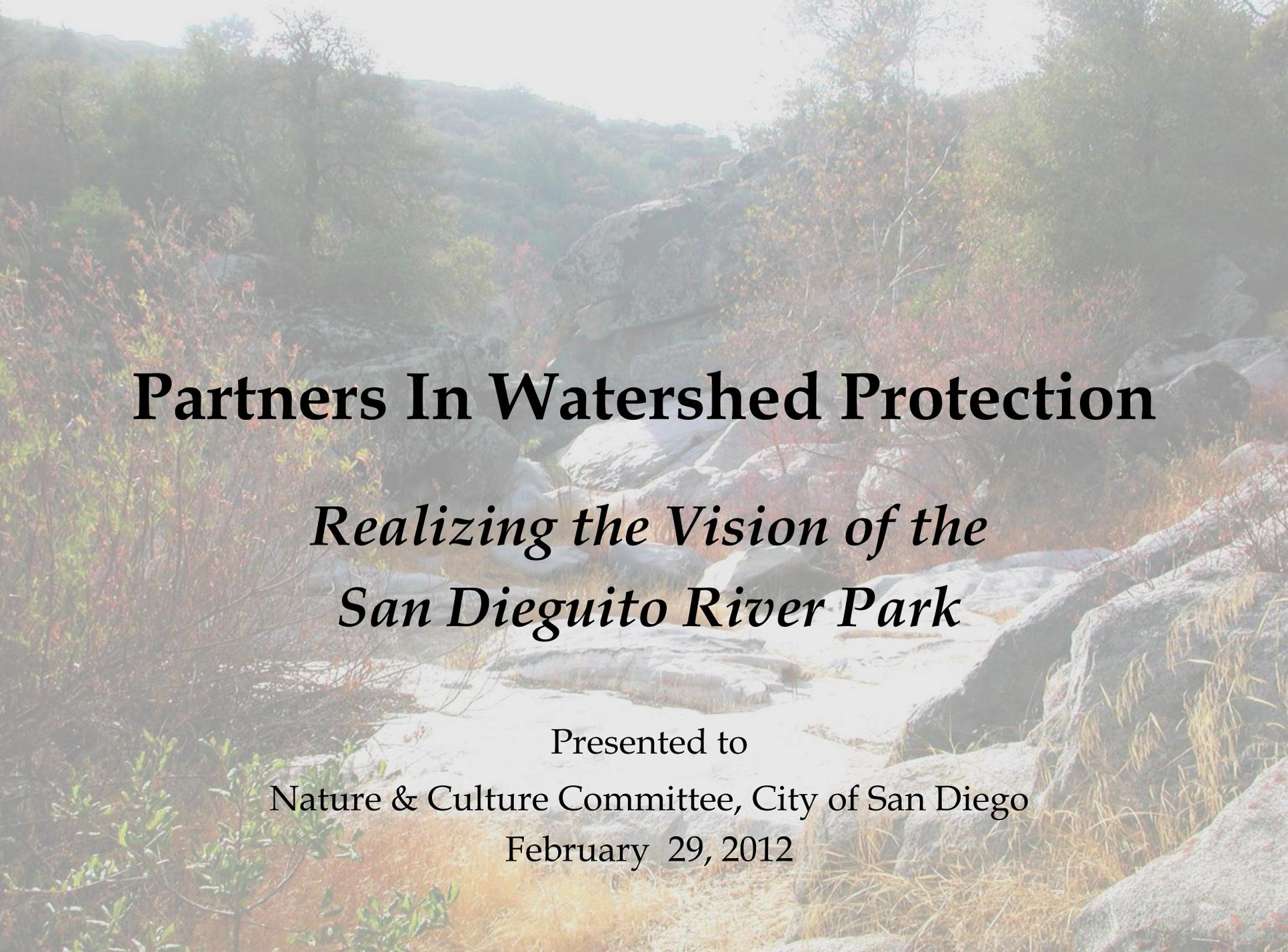




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Partners In Watershed Protection

