A Message from the CEO 3
Overview/Our Impact 4
Sponsorships & Grants 6
Department of Education 8
Volunteers & Board Members 14
Conservation & Trails 16
Members 17
Events & Festivals 20
Financials 25

Meet the Team

LISA RODMAN
Chief Executive Officer

SAMANTHA RICHTER
Chief Operations Officer

EMILY BONDS
Director of Education

AL CERDA JR.
Trails and Facilities Manager

EMILY WATTS
Director of the Discovery Center

MADISON COLEMAN
Office Manager

LAUREN MEWSHAW,
LISSA SCHROEDER,
DARIEN CASIMIRO
Some of our Teaching Team

And we can’t forget some of our favorite ANIMAL AMBASSADORS!
Dreaming to reality, our Discovery Center is creating a place for our community to thrive. Today a four-year-old awoke her inner nature as she begged her grandfather to come to the Discovery Center to visit her critter friends. The happy grandpa said, “this is her first time requesting to come to the Discovery Center”. This sweet young lagoon steward was now engaged in the beginning of her own journey into nature and all the beauty it delivers to us. Nature is transformational. I can still remember to this day the vivid experiences I experienced as a youth in the days spent exploring nature. Our young steward was excited to see her new friend Winston, our resident bearded dragon. She could barely stop her body that was in full wiggle motion as our volunteer was retrieving him from his habitat. Inspire the future lagoon stewards and giving them opportunities to learn about nature in our hands-on activities is what fuels us daily. Nourishing nature in the youngest of minds ensures the future of Mother Earth.

2020-2021 was a year of more change. Some of our fellow non-profits and business we all love did not make it through the pandemic to date. We are thriving because of the support of our membership. Thank you. Our Raptor Ridge initiative happened from start to finish and we are grateful to each of the donors that also valued the creation of this new exhibit. It takes a special board to allow creativity to rule the day and give the latitude necessary for changes to accommodate the ever-moving target the pandemic has created. We here at Agua are fortunate to have such dedicated board members tuned into that, what makes us unique. Thank you!

Our hands-on approach is a crowd pleaser and making spaces such as Fairyland is one of these significant creative energies that was completed this year. The warmth of fairies in nature nurture the souls of the young and create a space to listen, play, imagine all while learning. We are also grateful for our Eagle Scouts who help create wonderful learning areas. This year we were the recipients of a state-of-the-art demonstration beehive. When safe we were able to offer our bird walks once again. Special thanks to our birding extraordinaire Rick Grove. Quietly and affectively sharing his knowledge with the community one step at a time. Our haunted corn maze, a collaboration with the Carlsbad Strawberry Company, was a stupendous success generating income for us to invest in new programming.

We examined our programming and sought the help of CSUSM Senior Project to help monetize the efforts of our virtual reality now more important than ever. With their expertise we have the ability to reach past our North County borders and help bring a taste of nature anywhere the internet will allow. We are fortunate to have partners like Carlsbad Educational Foundation carving new pathways for the children of this great community and us learning together to make their little lives better. Opening up our preschool playmates has been an awesome experience for all of us here and certainly changed the way we do business in the “new normal.” From 6-part timers to 30 full time kidlets on campus has been a transformational journey to say the least. We are eager to move the preschool waitlist to a nature experience as soon as possible.

We are saddened by all the lives lost, as well, the businesses and nonprofits that left us during this tragic time. Here in the Agua family we take a moment to reflect and honor those not with us anymore. Please stay safe. In the end the pandemic really makes us rise to the occasion from digging deeper and working smarter to being grateful for the ability to rise to the challenge. Our team here is extraordinary. It is a pleasure to come to work everyday and be inspired by each of them. Individually they challenge me to be a better version of myself. Thank you to the dream team.

