District 5320 Rotary Foundation Committee

District Grant Report

Rotary Club: Rotary Club of Huntington Beach

Project Title: Bolsa Chica Wetlands Restoration

☐ Progress Report ☒ Final Report

1. Briefly describe the project. What was done, when and where did project activities take place, and who were the beneficiaries?

The primary aim of restoration within rabbit island is to maintain a diverse habitat structure conducive to supporting existing rare native plants and wildlife such as estuary seablite (Suaeda esteroa), Nemacaulis denudata var. denudata (coast woolly-heads), the federally and state listed Rallus obsoletus (Ridgway's rail) and state listed P. sandwichensis beldingi (Belding's savanna sparrow). This will be achieved through the removal of non-native, invasive plants, especially Carpobrotus edulis (highway iceplant), restoration of a 5,500 sq. ft. mudflat with Spartina

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project? 24

3. What did they do? Please give at least two examples.

Rotary Club of HB volunteers assisted the Bolsa Chica Conservancy with constructing 5 nesting rafts for the endangered Ridgway's rail, and later deployed in March 2021. Volunteers also assisted the Bolsa Chica Conservancy with spreading native seed on 16-acres of dune habitat installation of cordgrass in a 5,000 sq ft. project site, and removal of non-native and invasive plant species from Rabbit Island.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project? 8

5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project?

The expected long-term impacts from these restoration projects are the following; 1)Increased number of fledglings of the Endangered Ridgway Rail and increased number of breeding pairs found on the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, 2) complete removal of freeway iceplant (Carpobrotus edulis) from Rabbit Island, 3) increased area of native cordgrass adjacent to Rabbit Island, 4)increased area covered by native plants on Rabbit Island

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role?

Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income

	Amount
1. District Grant funds approved by the District	
2. Club contribution	$5,000
3. Other funding (specify)	
Total Project Income	$5,000

8. Expenditures - please be specific and add lines as needed - receipts must be attached

1. *See Attached	
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Total Project Expenditures	

9. By signing this report, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these District Grant funds were spent only for eligible items in accordance with Trustee-approved guidelines, and that all of the information contained herein is true and accurate. Receipts for all grant-funded expenditures have been provided to the district. I also understand that all photographs submitted in connection with this report will become the property of RI and will not be returned. I warrant that I own all rights in the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or at any time in the future, throughout the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or later developed. This includes the right to modify the photograph(s) as necessary in RI's sole discretion. This also includes, without limitation, use on or in the web sites, magazines, brochures, pamphlets, exhibitions and any other promotional materials of RI and TRF.

Certifying Signature _____ Date: 5/26/2021

Print name, Rotary title, and club Doug Gahn, project chair, Huntington Beach Rotary