Fiesta Hall, 1770 Palm Ave. San Diego 92154

Time: 5:30pm-11:00pm

Contact: San Ysidro Chamber (619) 428-1281

Cost: [www.sanysidrochamber.org](http://www.sanysidrochamber.org)





## SOUTH COUNTY HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Event: **36th Annual Coronado Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade, Open House & Snow Mountain**

Date: Dec. 2, 2011

Hosted by: Coronado Chamber of Commerce

Place: Orange Ave, Coronado, CA 92118

Time: 3pm- 9pm

Contact: (619) 435-9260

Cost: None

Website: [www.coronadochamber.com](http://www.coronadochamber.com)

Event: **Annual Artisan's Alley Craft Fair**

Date: Dec. 3, 2011

Hosted by: The Coronado Band and Choir Boosters

Place: 600 6<sup>th</sup> St., Coronado, CA 92118

Time: 9am-3pm

Contact (619) 437-8788

Cost: \$2.00

Website: [www.artisansalley.com](http://www.artisansalley.com)

Event: **50<sup>th</sup> Annual Starlight Parade**

Date: Dec. 3, 2011

Hosted by: Third Avenue Village Association

Place: Third Ave in Chula Vista

Time: 6:00pm

Contact: (619) 422-1982

Cost: Free

Event: **Christmas Comes To Imperial Beach**

Date: December 3, 2011

Hosted by: Imperial Beach Chamber of Commerce & the Business Improvement District

Place: Portwood Pier Plaza, 10 Evergreen Ave., Imperial Beach, CA 91932

Time: 12:00pm - 5:00pm

Contact: 619-424-3151

Cost: Free





## SOUTH COUNTY HOLIDAY CALENDAR

**Event: Coronado Ferry Landing Fall Concert Series**

Date: December 4, 2011

Hosted by: Coronado Ferry Landing

Place: Coronado Ferry Landing, 1201 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Coronado, CA 92118

Time: 1pm – 4pm

Contact: Denise (619) 435-8895

Cost: Free

**Event: SCEDC Annual Christmas Breakfast**

Date: Tuesday December 6, 2011

Hosted by: South County Economic Development Council

Place: South Bay Fish & Grill, 570 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, CA 91910

Time: 8:00 am- 9:30 am

Contact: (619) 424-5143

Cost: Members Only

**Event: Overview of State Enterprise Zone & Federal Business Tax Credit Forum**

Date: Thursday Dec. 8, 2011

Hosted by: South County EDC

Place: South Bay Fish & Grill, 570 Marina Parkway Chula Vista, CA 91910

Time: 9:00am-11:00am

Contact: SCEDC (619) 424-5143

Cost: Free

**Event: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Celebration/ Food Drive**

Date: Dec. 8, 2011

Hosted by: City of National City

Place: Brick Row between "A" Ave. & 9<sup>th</sup> Street, National City, CA 91950

Time: 5:00pm-8:00pm

Contact: National City Chamber (619) 477-9339/reynoso@nationalcitychamber.org

Cost: Free





## SOUTH COUNTY HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Event: **40<sup>th</sup> Annual San Diego Bay Parade of Light 2011**

Date: Dec 11 and 18, 2011

Hosted by: Port of San Diego

Place: Coronado Bay Shore

Time: 5:30-9pm

Contact: (619) 686-6200

Cost: None

Website: <http://www.sdparadeoflights.org>

Event: **Circles of Influence Members Reception**

Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2011

Hosted by: Hotel del Coronado

Place: Hotel del Coronado, Crown Room

1500 Orange Ave., Coronado, CA 92118

Time: 5:00-6:00 pm (VIP) and 5:30-7:30 pm (members)

Contact: (619) 544-1370

Cost: Only open to Bronze-level members or higher; complimentary for Circles of Influence level companies

Website: [www.sdchamber.org/events-and-programs/chamber-events.html](http://www.sdchamber.org/events-and-programs/chamber-events.html)

Event: **"Holiday Celebration and Networking Event"**

Date: Dec. 15, 2011

Hosted by: National City Chamber of Commerce

Place: Clarion Hotel, 700 National City Blvd. National City, CA 91950

Time: 7:45am-9:00am

Contact: RSVP By: November 11, 2011 [luna@nationalcitychamber.org](mailto:luna@nationalcitychamber.org) / (619) 477-9339

Cost: \$10.00 members/ \$20.00 non-member

Website: <http://www.nationalcitychamber.org>





## SOUTH COUNTY HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Event: **San Diego Bay Parade of Lights**

Date: Sun, December 18, 2011 (Sundays December 11 and 18.)

Place: Multiple Places & Times

Shelter Island (start of parade): 5:30 p.m.

Harbor Island: 6:00 p.m.

The Embarcadero: 6:30 p.m.