LISA RODMAN, Chief Executive Officer, Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation
Our Impact
2020 – 2021 FISCAL YEAR (JULY 1 2020 – JUNE 30TH 2021)

- Conducted bi-weekly inspections to monitor trails and easements.
- Worked with the City of Carlsbad’s Trail Rangers program for better enforcement and hiker awareness.
- Worked with the City and the California Coastal Commission to ensure public safety on 3.1 miles of public access easements.
  - Hosted approximately 1200 volunteers through trail maintenance events, and the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center Events.
  - Monitored 132 acres of open space in the Coastal Zone.
  - Removed and monitored invasive plant species along trails and preserved areas.
  - Installed preventative measures for coastal bluff erosion.
- Hosted monthly community bird walks and guided hikes around the lagoon.
- Worked with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Coastal Program and to address infestations of Algerian sea lavender (Limonium ramosissimum) in the California Department of Fish & Wildlife’s (CDFW) preserve and lay tarping to eradicate the species through solarization.
- Released 42 monarch butterflies that were established in our pollinator garden.
- Welcomed back onsite Environmental Stewardship school field trips for the first time since Covid-19 in the Spring of 2021. This totaled 81 students across different programs.
- Organized Free Public Virtual Education events including World Water Day, amongst others.
- Attended Science Days & School Outreaches totaling approximately 6 schools.
- Helped approximately 150 Boy & Girl Scouts earn badges.
- Educated 300 students through our Discovery Camps and After School Enrichment.
  - Educated 30 students daily through our Preschool Playdates Program.
  - Removed 99 bags of trash and 32 bags of invasive species from the lagoon during our annual Lagoona Kahuna Team Challenge Event, for corporate companies locally.
  - 40,000 visitors walked through our doors or around our perimeter during the height of the pandemic.
  - Published 22 episodes of our podcast which began in August of 2020 ~ Nature All Around Me.
  - Partnered with the raptor Institute and brought 4 native raptor species onsite as an educational exhibit expansion at the Discovery Center ~ Raptor Ridge on Cannon Road.
- Provided 11 outreach groups with concentrated educational opportunities on Raptor Species native to San Diego using our ambassadors: Western Screech Owl, Peregrine Falcon, American Kestrel and Great Horned Owl.
- Trained 6 new interns in the field of wildlife care to learn, care, and educate the public on native raptors in the area.
Visitors of the Center

★★★★★ “Best place to bring your kids - EVER!! The staff and the way it's ran just makes me wish every environmentally conscious person could bring someone who just doesn’t know to this place and spend some time LEARNING! Views are to die for and the creature habitats are well maintained by a VERY friendly and knowledgeable staff.” ~ Kieth Zinn, August 2020

★★★★★ “Great experience! My toddler had so much fun feeding the animals and learning about them. They also have a short “hiking” trail which was nice. Definitely recommend to anyone looking for a quick but fun distraction with the kiddos. P.s Don’t forget to donate! We want them to continue giving our lil ones fun experiences but keep the animals safe in a great environment.” ~ Elizziebeth, August 2020

★★★★★ “Took my little 5 year old niece here last week and she absolutely loved it! She got to hold a snake named Rosy and a bearded dragon named Winston, feed the tortoise out front and hang out in the fairy garden. Such a hidden gem.” ~ Misty Wileman, April 2021

★★★★★ “It’s always awesome coming here! Our kids love it. They love holding the snakes and pet the sea stars and learn about nature! Please donate to this facility and help it’s cause to conserve nature. Oh and the staff is always and helpful.” ~ Josh Jimenez, April 2021

★★★★★ “Such a great place to go with young children. Hands on experiences with several animals, a fun “fairyland” outside, lots of small exhibits.” ~ Joey Campbell, June 2021

Renters

“I wish to commend you and your staff for being so helpful and accommodating throughout the planning and participation making my Daughter’s “Celebration of Life” such a memorable experience for all who attended. There were many more in attendance than was planned, the word “magical” was often heard during and after the event.” ~ Helen McCarthy, May 2021