Realizing the Vision of the San Dieguito River Park

Presented to

Nature & Culture Committee, City of San Diego

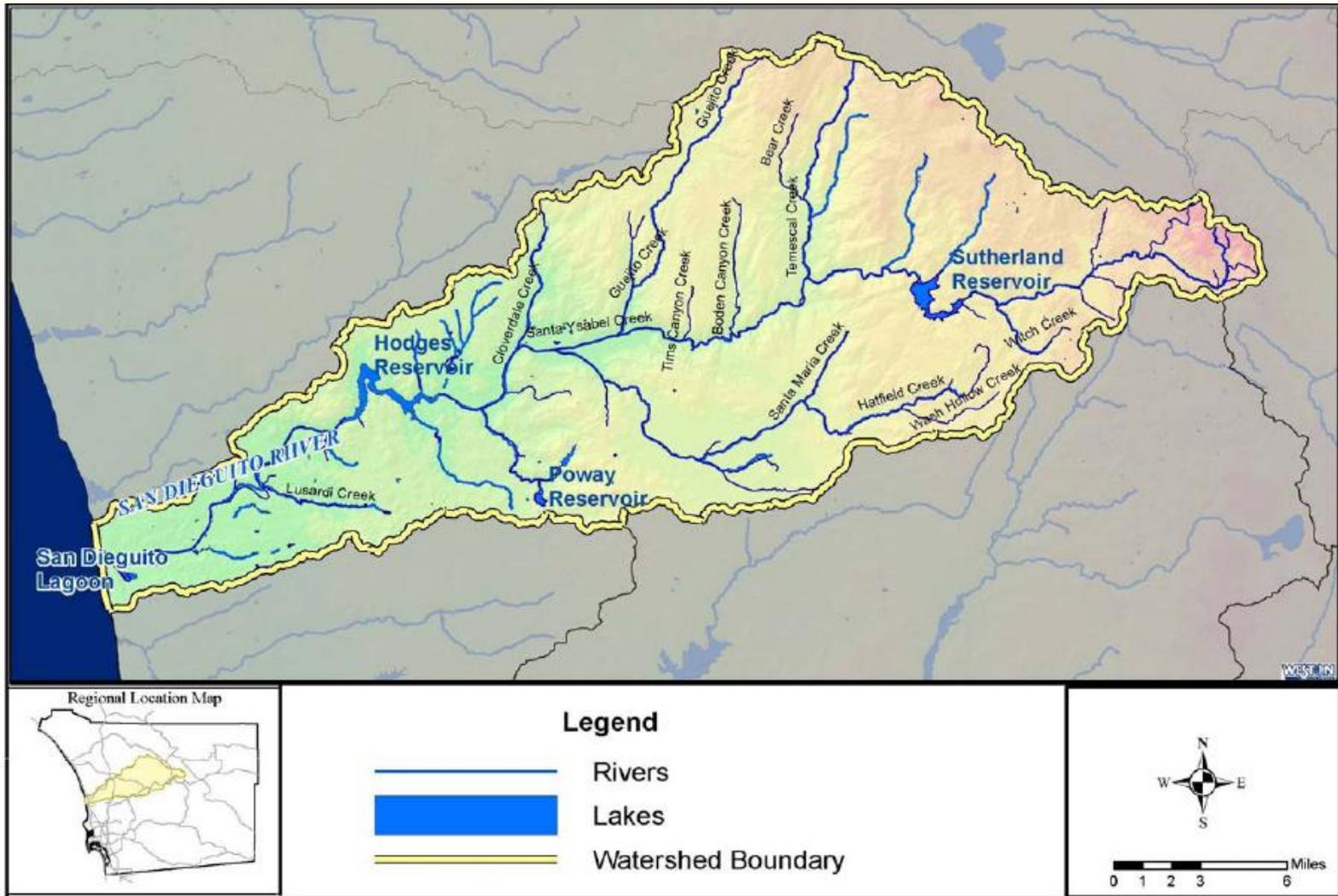
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San Diego County's Watersheds



