

# U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service



## Projects supported by the Coastal Program in Southern California/San Diego Bay

### South San Diego Bay Restoration and Enhancement Project, San Diego County

The South San Diego Bay Restoration and Enhancement Project is restoring up to 315 acres of estuarine habitat in South San Diego Bay. Project partners include the Coastal Program, California Coastal Conservancy, Port of San Diego, National Marine Fisheries Service, Environmental Protection Agency, National Wildlife Refuges, Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association, San Diego Audubon Society, San Diego Oceans Foundation, Ocean Discovery Institute, and Coronado Rotary Club.



Excavation of fill creates elevations that will support salt marsh vegetation at Chula Vista Wildlife Reserve



Volunteers plant native species at Emory Cove



Breaching of levees returns tidal flow to the Western Salt Ponds, exposing substrate that can now support salt marsh vegetation

### Dune Enhancement at San Elijo Lagoon, San Diego County

The Coastal Program, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy, and Patagonia are partnering to enhance coastal dune habitat located at the San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve. The project includes removal of invasive plant species and installation of fencing and signage to discourage foot and vehicle traffic.



Native plant Nuttall's lotus



Volunteers remove invasive species

### Western Snowy Plover Outreach and Protection, Los Angeles County



Public signage for the western snowy plover and individual observing birds



Close-up of western snowy plover

The Coastal Program supported Los Angeles Audubon in providing public outreach to reduce disturbance to the federally threatened western snowy plover that roosts on Los Angeles Beaches and constructing a seasonal enclosure to protect roosting plovers at Dockweiler State Beach. Los Angeles Audubon also uses the enclosure to help educate the public by conducting beach walks and public school field trips.