Awards & Recognition

Kids Out and About Top 20 Places to Take Kids in and around San Diego – Voted #7
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sponsors of Events &amp; Programs</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>7-11 Carlsbad Village</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AT&amp;T</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Believe in Signs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brookfield Properties</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brubaker &amp; Associates</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>California Watersports</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Calsense</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carlsbad Charitable Foundation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carlsbad Strawberry Company</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Connie Page Properties Group</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Develop Your Team</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dr. Erik Stark - Orthopaedic</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Specialists of North County</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Easy Life Management</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Edward Jones – Darcy Wolfe</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gelson’s Marketplace</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gemological Institute of America (GIA)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ginn Family Foundation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grand Pacific Resorts</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hale &amp; Associates Family Law</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hunter Industries</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Leucadia Wastewater</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lynnell Talone-Honda of Berkshire Hathaway Silva</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mary Kay &amp; Michael Amaro</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Medtronic</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New Urban West</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NRG Energy Inc.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Otter Products</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pegasus Estate Winery Wine</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pizza Port Brewing Co.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Poseidon Resources Channelside</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Project Management Advisors, Inc.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ryan Foundation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sanders Tech-Ed Foundation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>San Diego Gas &amp; Electric</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Schulzman-Neri Foundation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Senor Grubby’s</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stifel Carlsbad – Gary Endres</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Wine &amp; Spirits</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The Lund Team</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tip Top Meats</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Venom Vodka</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Venture LLP</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Waste Management</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Weseloh/Kia of Carlsbad</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wiegand Realty</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Grants
JULY 1ST 2020 – JUNE 30TH 2021

$40,000
(to be used through 2022)
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Program in collaboration with UCSB, The Nature Collective & California Department of Fish & Wildlife for eradication of Algerian Sea Lavender (Limonium ramosissimum) in the Agua Hedionda watershed.

$22,500
San Diego Gas & Electric Environmental Champions Grant for enhancements and expansion of our educational reach virtually as well as our onsite Preschool Playdates Program and After School Enrichment. These programs embody the same message of our Academy of Environmental Stewardship but have been tailored to fit the needs of our community during the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

$22,190
California Coastal Conservancy Explore the Coast Grant Program to provide two, one-week Explore the Coast summer camps for students from Escondido who previously had no formal coastal experience. They learned about the different ecological zones, flora and fauna of the lagoon, water testing and treatment, as well how to use an interactive underwater ROV system to view the lagoon’s ecosystem provided by Joe Cooper of UnderSee.

$15,000
Conrad Prebys Foundation for educational opportunities surrounding our newest exhibit ~ Raptor Ridge on Cannon Road. This includes implementation of Falcon Feeding Friday’s, a competitive intern program surrounding care of the raptor ambassadors, and outreach opportunities for low income schools.

$13,000
Hans and Margaret Doe Charitable Foundation Trust for educational interpretive signs for the native plant species present, refurbishment and enhancements of the native plants, and recycled art structures.

$7,500
Sanders Tech Ed Foundation for the creation of an outdoor turtle pond to give our Red Eared Sliders the most desired habitat, and new learning area for visitors. Additionally, this funding continued our Nature All Around Me Podcast, provided new tables for our events and rentals, as well as enhancements to our Discovery Center Touch Tank.

$5,000
Nordson Corporation Foundation to expand our After-School Enrichment Program and offer cost reductions in the form of scholarships to students in the San Marcos Unified School District.

$2,500
Hunter Industries for Title I students/school sites in the third and fourth grade from San Marcos Unified School District to attend the Academy of Environmental Stewardship School Program.

$1,500
The Charitable Foundation (Berkshire Hathaway) for Title I students/school sites in the third and fourth grade to attend the Academy of Environmental Stewardship School Program.

$1,500
Rancho Santa Fe Garden Club for interpretive and educational signage at the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation’s Discovery Center.
School Program

THE AGUA HEDIONDA LAGOON FOUNDATION’S ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP is an innovative and cooperative program between north county schools and the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation. Its mission is to awaken in our children the need to appreciate and care for the natural environment. The program provides hands-on classes that stress responsible interaction with our natural surroundings and creates awareness of the environmental impact of day-to-day human activities. Students break into small groups and rotate through stations taught by educators who engage students with interactive activities that bring the lessons to life. AHLF offers three field trips within the program that are aligned with Common Core, History/Social Science, and Life Science State Standards.