Seaport Village: 7:00 p.m.

Ferry Landing on Coronado: 7:30 p.m.

Contact: [www.sdparadeoflights.org](http://www.sdparadeoflights.org) (619) 224-2240

Cost: Free

Event: **Coronado Ferry Landing Fall Concert Series**

Date: December 18, 2011

Place: Coronado Ferry Landing, 1201 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Coronado, CA 92118

Time: 1:00pm-4pm

Contact: (619) 435-8895

Cost: Free

Event: **28<sup>th</sup> Annual San Diego County Economic Roundtable**

Hosted by: County of San Diego

Date: January 19, 2012

Place: Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice

University of San Diego

5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA 92110

Time: 8:30am- Noon

Contact: (619) 531-4918

Cost: Free

Event: **85<sup>th</sup> Annual Chula Vista Chamber Installation Dinner & Dance**

Hosted by: Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce

Date: January 20, 2012

Place: Bonita Golf Club, 5540 Sweetwater Road, Bonita, CA 91902

Time: 6:00pm-11pm

Contact: (619) 420-6603

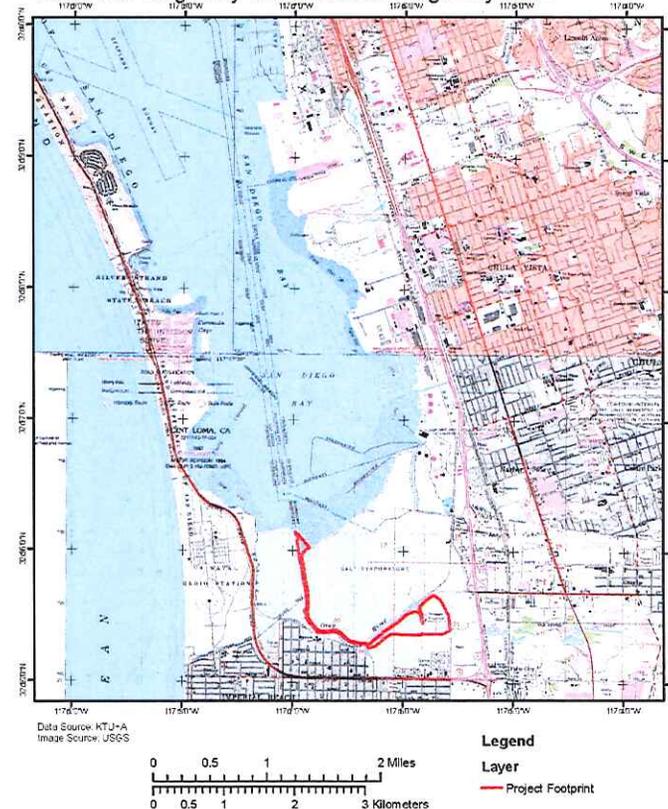
Cost: [www.chulavistachamber.org](http://www.chulavistachamber.org)



# OTAY RIVER ESTUARY RESTORATION PROJECT ON THE SAN DIEGO BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The project site, which is located within the City of San Diego to the west of Interstate 5 between Main Street to the north and Palm Avenue to the south, is included entirely within an area managed by the USFWS as a National Wildlife Refuge

Location Map - Otay River Estuary Restoration Project,  
South San Diego Bay Unit of the San Diego Bay NWR



USGS 7.5-minute Quadrangle sheets: Point Loma, National City, Imperial Beach

# RESTORATION OF CRITICAL WETLAND HABITAT IN SAN DIEGO BAY

## Essential For The Long-term Health Of The Bay

The Otay River Estuary Restoration Project involves the restoration of 66.4 acres of estuarine (subtidal and intertidal) wetland habitat within the western terminus of the Otay River, part of the San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge.



# MAJOR GOALS OF THE PROJECT

Protect, manage, enhance, and restore open water coastal wetlands and native upland to benefit native fish, wildlife, and plant species supported within the South San Diego Bay Unit of the San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge and to provide habitat for migratory shorebirds and other salt-marsh dependent species.



# US FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE

## Converting Disturbed Uplands To Estuarine Habitats

Proposal - convert these disturbed uplands within the western portion of the Otay River floodplain to functional estuarine habitats, including subtidal wetlands and intertidal salt marsh and mudflat habitat.

Upland buffers to be provided around portions of the restored wetlands would be planted with native upland and wetland/upland transitional vegetation.



# CONCEPTUAL RESTORATION DIAGRAM

Project would involve the excavation of 750,000 to one million cubic yards of material to achieve elevations appropriate for supporting approximately 65 acres of subtidal and intertidal coastal wetlands.

The proposed wetlands would be tidally connected to San Diego Bay via the existing Otay River channel. Additional grading to deepen the Otay River channel from the western edge of the restoration site out to the mouth of the river may be needed pending hydraulic modeling.



