

**Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project's
SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM**

Year 2005-2006 Projects

1. Camino Lindo Vernal Pool Restoration Project **\$21,950**

Grantee: Growing Solutions Restoration Education Institute
Total cost: \$63,150

The Project will restore and enhance a coastal vernal pool and associated uplands in Isla Vista and will include educational and community involvement components.

2. Mission Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project **\$25,700**

Grantee: Community Environmental Council
Total cost: \$42,639

The Project will modify an existing grade control structure acting as a fish barrier on Mission Creek at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. The project will engage the California Conservation Corps for implementation, volunteers will assist in the revegetation of the bank adjacent to the barrier, and Museum staff will develop educational signage for the project.

3. Ventura River Confluence Preserve Invasive Plant Eradication Project **\$29,915**

Grantee: Ojai Valley Land Conservancy
Total cost: \$37,910

The project will remove non-native plants, such as arundo donax, vinca, and cape ivy, from a 14 acre riparian corridor adjacent to the Ventura River in the Confluence Preserve.

4. Stone Canyon Creek Restoration Project **\$29,700**

Grantee: University of California
Total cost: \$45,200

The project will restore a section of Stone Canyon Creek which runs through UCLA. The restoration will be the centerpiece of a long-term planning process for improving upstream and downstream portions of the Creek and incorporation the Creek into UCLA's new Sustainability Initiative.

5. Cienega de las Ranas Habitat Restoration at Thorton Park **\$25,000**

Grantee: City of Santa Ana Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Agency
Total cost: \$116,200

The project will restore wetland and riparian habitat at Carl Thorton Park, a 35-acre park site located in Santa Ana. Restoration will consist of removing non-native exotic grasses and planting a combination of bulrush cattail and sedges, to be lined by a cottonwood-willow forest in certain areas. In appropriate adjacent upland areas, coastal sage scrub habitat will be restored.

- 6. Bolsa Chica Coastal Sand Dunes Project** **\$3,300**
 Grantee: Bolsa Chica Land Trust
 Total cost: \$3,300
- The project will remove non-native plant material and debris from a coastal sand dunes habitat on the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve and restore the area with appropriate native plants using the Bolsa Chica Stewards, the restoration team of the Bolsa Chica Land Trust.
- 7. Upper Salt Marsh Restoration Project** **\$17,800**
 Grantee: Bolsa Chica Conservancy
 Total cost: \$55,700
- The project will restore approximately one acre of coastal salt marsh and adjacent upland habitat on Little Mesa in the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve at Warner Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway. The restoration project will be the subject of the Wetlands Education and Restoration Program - an interactive educational outreach program integrated with an in-classroom presentation on wetland ecology and conservation at the Bolsa Chica Interpretive Center and hands-on restoration at the Bolsa Chica Wetlands.
- 8. Wetland Avengers Bi-national Wetland Restoration and Education in Yogurt Canyon/ Canon de los Sauces** **\$30,000**
 Grantee: Aquatic Adventures Science Foundation
 Total cost: \$95,000
- The Project will restore stream corridor and salt marsh habitat through the mobilization and education of a non-traditional environmental constituency by engaging San Diego and Tijuana youth and adults in a bi-national restoration event.
- 9. Chollas Creek Wetlands Recovery and Student Stream Restoration Project** **\$28,000**
 Grantee: Urban Corps of San Diego
 Total cost: \$28,000
- The project will train and utilize students from Gompers Secondary School in the restoration and maintenance of 1 acre of coastal stream corridor, mentored by young adult trainees of the Urban Corps of San Diego. Restoration activities include removal of non-native vegetation, re-vegetation with native plants, removal of debris and pre- and post- project water testing.