20 fourth grade students PARTICIPATED IN OUR Colonization FIELD TRIP.

39 students FROM TRI-CITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL JOIN US FOR OUR Experience Today FIELDTRIP.

22 students FROM VARIOUS HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM JOINED US FOR Animal Interactions AND A nature hike.

Because of the Covid-19 Pandemic, very little onsite field trips could take place due to precautions and restrictions.

We look forward to having more in person and virtual field trips at the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation during the 2021/2022 school year!
Virtual

TOGETHER WE MADE HISTORY

by expanding our educational reach to students nationwide at elementary schools from Maryland to Ontario to San Diego. Our teachers continued to bring the fun, engagement, and hands-on approach started in our traditional in-person field trips to our online field trips. For our virtual field trips delivered supplies allowing students to participate interactively in each lesson as if they were at the Discovery Center.

910 students
PARTICIPATED IN OUR VIRTUAL Live the Past PROGRAM, THIS INCLUDED STUDENTS FROM CASITA CENTER FOR SCIENCE, MATH AND TECHNOLOGY AND ALL THIRD GRADERS IN THE CARLSBAD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

18 classes and 2 ARC groups
PARTICIPATED IN OUR Awesome Agua Animals, A PROGRAM WHERE FOUR OF OUR ANIMAL AMBASSADORS JOIN AN ONLINE PLATFORM WHERE STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT THEIR BEHAVIORS AND ADAPTATIONS.

3 Scout groups
EARNED THEIR BADGES THROUGH OUR ONLINE environmental education.

12 monthly Virtual Kids Klub meetings
WERE HELD FOR OUR 36 Kids Klub Members.
Discovery Camps

KINGDOM ANIMALIA (SUMMER 2020)
• Two weeks of camp with 72 kids ages Pre-K through 6th grade
• Kingdom Animalia had campers learning about animals around the world, life cycles and animal adaptations!

LIFE AROUND THE LAGOON (SUMMER 2020)
• Two weeks of camp with 57 kids ages Pre-K through 6th grade
• During Life Around the Lagoon, campers learned about the native plants and animals, the history of the lagoon and the people who have used the lagoon throughout time.

SCIENCE EXPLORATION (SUMMER 2020)
• One week with 20 kids ages Pre-K through 6th grade
• Science Explorations had campers learning conducting experiments, learning about space and the world around them.

DIG INTO FALL (FALL 2020)
• 22 kids ages Kindergarten- 6th grade
• Dig Into Fall camp had campers discovering the changes in our plants and learning about soon to be hibernating animals and migration.

SCIENCE AND SEA LIFE (WINTER 2020)
• 32 kids ages Kindergarten- 6th grade
• During Science and Sea Life, campers learned about life under the ocean, how big the ocean really is and conducted experiments on salinity and buoyancy.

PRESIDENTS DAY CAMP (FEB. 2021)
• 16 kids ages Kindergarten- 6th grade
• Campers at our Presidents Day camp became Myth Busters and preformed experiments to test if certain myths are confirmed or busted!

EARTH EXPLORERS (SPRING 2021)
• 12 kids ages Kindergarten- 6th grade
• Earth Explorers had campers explore the different biomes and ecosystems on Earth and learn about many different earth explorers and their discoveries.
we partnered with The Coastal Conservancy, A Step Beyond and UnderSEE to provide two, one-week camps for 40 students from Escondido who previously had no formal coastal experience. This camp was originally planned for summer of 2020, but was postponed until July of 2021. The students participated in a variety of activities around the lagoon including hiking, kayaking and visiting various locations on the lagoon! While at the lagoon, students learned how to operate an Underwater Remote Operated Vehicle and collected data on the types of aquatic animals they saw. The camp focused on watershed and hydrology, coast ecology and local flora and fauna.

