

Non-native plant removal now under way in the Ranch

By **Patty McCormac**

RANCHO SANTA FE — Motorists have been wondering and making calls to the Association wondering why trees are being cut and brush cleared near the fruit stand on the San Dieguito River on Del Dios Highway near the village.

"It's actually a good thing," Jane Hendron, spokeswoman for the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, said. "It's good for the watershed. It's good for the wildlife and ultimately good for the community."

She said this is not a total vegetation clearance on that portion of the San Dieguito River.

It is the removal of exotic or non-native species that have been become overgrown there over the years.

The non-native plants, like pepperwood, the arundo donax that looks like giant reed or bamboo and eucalyptus trees, will be removed so that native plants such as coast sage scrub and cactus scrub can be planted and restored.

She said native trees that grow naturally in riparian areas such as cottonwood, sycamore and willow, which are vital to supporting the native wildlife that populate the area, will also be restored.

"Not only will it improve the quality of our watershed, but also the habitat for various species that live in riparian areas such as Least Bell's Vireo, a native songbird listed



NOW & THEN Above left, this photo, taken earlier this month, is from about the same vantage point as the one taken in 1928, above right, so it is easy to see how many non-native trees and brush has grown in and around the San Dieguito River near Rancho Santa Fe. Two agencies are in the process of returning it to its natural state by clearing the non-native trees and brush and replanting them with native plants. Above left photo by Patty McCormac, above right is a courtesy photo

as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act, and the Southwestern willow flycatcher is also endangered," she said. "The yellow warbler and yellow-breasted chat, both state species of special concern, will also be helped. The project will also benefit all the other native species such as lizards, salamanders, other song birds, (and) mammals such as rabbits and deer."

She said the non-native

species such as the Arundo grass is a fire danger and can also contribute to flooding when debris from up river gets caught in its dense growth causing a river to flood, plus it displaces the habitat for some native birds.

"We are sponsoring the project," said Leslie Woollenweber, conservation program manger for the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, a nonprofit

group that focuses on watershed protection through land acquisition, invasive plant control and public outreach.

"Riparian habitat in the San Dieguito River below Lake Hodges is severely impacted by eucalyptus trees and other non-native species," Woollenweber said. "Eucalyptus effectively displaces native vegetation, which eliminates the dense cover on which riparian and

migratory birds depend on for food and nesting."

She said the entire project consists of 1.85 miles of the San Dieguito River corridor between the Lake Hodges dam and Calle Ambiente in Rancho Santa Fe.

About 5.5 acres of non-native trees will be removed, she said.

For the eucalyptus removal project, the conservancy received \$123,750 in

funding from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, a division of USDA, in 2008 through its Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, which supports the restoration of rare and declining native habitat for the benefit of special status species. Also received was \$20,000 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Partners for Fish and Wildlife program.

A state grant is pending which would fully fund the four-year project, but because of the fiscal crisis, it has been delayed, Woollenweber said.

So far, work has been done on one mile of the right-of-way below the dam and an additional 4.5 acres.

"That should be a riparian forest," she said. "It is impacted by the dam, but there is urban runoff and seasonal runoff that should support sycamore, willows and cottonwood."

Replanting will take place where native vegetation is not likely to recover quickly on its own, she said.

She said that volunteers have been out to the area four times to do the planting of native species and have planted 210 plants.

"We were shooting for 1,000, but weather conditions and rocky terrain have held us up," she said.

More volunteers are welcome and needed. If interested, call Leslie Woollenweber at (858) 674-2275, ext. 12.

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Bella Dolce in Rancho Santa Fe brings Italian flavor

Italy never looked or tasted as beautiful as it does at the new Dolce Pane E Vino in the Del Rayo Center in Rancho Santa Fe. Guests are literally transformed in this rustic, elegant creation that is at once a world of wine, a wine bar of elegance and a small-bites master restaurant with the charm of Venice and Tuscan surrounds.

Dolce Pane E Vino (sweet bread and wine) is the creation of Michael Melone and Dr. Anthony Smith, who have carefully crafted an original Italian design unlike anything I have experienced. They bring a passion for the customer, cultivated from remarkable dining experiences worldwide. You'll marvel at the tables that are crafted for sharing, and lighting that is linked in communal harmony, yet each element is its own artistic rendering. The entire atmosphere is an architectural triumph.

