



### San Elijo Lagoon Restoration Wins APWA Project of the Year!



*Project of the Year Award from APWA (September 2021)*

The American Public Works Association (APWA) honored the San Elijo Lagoon Restoration as Project of the Year in 2021! The ongoing and momentous restoration project would not be possible without the work from SANDAG and Caltrans Build NCC, [The Nature Collective](#), Marathon Construction, and the joint venture: Flatiron, Skanska, Stacy and Witbeck (FSSW). Together, the team is able to restore the lagoon, improve tidal flushing, enhance nesting areas for local wildlife and improve the overall health of the lagoon. Did you know a seal was spotted in the lagoon for the first time in decades? That is a great testament to the quality of work the Build NCC team has dedicated to restoring the San Elijo Lagoon. Don't fret, it's not over yet.

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### San Elijo Lagoon Restoration to be Complete in 2022



*San Elijo Lagoon Pedestrian Bridge (August 2021)*

As part of San Elijo Lagoon restoration projects, Caltrans and SANDAG Build NCC crews are transporting soil along North Rios Avenue in Solana Beach. Soil hauling efforts began on August 2 and continued through October 2021 to boost planting efforts and create new wildlife habitats.

The [San Elijo Lagoon Restoration Project](#) is made possible through collaboration between Caltrans and SANDAG, in coordination with The Nature Collective and various resource agencies. Lagoon restoration will enhance wetland and upland areas, improve tidal flushing, and support the surrounding ecosystem for native wildlife species. Nearby residents and businesses can expect an increase in vehicle and equipment traffic, and vehicle noise, including OSHA required vehicle back-up alarms.

During construction, limited access to lagoon trails is anticipated. For more information on lagoon trail closures, please visit [TheNatureCollective.org/things-to-do](https://TheNatureCollective.org/things-to-do).

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## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The lagoon restoration is ongoing throughout Build NCC construction. We're always working to enhance North County and planning for the future. This lagoon can withstand sea level rise and will be present for generations to come.

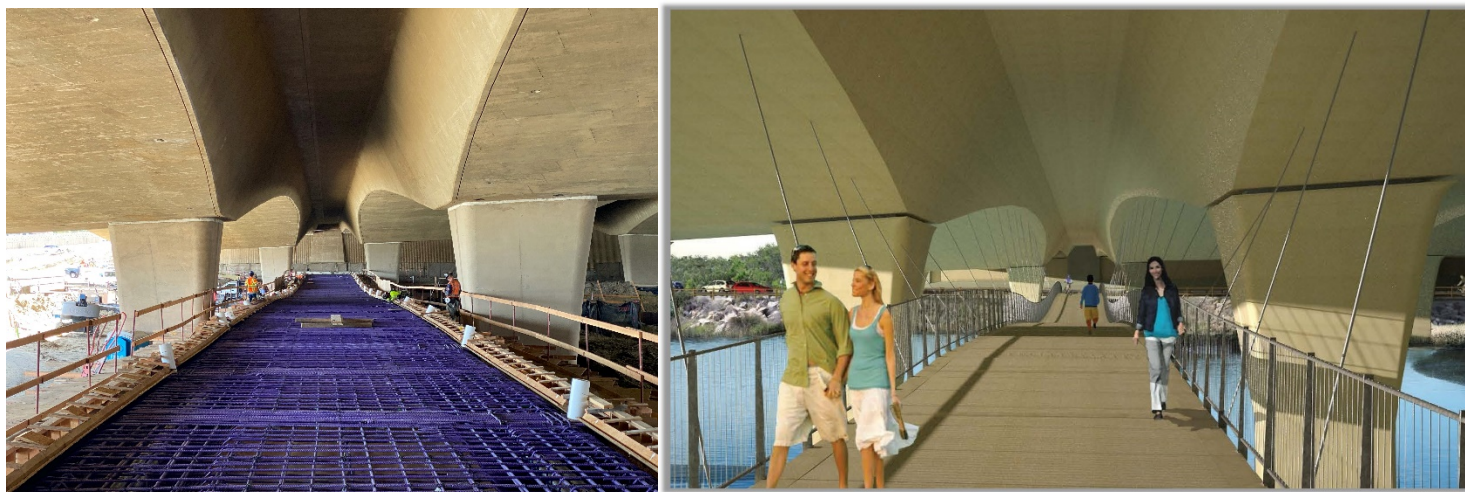
Learn more about the San Elijo Lagoon restoration by visiting [KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/BuildNCC](https://KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/BuildNCC) and learn more about the American Public Works Association awards by visiting [SanDiego.APWA.net](https://SanDiego.APWA.net).

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### San Elijo Lagoon Bike and Pedestrian Suspension Bridge Progress



*San Elijo Lagoon Bike and Pedestrian Suspension Bridge Construction (September 2021)*

Underneath the San Elijo Lagoon highway bridge, crews are constructing a bike and pedestrian bridge that is suspended from the highway bridge deck above. This bridge will allow for a safe and protected crossing over the lagoon below, aiming to not disrupt any wildlife within the lagoon.

This work will increase north-south and east-west connectivity, improve safety, and make it more convenient to travel by bike, scooter, or walk throughout the North Coast Corridor. The Caltrans and SANDAG Build NCC program is the first phase of construction in the North Coast Corridor Program, a 40-year, \$6 billion package of highway, rail, bike, pedestrian, environmental protection, and coastal access improvements in San Diego County.

Check out the photos above to see the rendering and what it looks like to date.

This work is anticipated to be complete in 2022. You can learn more and stay up-to-date with current construction by visiting [KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/BuildNCC](https://KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/BuildNCC).