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Dear Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley,

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2015 marks the 29th year since FSDRV began its preservation advocacy on behalf of the San Dieguito River Valley. This yearly letter to our supporters details progress on issues and projects, ongoing and new, as well as successes.

#### ADVOCACY PROJECTS

We are pleased to report that much progress has been made in the past year in implementing the terms of the Coastal Commission Cease and Desist orders, thus preserving the wetlands bordering the 22<sup>nd</sup> DAA property. The main corrective measures are as follows.

Phase I of the South Overflow Lot restoration (western section) is now complete and vegetation is planted. Phase 2 (eastern section) is to be completed this year.

Salt Marshes at the southern edge of the East Overflow Lot and Golf Driving range are now restored.

#### CONTINUING STATUS OF OTHER MAJOR ADVOCACY ISSUES

##### The Polo Fields lease renewal:

- Two of our board members, well versed and long-educated in the deep history of the Polo Fields, have established open and ongoing contact with the City of San Diego Real Estate Assets Department to monitor and to assure that any new lease for the city-owned property known as the polo fields is consistent with public access requirements for dedicated open space and adjacent river habitat. The dedication was promised in 1982 as mitigation for development in the adjacent river valley that exceeded zoning. Dedication also protects the property from being sold by the City. Continuing code infractions are matters of concern.

##### Rancho Del Mar Project:

- An effort continues to educate the various adjacent HOAs, and community groups, and project review committees, an effort which is supported by a definitive letter from noted environmental lawyer, Jan Chatten-Brown, outlining the issues underlying Prop A and permitted lands uses.