*No paths for people.*

# PROJECT TIMELINE AND PROCESS

## Previous Actions

In 2006, USFWS completed a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) / Record of Decision (ROD) to guide the management of the San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge over a 15-year period. The wildlife and habitat management goal of the selected management alternative in the CCP for the South San Diego Bay Unit is to “protect, manage, enhance, and restore . . . coastal wetlands . . . to benefit the native fish, wildlife, and plant species supported within the South San Diego Bay Unit.”

## Current Activity

The proposed restoration project represents step-down restoration planning for the western portion of the Otay River floodplain. The USFWS intend to prepare an site-specific EIS for the proposed Otay River Estuary Restoration Project. The EIS for this project will tier from the programmatic EIS and ROD prepared for the CCP and should be release for public comment in the Spring of 2012.

# OTAY RIVER ESTUARY RESTORATION PROJECT

## EIS SCHEDULE

- November 2011 Initiate PUBLIC Scoping FOR THE DRAFT EIS
- December 6, 2011 PUBLIC Scoping Meeting, Swiss PARK, 1:30 TO 3:30 Pm (SEE PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS)
- December 6, 2011 PUBLIC Scoping Meeting, Swiss PARK, 6:00 TO 8:00 Pm (SEE PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS)
- JANUARY 6, 2012 Due Date FOR Written Scoping COMMENTS
- Summer 2012 Release Draft EIS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
- Winter 2012 PUBLISH FINAL EIS AND Record OF Decision

# **RESTORATION PROJECT FUNDING PROVIDED BY POSEIDON**

Funding for the proposed restoration is being provided by the Poseidon Resources Carlsbad Desalination Project to fulfill part of their mitigation requirement for the Poseidon desalination facility in Carlsbad, San Diego County.

In 2007, the California Coastal Commission (Commission) approved a Coastal Development Permit for the desalination facility and as part of that approval, the Commission required Poseidon to implement a Marine Life Mitigation Plan (MLMP).

After reviewing several potential sites for implementing the MLMP, the Commission and the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board approved the Refuge's Otay River floodplain site.



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge

(South San Diego Bay Unit)

*Restoration Update - November 2011*

### *Please Join Us*

You are invited to attend upcoming public scoping meetings for the Otay River Estuary Restoration Project Environmental Impact Statement.

Two scoping meetings will be held on

**Tuesday, December 6, 2011**

one from

**1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

and the other from

**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

at

**Swiss Park & Club**

2001 Main St., Chula Vista, CA

Written scoping comments must be received by January 6, 2012.

(Details provided on page 2.)

### Restoration of the South San Diego Bay Unit Continues Announcing the Otay River Estuary Restoration Project

Since the completion of the San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) in 2006, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has initiated two restoration projects within the Refuge's South San Diego Bay Unit. These projects, which will help achieve Refuge goals and objectives, include restoring 230 acres of tidal habitat in the former western salt ponds at the south end of San Diego Bay, and ongoing riparian restoration on 65 acres just to the west of I-5 within the Otay River floodplain. In each case, funding and other contributions from agencies and non-profit groups have helped to make these projects possible.

The approved CCP also proposes the restoration of the western end of the Otay River to functional estuarine habitats (e.g., subtidal channels, mudflats, salt marsh). We are pleased to announce the initiation of the Otay River Estuary Restoration Project, which will enable us to restore approximately 70 acres of disturbed uplands within the western portion of the Otay River floodplain to native coastal habitats. Funding for the proposed restoration is being provided by the Poseidon Resources Carlsbad Desalination Project to fulfill part of their mitigation requirement for their Carlsbad desalination project (continued on page 3).

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Otay River Estuary Restoration Project

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will host two Public Scoping Meetings to receive comments and information on the issues and concerns that you feel should be addressed in the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Otay River Estuary Restoration Project. We are seeking input on issues such as the range of alternatives to be addressed in the draft EIS, appropriate mitigation measures, and the nature and extent of potential environmental impacts associated with the implementation and long-term management of the restoration site. These scoping meetings will be held on:

**Tuesday, December 6, 2011**

with

an afternoon meeting scheduled for

**1:30 PM to 3:30 PM**

and

an evening meeting scheduled for

**6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

at

**Swiss Park & Club**

2001 Main Street

Chula Vista, CA 91911

*Directions: From Interstate 5 take the Main Street exit (in Chula Vista), go west on Main Street. Just before the road ends, turn left (south) into the Swiss Park parking lot.*

Also on December 6, 2011, a tour of the project site will be offered to interested individuals at 3:30 PM, leaving on foot from the Swiss Park parking lot. Please RSVP to (619) 476-9150 ex. 106 by November 29, 2011, if you wish to take the tour. Note that we will be walking through disturbed uplands; sturdy shoes and a hat are strongly recommended.