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Taste of Wine

devoting space to the wine and cuisine. Wine flights of three offerings are paired with the meal as a delightful option, especially since bottles can be purchased that match the flavors. On the evening I visited, wines from Fort Ross, Wolf Family and Orin Swift were served and all had rich flavors to pair with an ever-evolving Mediterranean menu.

Dolce Pane E Vino is open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Mondays just dinner is served. Local seasonal produce is used with the freshest quality available. Dolce is now booking inspiring wineries for special events includ-



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ing Laird Family Estate at 5:30 p.m. March 24 with Rebecca Laird. Visit www.dolcepaneewino.com or call (858) 832-1518 for more information.

New wines & a perfect gift idea

In the past 30 days I have tasted some 500 wines of note and the following wines were especially memorable:

— Castel Giocondo Brunello di Montalcino, Italy, 2004. The cost is \$45. From the Frescobaldi family of traditional Italian winemaking with 100 percent four-year aged Sangiovese. The first of the recently great harvest years in Tuscany. Gets greater with more aging.

— Chateau Tanunda Grand Barossa Shiraz, Australia, 2007. The cost is \$19. This striking, flavorful wine comes from the oldest winery in the Aussie nation in

TURN TO TASTE OF WINE ON 34

Safety first for cycling season

RANCHO SANTA FE — As the weather warms, people will begin to look for ways to enjoy the outdoors while getting some exercise, particularly on bicycles. Unfortunately, the same remote roadways that provide cyclists with scenic rides and challenging terrain can make for hazardous riding conditions. The following tips from the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District for both drivers and cyclists can help keep the roadways safe for everyone

For drivers

— Be attentive: Inattentive drivers can be extremely dangerous, especially when they change lanes without looking or drive in the bike lane. They also create dangerous situations when they attempt to do other things while driving, such as talking on the phone or eating. When you are driving, focus only on the road. If you need to attend to another matter while driving, safely pull over in a parking lot or rest stop.

— Watch your blind spots: Be aware of other vehicles and cyclists around you, including in your blind spots. Always look before changing lanes to make sure no one else is there.

— Use your turn signal: Be sure to use your turn signal when changing lanes or making a turn. This allows other motorists and cyclists to adjust what they are doing to allow for a safe lane change or turn.

— Know hand signals: Because most bicycles do not come with turn signals, cyclists use their hands to signal if they are planning on turning, stopping, etc. Familiarize yourself with these signals so that if a cyclist stretches his left arm out, for example, you know that he is indicating his intention to go left.

For cyclists

— Wear a helmet: California state law requires all children under the age of 18 to wear a helmet; however, all cyclists should wear a helmet, regardless of age.

— Make yourself visible: Do everything you can to make yourself as visible as possible. Always wear bright colors. This is especially important when riding in the dark. Adding reflective gear, a headlight and flashing red LED tail light can also increase your chances of being seen by motorists.

— Ride like you're invisible: Even after doing all of the above, don't assume drivers see you. Just because you think a driver sees you, does not mean

TURN TO CYCLING ON

Road fixes, efforts to move utilities underground roll on

By Patty McCormac

RANCHO SANTA FE — Progress has been made on three ongoing projects in the village that range from undergrounding overhead utilities, to fixing an awkward intersec-

tion and obtaining a use permit for a local equestrian center.

The effort to be able to begin undergrounding existing overhead utilities has been in the works for several years, but there is one step left in the process, which is activating power to do so by the local community services district.

"You go through the process whereby you activate their latent powers," said Ivan Holler, covenant administrator. "That is done through LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission), that is where we are preparing to go."

This could happen as soon as next month.

"If LAFCO has a hearing in early April, it would be at that hearing," he said. "Remember, there have been four or five years to get to this point. It has been a long period of time to get us here."

He said the process started by the Association funding an engineering report to evaluate the feasibility of undergrounding overhead utilities.

Holler said the existing utility lines went up years before and they are now routinely put underground during construction and there are reasons beyond just aesthetics.

"It is beneficial to remove the visual clutter, but there are other reasons such as safety," he said citing the cause of the 2007 Witch Creek Fire suspected of being sparked by power lines during high winds.

He that if things go

according to plan, after the LAFCO meeting, then neighborhoods could get into the act and plan for the projects.

"Essentially people would agree to assess themselves for underground, not all at once," he said. "There has to be a logical process."

Neighborhoods would come forward and explore the possibility, he said. The city of Del Mar went through a similar action not long ago, he said.