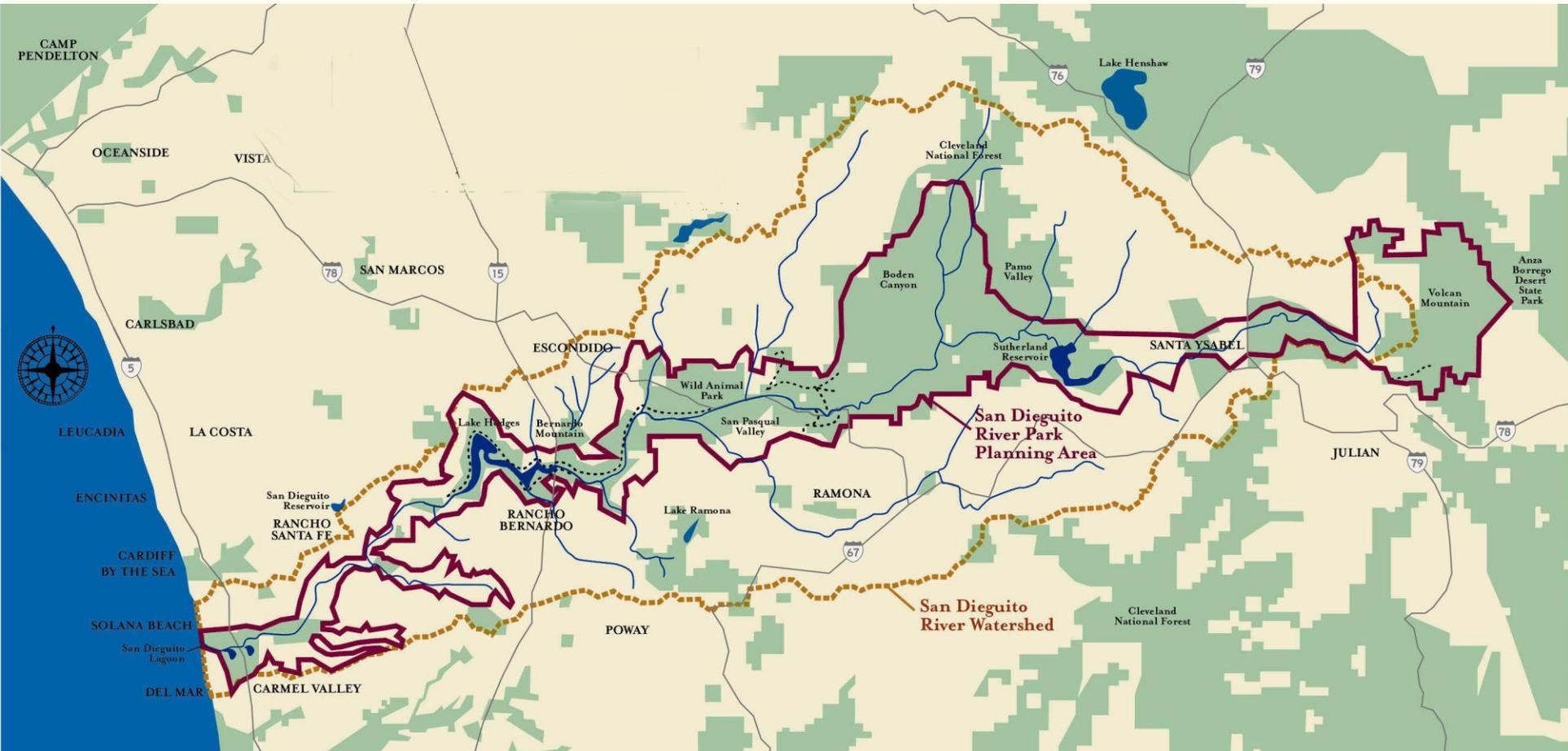
San Dieguito Watershed

The 4th largest in SD County



The San Dieguito River Park

25 Years of Progress: 80,000-acre regional greenway



San Dieguito River Partnership

Joint Powers Authority

- ✓ Elected officials uphold representative democracy
- ✓ Regional coordination extends to State Fairgrounds, Caltrans
- ✓ Utilities Land Cooperation
- ✓ Integrated Land Use Planning
 - ✓ CEQA Lead Agency
 - ✓ Master Site Plans
 - ✓ Environmental Conformity
 - ✓ Regional Pedestrian/Bike Links
- ✓ Rangers & Public Safety

Non-Profit Conservancy

- ✓ Land Acquisition
- ✓ Watershed Protection
- ✓ Trail Connections
- ✓ Habitat Restoration & Species Recovery
- ✓ Nature Education
- ✓ Membership & Outreach
- ✓ Volunteer Contributions
- ✓ Value Added to Public \$



