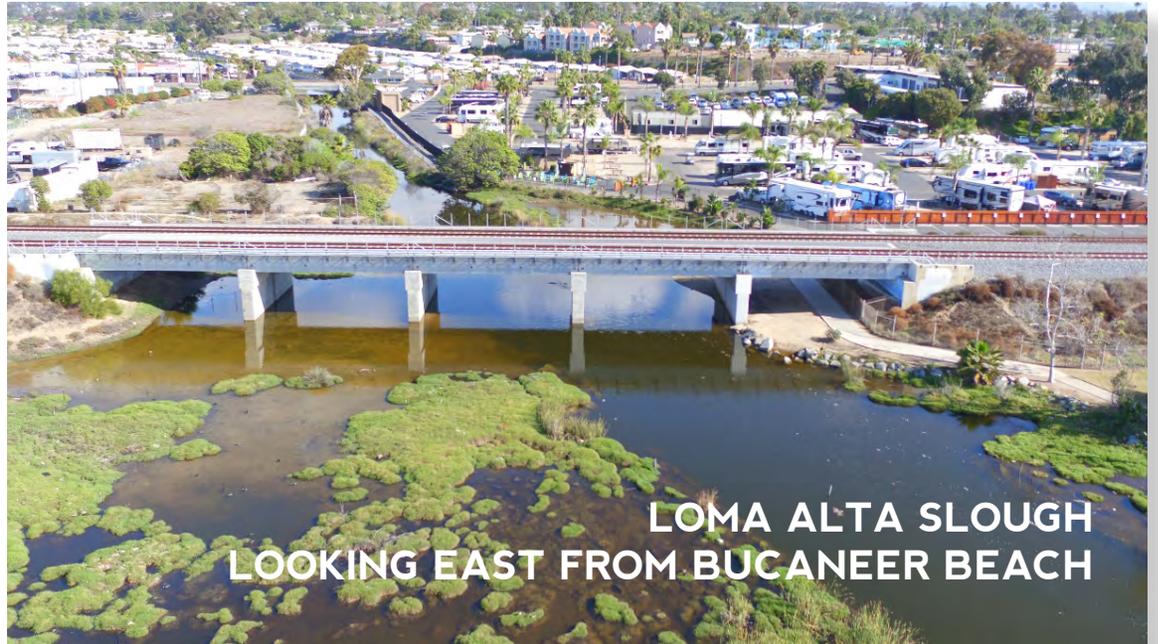


GRANT TO FUND LOMA ALTA HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Loma Alta Slough is located in South Oceanside near Buccaneer Park, and is a dynamic estuary home to many native and migratory wildlife species. The Loma Alta Creek and its estuary habitat is a signature of the South Oceanside community, and is one of the few remaining natural coastal wetlands entirely within the boundary of the City. Decades of channelization and urban development have resulted in a constricted channel, and the current habitat we see today is only a fraction of Loma Alta Slough's historic extent.

Throughout 2018, the City of Oceanside will be conducting a comprehensive habitat improvement and coastal access planning project for the existing estuarine habitat near the coast. This project will use recently acquired State Proposition 1 grant funds from the California Coastal Conservancy. City staff has held one community outreach meeting, and is planning to organize more community workshops throughout the planning process. Over the last 10 years, the City has worked to acquire additional property on the northern edge of the Slough, west of Coast Highway to allow for the future expansion of wetland habitat and improvements to pedestrian coastal access.



The objectives of the project include:

- Designing approximately four acres of new wetland on City-owned property on the north side of Loma Alta Slough
- Channel hydrology design for proper drainage, ecological benefit and water quality improvements
- Outdoor wildlife viewing and environmental education by placing an area adjacent to the Loma Alta Creek estuary.
- Integration with future proposed improvements to the Coastal Rail Trail
- Completion of environmental documentation and permitting required to construct the project



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