The other project in the pipeline is the realignment of the intersection at Via De Santa Fe and La Granada in front of the market and post office.

"It is an awkward intersection," he said. "Traffic can stack up in front of the market and post office."

The new intersection will allow traffic to flow through on La Granada.

"It should alleviate some of the congestion on Via De Santa Fe," he said.

The project, approved by the county board of supervisors, promised \$320,000 in road funds toward the improvement.

Finally, a use permit for the Osuna Ranch equestrian facility will be applied for from the county.

Holler said technically, a use permit is not needed.

"We agreed to go through the process to get one," he said. "We want to do the right things in terms of appearance. There will be no change. It will continue just as it is now."

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Proposal/Bids

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CAJON VALLEY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Cajon Valley Union School District of San Diego County, California, acting by and through its Governing Board, hereinafter referred to as the DISTRICT will receive up to, but not later than two o'clock p.m. of the 13th day of April, 2010 sealed bids for the award of a contract for

REQUEST FOR BID NO. 1311 FLOORING REPLACEMENT PROJECT BLOSSOM VALLEY ELEMENTARY, BOSTONIA ELEMENTARY EJE ACADEMY, AND HILLSDALE MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Bids shall be received in the PURCHASING DEPARTMENT of the CAJON VALLEY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT located at 225 Roanoke Road, El Cajon, CA 92020 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time and place.

A job walk will be held on Monday, April 5, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. starting at Bostonia Elementary School, 1390 Broadway, El Cajon, CA 92021 and again on the following day, Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. starting at EJE Academy, 851 S. Johnson Avenue, El Cajon, CA 92020 for the purpose of acquainting all prospective bidders with the bid documents and the work sites for the four schools. It is imperative that all bidders attend the job walks.

There is no estimate at this time for the project. Questions regarding this project should be directed to James Beard, Facilities, Maintenance & Operations Director, (619) 588-3181 or Susan Olinger, Purchasing & Warehousing Director at (619) 588-3266.

Each bid must conform and be responsive to the contract documents. One set of bid packages and plans will be available from the Purchasing Department, 225 Roanoke Road, El Cajon, CA 92020, or available at the job walks, for no deposit.

Each bid shall be accompanied by the security referred to in the contract documents, the non-collusion affidavit, the list of proposed subcontractors, and all additional documentation required by the Instructions to Bidders.

Cajon Valley Union School District will require a payment bond issued by an admitted surety approved to conduct business in the State of California in the form set forth in the contract documents from the successful bidder regardless of the contract amount.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding.

The Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which this work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute the contract which will be awarded to the successful bidder. Prevailing Wage Determinations are available on the Internet under the Director of Industrial Relation's website: <http://www.dir.ca.gov>

It shall be mandatory upon the Contractor to whom the contract is awarded, and upon any subcontractor under him, to pay not less than the said specified rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the contract.

Minority, women, and disabled veteran contractors are encouraged to submit bids; three percent (3%) participation is encouraged. Bidders are encouraged to publish ads in a trade paper and DVBE focus paper as a good faith effort and provide any documentation with their bid.

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No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date set for the opening of bids.
Dated this 22nd day of March, 2010
Ken Jensen
Clerk of the Governing Board
CAJON VALLEY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT,
San Diego County, California
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PALOMAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Palomar Community College District of San Diego County, California, acting by and through its Governing Board, hereinafter referred to as the "District", will receive up to, but not later than 2:30 PM on the 13th day of April, 2010, sealed bids for the award of a contract for:

BID NO. B10-05 : Printing and Distribution of Class Schedules

This contract will be awarded for an initial one-year period for the Class Schedules for a minimum of two (2) semesters (Fall 2010, Spring 2011) and a possible third semester (Summer 2011). The first set of class schedules (for Fall 2010) is to be delivered in late May 2010. This bid will be awarded in its entirety to a single vendor. The lowest bid will be based on a pre-established formula to calculate an overall average cost of the schedules based on the bid prices and rates for various printing options. The District shall have the option during the tenure of the agreement to extend it for one (1) full additional year within a maximum five percent (5%) increase in the prior year's pricing.