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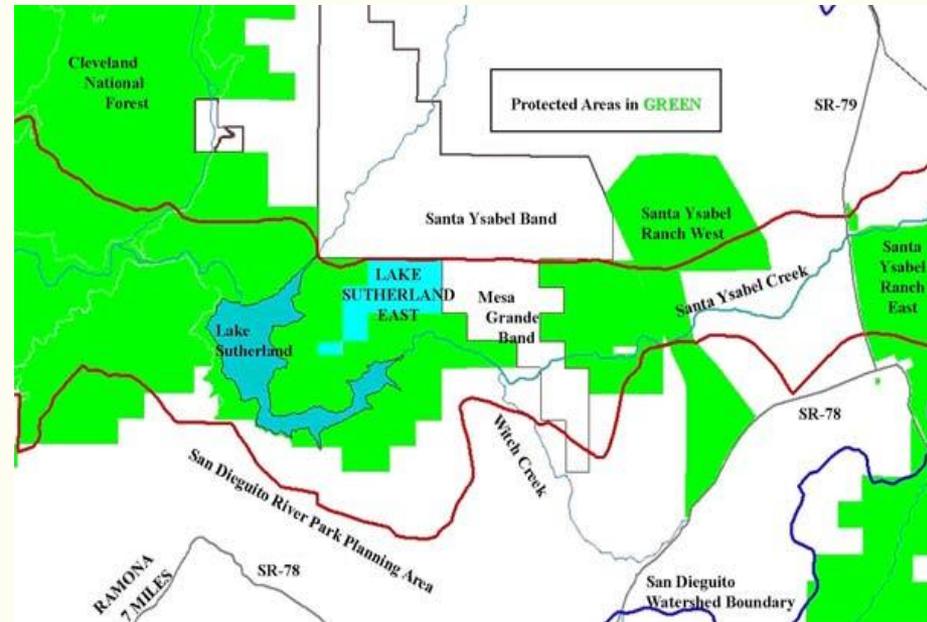
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Critical Watershed Acquisitions

Lake Sutherland East



- 353 acres protecting Lake Sutherland
- Oak, meadow & chaparral

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Water Quality Projects

Increased Wetland Acreage

- Hodges Natural Treatment System Design
- San Andreas Treatment Ponds
- San Dieguito Lagoon Restoration – Next Phase



San Dieguito River Park • Coast to Crest Trail

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Coast-to-Crest Trail

Filling the gaps

- 55 mile Multi-use Trail
 - Hiking, Biking, Equestrian
- 23 miles from Lake Hodges Inland
- ~35 miles in place in City
- Trails Need Maintenance



