



Can you believe what we saw in the Lagoon Dip Net?

Thanks to our friends at Buena Vista Audubon, Paige and Karen for a great Endangered Species Day Celebration. From checking out all the critters that were found in the lagoon, to walking in the tracks of a polar bear it was a fun and informative day for all!

Last month the regional Water Quality Control Board released new requirements for storm water permits. These new requirements will begin a watershed based approach to addressing pollution of our local waterways. It will no longer be enough to have new development control its own run-off. We need to also address all of the problems from the old ways of doing things- like building sewer lines along creeks, not controlling polluted run-off from parking lots , and putting creeks underground in a concrete pipe. These new requirements are an important step in the right direction toward healthy creeks and clean coastal waters.

Also last month SANDAG started the formal process for environmental review of the long awaited restoration of Buena Vista Lagoon. Doing nothing would mean the lagoon continues to fill in from sediment upstream until there no longer is a lagoon. Restoration alternatives including removing the weir at the mouth of the lagoon to allow normal tidal flushing like all the rest of our natural southern California lagoons, dredging and then replacing the weir in order to keep this as fresh water, or a combination of the two. We support, and SANDAG has promised, a comprehensive analysis of all of the alternatives so the decision can be based on what is best for the lagoon- and for all of us who care

about protecting these coastal resources.

In May we also initiated two legal actions challenging the damaging Quarry Creek project. We worked for years toward a compromise that would protect the priceless natural, cultural and historic resources of this valley. The Council received thousands of signatures on petitions asking them to preserve this valley, hundreds of postcards and emails, and heartfelt testimony at numerous public hearings. But instead of listening to these voices the Carlsbad City Council approved all 656 units the developer asked for- including hundreds on the panhandle. Litigation is always a last resort. Unfortunately that was the only option left for us to protect this priceless valley.

### **June Activities**

#### **June 11 Tues 6 PM**

##### **Carlsbad City Council- final budget approval**

Another year has passed and still not one dime has been spent on open space acquisition. Isn't it time this becomes a real priority?

#### **June 15 Sat 10- 11 AM**

##### **Mini-tour of the Buena Vista Creek Valley and Grounds of the Marron Adobe**

Here is your chance to come and see the Buena Vista Creek Valley and see why this area is too priceless to bulldoze for 656 more homes. There will be a short walk into the valley, tours of the grounds around the historic Marron Adobe and exhibits that tell about the early history of this area. We will meet at the cul-de-sac along Haymar Rd. From # 78 heading east take the College exit. Take first right onto Haymar/Plaza- this is frontage road along # 78 that goes past Mossy-Nissan. Head 7/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile west along Haymar- parking in cul-de-sac and along both sides of the street. Call 760-724-3887 for more information. Advance reservations are not required. Tour takes place rain or shine. Please **help spread the word about this and pass on to anyone you know who has not yet had a chance to visit this priceless area.**

#### **June 15 Sat 8:30 – 11 AM**

##### **Village H North Trail Volunteers Work session**

This is the regular monthly city of Carlsbad Trail Volunteers work session. Meet at the trail head near Carlsbad Village Dr and Victoria. Wear long pants, long sleeved shirt, hat and sunscreen. Bring water and gloves (more available on site if you forget). Work will include fence and trails repair, weeding and trash removal.

#### **June 19 Wed 6:30 social , 7 PM Film**

**See Hitchcock thriller “The Birds” at BVAS summer film festival**

Join our friends at Buena Vista Audubon Society and see this classic film – perhaps gaining some new insights into what those birds were really up to. This free summer film comes with popcorn and a chance to see what is new at the Nature Center at 2202 S. Coast Hwy in Oceanside (right next to Buena Vista Lagoon).

### **July Activities**

**July 10 Wed 6 PM**

#### ***Bi-Monthly Preserve Calavera Board Meeting***

Meetings are open to all members but RSVP required for location and gate code.

**July 20 Sat 8 AM - 5 PM**

#### **Beginning Wildlife Tracking Class with SD Tracking Team**

This all day class provides an overview of basic wildlife tracking and sign and the protocol used for wildlife surveys that are done every quarter. Take the class to enhance your enjoyment of the outdoors- or as preparation for joining our wildlife tracking team. Cost is \$25 and advance reservations are required. Go to [www.sdtt.org](http://www.sdtt.org) for full details or call 760-715-4102.

**July 27 Sat 8 AM**

#### **Monthly Buena Vista Lagoon Bird Count**

This is a great orientation for beginning birders. Learn about many of our local and migratory species from local experts. Meet in the parking lot at the Buena Vista Nature Center at 2202 S. Coast Hwy in Oceanside (right next to Buena Vista Lagoon).

### **Future Events**

Aug 17 Sat 10 am Mini-Tour BV Valley and Adobe grounds

Sept – Date TBD – unveiling of new interpretive signs at Calavera

Oct 26 – 10 am Hike of the Dawson Reserve

Our all volunteer organization can't do what we do without your help. Your time, talent and donations can make a difference - right here in your own backyard. Call or email us to see how else you could get involved.

To donate online: <http://preservecalavera.org>

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