## We Also Invite Your Written Comments

Whether or not you attend the scoping meeting, you are also invited to send us your written scoping comments. We are providing this Restoration Update to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies, Tribal governments, and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed in the draft EIS. Information gathered through this scoping process will assist us in developing a range of alternatives. A detailed description of the proposed action and alternatives will be included in the draft EIS. The EIS will also address the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of all alternatives on environmental resources and will identify appropriate mitigation measures for adverse environmental effects. To ensure that we have adequate time to evaluate and incorporate suggestions and other input, we must receive your comments on or before **January 6, 2012**. Information on where you should submit your written comments is provided on page 3.

Please note that written comments we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

## **Announcing the Otay River Estuary Restoration Project (continued from page 1)**

Poseidon's participation in this project is the result of conditions associated with the 2007 California Coastal Commission (Commission) approval of a Coastal Development Permit (CDP No. E-06-013) for the Carlsbad desalination facility. As part of that approval, the Commission required Poseidon to implement a Marine Life Mitigation Plan (MLMP), which involved requirements for wetland mitigation. After reviewing several potential sites for implementing the MLMP, the Commission and the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board in early 2011 determined that the Refuge's Otay River floodplain site was best suited for meeting the goals of the MLMP. The project site, which is located to the west of I-5 between Main Street to the north and Palm Avenue to the south (see page 1), is included entirely within an area managed by the Service as a National Wildlife Refuge.

The project proposes to convert approximately 70 acres of disturbed uplands to coastal wetlands and upland buffers capable of supporting a range of native fish, wildlife, and plants. To achieve elevations appropriate for supporting the desired wetland habitat types, excavation of three to 11 feet of soil over an area of approximately 65 acres would be required, generating an estimated 750,000 to one million cubic yards of material, some of which will be used on site, while the remainder will be transported off site to an approved disposal site. The proposed wetlands would be tidally connected to San Diego Bay via the existing Otay River channel. Additional grading to deepen the Otay River channel from the western edge of the restoration site out to the mouth of the river may be needed pending hydraulic modeling. The buffers to be provided around portions of the restored wetlands would be planted with native wetland/upland transitional vegetation.

A programmatic EIS, which addressed the restoration of this area, was prepared in 2006 in association with the Refuge CCP. The EIS to be prepared for the current project will tier from this document, providing project-specific data and impact analysis. To learn more, we encourage the public and other agencies to participate in the NEPA scoping process by attending the public scoping meetings described on page 2. We also encourage you to send written suggestions and information on the issues and concerns that should be addressed in the draft EIS. To ensure full consideration of your comments, they should be reach our office no later than January 6, 2012 (refer to page 2 and the information provided below for details).

### **Where to Send Your Written Scoping Comments**

**Please direct your comments to:**

Brian Collins, Refuge Manager  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Post Office Box 2358  
Chula Vista, CA 91912-2358  
FAX - (619) 476-9149

**All email comments should be sent to:**

Otay\_NOI@fws.gov (Please include "Otay Estuary NOI" in the subject line of the message).

**For more information about the project:**

Visit our website at: <http://fws.gov/sandiegorefuges>; then click "Otay Restoration Project" located along the left-hand edge of the webpage under site navigation.

Or contact Brian Collins, Refuge Manager, at (619) 575-2704 ex. 302 (Email: [Brian\\_Collins@fws.gov](mailto:Brian_Collins@fws.gov))



United States Department of the Interior  
Fish & Wildlife Service, San Diego NWR Complex  
P.O. Box 2358  
Chula Vista, CA 91912-2358

## Notice of Public Scoping Meetings

### Otay River Estuary Restoration Project EIS Schedule

November 2011	Initiate Public Scoping for the draft EIS
December 6, 2011	Public Scoping Meeting, Swiss Park, 1:30 to 3:30 PM (see page 2 for details)
December 6, 2011	Public Scoping Meeting, Swiss Park, 6:00 to 8:00 PM (see page 2 for details)
January 6, 2012	Due Date for Written Scoping Comments
Spring 2012	Release Draft EIS for Public Comment
Fall 2012	Publish Final EIS and Record of Decision

We will periodically be posting information about the Otay River Estuary Restoration Project on our website. To visit this site, go to: <http://fws.gov/sandiegorefuges>; then click on "Otay Restoration Project" located along the left-hand edge of the webpage under site navigation.

If you did not receive this *Restoration Update* through the mail and would like to be on our mailing list, or if you would like to be removed from the list, please let us know (see page 2 for contact information). Please feel free to pass this *Restoration Update* along to anyone you think might be interested in the Otay River Estuary Restoration Project. Thank you!