Recent Segments

Lagoon Boardwalk



- 0.5-mile Coast-to-Crest segment
- Access from Jimmy Durante Boulevard

Recent River Park Projects

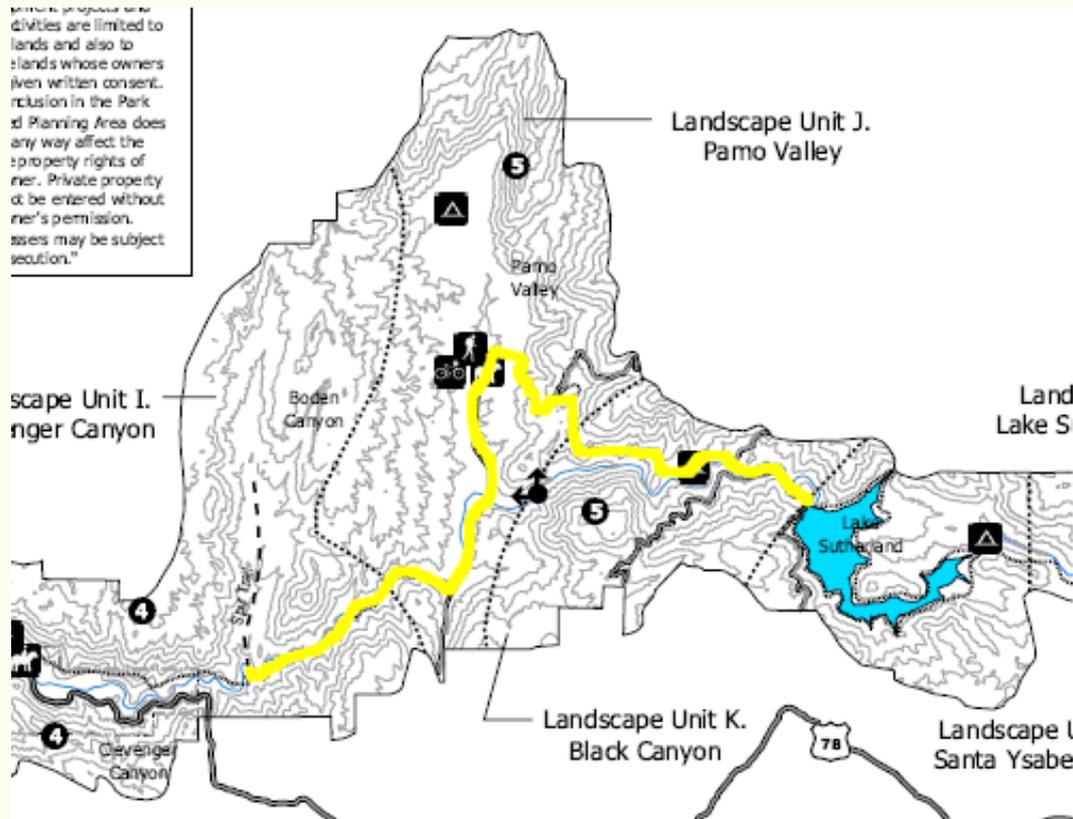
Lake Hodges Pedestrian Bridge

- Connects Lake Hodges South and North trails
- Orchid Award for Stressed-Ribbon Concrete Design



Planned Trails

Pamo Valley – City Utilities District Land



- Connects Boden Canyon and Lake Sutherland

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Habitat Restoration

Over 90% of California's wetlands are gone...

San Dieguito Lagoon

- \$86 million restoration project
- Coming Caltrans Restoration
- Fairgrounds Consent Decree
- Coast-to-Crest Trail segment
- Reach-the-Beach Trail Loop



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Nature Education



Crest Canyon

- Urban Canyon
- Coastal Sage Scrub

Our volunteers...

- Remove invasives
- Repair erosion damage
- Revegetate Habitats



JPA San Dieguito River Park



- ✓ Local Control
- ✓ Efficient Regional Cooperation
- ✓ Cost Sharing
- ✓ Watershed Protection
- ✓ Regional Tourism
- ✓ Recreational Trails

Santa Ysabel Open Space
Preserve West

The River Valley Conservancy

Our Members:

- *85% over 50*
- *\$65,000 income*
- *Very Likely Voters*



*Draw a 3 mile radius from the Park,
48% of residents live in the City of San Diego*



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