Discovery Camps

SWEET SUMMER (SUMMER 2021)
- 33 kids ages Kindergarten through 6th grade
- Sweet Summer had campers learning about the plants and pollinators that make summer bloom!

TIME TRAVELERS (SUMMER 2021)
- 36 kids ages Kindergarten- 6th grade
- During Time Travelers, campers traveled back in time to learn about the Gold Rush, Indigenous People, Dinosaurs and how transportation has evolved throughout time.

SUMMER SAFARI (SUMMER 2021)
- 31 kids ages Kindergarten- 6th grade
- Summer Safari had campers traveling across the world to learn about different ecosystem and the adaptations animals have to life in different regions of the world.

Explore the Coast

THE LAST TWO WEEKS IN JULY,

2020-2021 Annual Report

11
ON JUNE 30TH 2020, the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation launched our Preschool Playdates program. When this program was launched, we started at a three day a week program for up to 12 students from 9:30am-12:30pm. Now a year later, our program has grown to a five day a week program from 9:00am-1:00pm with up to 30 students per day! Each day of Preschool Playdates includes environmental education and literacy, a craft made from recycled materials, nature filled exploration and outdoor play.
Education

Kids Klub

OUR 36 KIDS KLUB MEMBERS JOINED US FOR OUR MONTHLY KIDS KLUB MEETINGS.

Each month the themes and activities changed, but the exploration and fun remained the same. Kids Klub met once a month on Saturdays, Tuesdays and via zoom on Thursdays. At Kids Klub meetings our members learned anything from scat and track identification to migration to gardening skills!

After School Enrichment

OUR AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM LAUNCHED IN SEPTEMBER OF 2020.

Our After-School programming was offered to kindergarteners through 5th graders on Tuesdays and Thursdays. During After School Enrichment, students learn about different environmental themes such as “Earth Protectors,” “Life Cycles” and “Habitat Happenings.” In February of 2021, we launched additional days of programming, and introduced Wacky Wednesday! In March, we partnered with Laughing Pony Rescue to bring farm animals once a month to our Wacky Wednesday programming. Our students learned about how to care for these animals and interacted with bunnies, chickens, horses, pigs, sheep and goats! We are excited to continue offering After School Enrichment as a fun outdoor after school activity.
Volunteer of the Year

GEORGE WEVER

We have been so fortunate to have George Wever join us at just the right time. He has been such a godsend during the closures. A steadfast volunteer that recognized we were in need of his gifts. He also is accompanied by his furry kids Scotty and Smitty, and his beautiful wife Jean. This family has a sixth sense when things are stressful and hectic too. They show up with flowers and chocolate just in time.

Volunteers of the Quarter

FALL 2020: GEORGE WEVER

The Volunteer of the Quarter for the Fall 2020 is also the Volunteer of the Year for the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation. Several months ago, George Wever and his wife joined AHLF to help on a particular trail segment. They began with picking up trash on HUBBS Trails. His magnificent talents, time, can-do attitude, and with his trusty furry helpers Scout and Smitty catapulted him into managing the entire Agua trail system! We are so thankful for George and his family’s commitment to Agua Hedionda.

SPRING 2021: AL, ANDY AND JESUS

2021 Spring we recognized not one, but three individuals as our Volunteers of the Quarter. Al, Andy and Jesus, have dedicated countless hours to bettering and growing the Foundation and Discovery Center. Most recently, each of them has poured their sweat, talents, and hard work in building and finishing Sanders Pond. This new exhibit is an outdoor pond and habitat home to animal ambassadors Sandy Grand Baker and Goonie, both Red-Eared Slider Turtles. The pond features a beautiful bamboo covering to protect Sandy and Goonie at night, which was hand crafted by Andy Hughes, and opens during the day allowing guests “minds to bloom” as they sit, observe, and visit. Together, Al and Jesus built out the exhibit, constructed the beautiful seating area and surrounding décor. Sanders Pond is named after the Sanders Tech Ed Foundation sfor their contribution to this exhibit.

