

Please join your colleagues from other California beaches to enjoy conversation and discuss issues of common interest.

Beach Management Field Day



“Multiple Uses on a California Beach”



**Thursday May 15, 2008
Ocean Beach, San Diego**



Agenda:

- 9:30–10** Meet and greet, juice and muffins (or something)
- 10–10:10** **Karen Martin**, Pepperdine University/Grunion Greeters: Intro and Welcome.
- 10:10–11** **Dennis Simmons**, San Diego Park and Recreation Department: “Sharing the Beach with the California Grunion: Case Study at Ocean Beach”.
- This urban beach is popular with tourists, surfers, locals, and dogs. It is also home to wildlife such as California Grunion, least terns, and native plants. Balancing the requirements of all these constituencies is the challenge for beach managers and maintenance workers in this beautiful, accessible, well-loved location. Manager Dennis Simmons and team will provide an overview of the beach maintenance issues and a demonstration of their Grunion Grooming Protocol techniques.
- 11–11:50** **Melissa Studer**, Grunion Greeter Project Director: “Guided tour of restoration area by Dog Beach including beach dune, salt marsh, and least tern nesting area.”
- The area adjacent to a popular dog beach at the San Diego River Mouth consists of a small but critical sand dune and salt marsh habitat. In a collaborative effort to restore the area two nonprofit groups, Project Pacific and Aquatic Adventures, with the help of the San Diego Park and Recreation Department and hundreds of volunteers worked to remove invasive plants, install interpretive signs, and reduce trails. The focus of the restoration included balancing the needs of the many visitors to the area with protecting and conserving the sensitive ecosystem.
- Noon** Lunch at nearby restaurant “SHADES” and Open Discussion
- 1:30** Adjourn

*All handouts, materials, and refreshments including lunch are provided **free of charge** to participants. We thank NOAA; National Marine Fisheries Service—Southwest Region, Habitat Conservation Division; the City of San Diego; and Pepperdine University for support of this program.*

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