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Otay Delta Restoration Moves Ahead *Thanks to Funders*



Aerial photo of the San Diego Bay NWR and the City of Chula Vista. The approximate Otay Delta restoration project footprint is outlined in yellow.

River Partners is about to break ground on its first project site in San Diego County, thanks to a coalition of funding partners. Contributions from the San Diego Foundation, the Wildlife Conservation Board, the California Natural Resources Agency, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have allowed the project to move from planning to implementation. According to Greg Treber, project manager, field work could begin as early as February 2011.

The 65 acre project site is located directly west of Interstate 5 on the San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), South San Diego Bay Unit. It lies immediately upstream where the Otay River enters San Diego Bay.

River Partners intends to restore habitat quality by replacing non-native vegetation with structurally diverse, native plants to support a variety of neotropical migratory birds, including several listed species, as well as an array of other native wildlife.

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Snow goose. Photo by Elemental Images, istockphoto.com.

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American kestrel. Photo by Associate Restoration Ecologist, Michael Rogner.

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