SUMMER 2021: BRANDEN LINTNER

Summer of 2021 we recognized local Eagle Scout Branden Lintner as the Volunteer of the Quarter for his efforts in bringing the bee’s back to the Discovery Center. Branden’s Bee-quarium is the newest addition to our Native Plant Garden. The Bee-quarium was placed in our Native Plant Garden, where the bees have plenty of flowers to feast on and pollinate! Branden worked with the Encinitas Bee Company to design a new structure that the bees absolutely love! The aquarium consists of a large tank where the bees have created their hive, a door to retrieve honey, and a chimney allowing the bees to leave the hive and explore. As social insects, a common behavior found among bees is to bury or remove the dead from the hive, so Branden added a mortuary tube for the worker bees to dispose of their fallen friends. This aquarium allows visitors to observe the inner workings of a functional beehive. Enjoy as you watch the drones work and try to find the queen bee!
Board Members of the Year

STACY HALL AND LYNNEL TALONE-HONDA
In 2020, we awarded two Board Members of the Year - Stacy Hall and Lynnell Talone-Honda. Stacy single handily decided to raise almost $40,000 in a variety of ways. Through her donation of treasures, talent, and time along with allowing us to do what we needed to get the job done, our rookie of the year last year is a force to be reckoned with. Our second Board Member put in countless hours as the Discovery Gala 2020 chairperson and continually supports us in not only the single largest event of the year but sits on all the event committees. 2020 was a particularly crazy year with the hybrid version gala and she never got cold feet even though we were walking on a tight rope the entire time. Kudos to Lynnell Talone-Honda, our gala chair with the most profitable gala to date.

Board Members of the Quarter

FALL 2020: KIMBERLY HOLMES
Kimberly Holmes was recognized as the Board Member of the Quarter for the Fall 2020 edition of the Watermark. She carved out the good times with us all the way from Maine during our first ever virtual-hybrid Discovery Gala 2020 ~ The Wild Wild Lagoon. Every summer, Kimberly spends her time on the East Coast in Maine. 2020 was no different, except this time she was able to attend the event, virtually! She generously hosted a small group of her closest friends and tuned them into the event where they competed in virtual trivia, a live auction, and the Shout Out at the Ok Corral. Kimberly introduced new people to our cause and helped us go trans-atlantic. She also secured the most successful live auction package for attendees to bid on - an African Safari which was sold 4 times. Thank you Kimberly for continuing to celebrate our accomplishments and help us reach new heights.

SPRING 2021: JANI JACKSON
Jani Jackson was recognized as the Board Member of the Quarter for the Spring 2020 edition of the Watermark. The Agua Team came up with one word to describe Jani and that was steadfast. She is a steadfast friend, volunteer, board member, businesswoman, and leader. Jani is almost always first to volunteer for any event or to help in any capacity for the betterment of the community, business, or organization. For instance, she began editing our Eblasts for grammar before they are sent out, and she taught us how to navigate Zoom at the start of this now virtual world, to name a few things. Jani uses her talents to help others “minds to bloom”. Thank you Jani, for continuing to help us flourish.

SUMMER 2021: TOM STEWART
The Summer 2021 Watermark Newsletter edition recognizes Thomas Stewart of Engel & Völkers as the Board Member of the Quarter for connecting us with our Director of Education, Emily Bonds a year ago. When Tom met Emily, he learned about her passion for nature and environmental education. Right then, he knew he had to connect her with us. We thank Tom for carrying the Foundation’s mission into the community and introducing us to other passionate people who strive to help the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation grow!
RAPTOR RIDGE ON CANNON ROAD:
Since the vision and implementation of Raptor Ridge in April of 2021, we have had opportunities to bring a taste of local wildlife to many different organizations throughout San Diego County. We did several presentations with the Laughing Pony Rescue’s summer camps in Rancho Santa Fe. Our raptors have also attended a ranger station grand opening, a Retired Teacher’s Association meeting and even a wedding! Our beautiful birds have become local celebrities, having appeared on KUSI, CBS news 8 and in the Carlsbad Magazine. We have also been invited to bring them to the 2022 San Diego Bird Festival, which will allow us to expand our network beyond Carlsbad.