Due to budget constraints, the District currently does not anticipate publishing a Summer class schedule; however, bidders are required to submit prices for a Summer Class Schedule to allow the District to publish that schedule should sufficient funds become available. The District therefore reserves the right to eliminate the publishing of a Summer Class Schedule without invalidating the awarded contract. In order to contain costs, the District also reserves the right to eliminate part or all of the bulk-mailing distribution of any set of schedules without invalidating the awarded contract.

Such bids shall be received in the office of the Supervisor, Purchasing Services, Palomar Community College District, 1140 West Mission Road, Room A-8/A-10, San Marcos, California 92069-1487, and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time and place.

Any bid received after the stated date and time will not be considered. Bids submitted and participation by interested bidders in the process shall be at no cost or obligation to the District.

Each bid must conform and be responsive to this invitation, the Information for Bidders, the Specifications, the Plans, if any, and all other documents comprising the pertinent contract documents. Copies of the Contract Documents are now on file and may be obtained in the office of the Supervisor, Purchasing Services at the above address, as well as at the following District bid website (in the Purchasing Services section, towards the bottom of that website) :

<http://www.palomar.edu/businessservices/Bids.html>

The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to accept or to reject any one or more items on a bid, or to waive any irregularities or informalities in the bids or in the bidding process.

No bidder may withdraw its bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of bids.

BY THE ORDER OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
PALOMAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Darrell L. McMullen, Secretary

Palomar Community College District

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THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of National City is requesting proposals from qualified vendors for the implementation of a Card Access/Alarm Security System. A copy of the RFP can be downloaded at

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Proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes, clearly identified as a Card Access/Alarm Security System Proposal to National City Information Technology Division, 1243 National City Blvd, National City, California 91950, Attention: Card Access/Alarm Security System Proposal. Call Ron Williams at 619-336-4373 for

questions. Proposals will be accepted until Monday, April 26, 2010, 6:00 p.m. No proposals will be accepted after that date and time.
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NOTICE TO INVITE BIDS
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
PROJECT
FAIRBANKS RANCH FIRE STATION

The Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District invites interested Contractors to submit proposals for the construction of the new Fire District Fairbanks Ranch fire station. The scope of the project includes construction of a two-story, 10,928 square foot building with drive-through apparatus room, storage areas, living quarters, offices and workshop. The project also includes: construction of miscellaneous structures, on and off-site utilities, paving, fire protection, mechanical, electrical, landscape and incidental related work.
The Fairbanks Ranch fire station site is located at 6424 El Apajo in Rancho Santa Fe, CA. The District must receive all Proposals by 3:00 p.m. (PST), Thursday, April 29, 2010 at the following address:

Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection
District
Administrative Office
Attn: Chris Galindo
Administrative Captain
16936 El Fuego
Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067-0410

The Proposal Form, Project Manual, Electronic Copies of Plans, Specifications and other contract documents will be available Wednesday, March 31, 2010. All materials must be obtained in person at the office of Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District, 16936 El Fuego, Rancho Santa Fe, CA by paying a non-refundable fee of \$195.00 (business check, cashier's check, credit card) payable to Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District. Business hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For further information call (858) 756-5971. Contractors should address any questions regarding this solicitation to Captain Galindo at the above number. The Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District encourages the participation of small, minority and women-owned business enterprises. The Fire District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
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NOTICE INVITING BIDS
PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA UNIFORM PUBLIC
CONSTRUCTION COST ACCOUNTING ACT (PCC 22000 et seq.)

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BID DEADLINE: Bids must be delivered to and received by the District at the location specified above as the place for submitting bids not later than the date and time specified below, at which time the District will publicly open and read all bids. Any bid received by the District after the Bid Deadline shall be returned to the bidder unopened. Bids must be received by the District no later than the following Bid Deadline: April 20, 2010, at 2:00 p.m.

OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS: Prospective bidders may secure a set of bid documents as of March 29, 2010, for the Project(s) at Mayer Reprographics, 1065 University Avenue, San Diego, CA 92103. Information is available at Mayer.com; click on Projects Bidding. A \$250.00 refundable deposit is required for each set of bid documents. Bid documents will be available for review only in the Bond Trailer at 9600 _ Milden Street, La Mesa, CA, 91942.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BID: Bids must be submitted on the Bid Form provided by the District and included in the bid documents. Each bid must strictly conform with and be responsive to this Notice Inviting Bids, the Instructions for Bidders, and other Contract Documents. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding. Except as provided in Public Contract Code Section 5100 *et seq.*, no bidder may withdraw a bid for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the opening of the bids.

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