Our raptor internship program has grown to accommodate 5 future raptor specialists. Our interns are all at different stages of this program, and working toward learning more about these birds, as well as how to become a successful wildlife educator. Once we have more fully trained interns, we will have more opportunities to do presentations.

We are lucky to be a source of wildlife education in Carlsbad, where it is common to encounter many different species of wild raptors. We look forward to continuing educating our community about the importance and conservation of these important members of the local ecosystem.

HUBBS TRAIL RESTORATION PROJECT:
Thanks to an awarded grant from SDG&E, we have been able to start building a fence along the Eastern side of our Hubbs trail. We have installed approximately 30 feet of fencing so far and will continue this project into the next fiscal year. Our goal is to have this 920-foot fence completed before July 4th 2022 weekend, with the help of our many volunteers. The purpose of this fence is to deter foot traffic down the bluffs from Garfield Street to the trail itself. Foot traffic is one of the causes of erosion, which has been an ongoing issue in this area. Once the fence is complete, we will work on restoring this habitat, by adding native plants in areas that have been trampled. We look forward to seeing this section of the Agua Hedionda watershed thriving once again.

LIMONIUM RASOSISSIMUM (ALGERIAN SEA LAVENDER):
In conjunction with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish & Wildlife the AHLF is attempting to eradicate Algerian Sea Lavender (an invasive species) in the lagoon watershed. This project is 100% funded by the US Fish & Wildlife Service and corresponds and collaborates with the Coastal Program Coordinator of Southern California. Many volunteers and interns spend hours in the watershed, monitoring, tarping (through solarization) and hand pulling the plants as part of this project. This is our 4th year of funding in a 6-year contract. Consistent monitoring and removal will keep this project manageable as we work toward complete eradication.

NEW TRAILS:
With the help of the California Coastal Commission, we have been granted an easement at the end of our Cove Drive trail, which will help us reach our goal of lengthening the walking trails around the Agua Hedionda Lagoon. Once the plan is approved, the 75’ long trail extension will be constructed and open to the public. More public property around the lagoon helps us keep the lagoon accessible and carry out our mission.
Helen Keller once said, “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much”. Our members exemplify this quote through their constant support and commitment to the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation! The 2020/2021 Fiscal Year proved no different. Through our member’s support we were able to re-open the Discovery Center fully, with some restrictions and modifications, create a growing preschool playdates program for our youngest environmental learners, and bring 4 Native Raptors to the Discovery Center to steward their species into the future. Only together we can accomplish so much.

If you or someone you know would like to become members, please visit our website and learn how your membership allows us achieve our mission. —Office Manager, Madison Coleman.

**DONOR WALL PATRONS**
Datron World Communications

**HERON HELPERS**
Julie & Peder Norby

**GARIBALDI GIVERS**
Donald Wells

**SEA STAR SUPPORTERS**

**LIFE MEMBERS**

**AMERICAN AVOCET**

**PRESERVER**

**DEFENDER**

**PROTECTOR**

**FRIEND**
Members

SNOWY EGRET $1000
Nerice & Fred Kaufman . Mary April & Henry Shute . Catherine & James Wentz

RED TAIL HAWK $500

BROWN PELICAN $250
Carla and Tom Applegate . Shirlene Barnes Becky & Bill Clearwater . Suzanne & Andrew Concors

DISCOVERY MEMBERSHIP $150
Maria & Jeff Blake . Laura & Paul Bonaventura . Julie & Todd Bowen . Linda Bristol . Mary Brooks
North San Diego California Rare Fruit Group . Lauren Hall . Jody Hasinsky . Marco Heyer . Jill & James Hohn
Michelle & Monty James . Patricia & Jeff Johnson . Ashley Johnson . Jeffery Kasschau
Renee Roccanova & Travis Scibilia . Timothy Shook . Nabil & Daniel Sturman . Daisy Michelle Suarez

STEWARD MEMBERSHIP $100

GOLD: $30 MONTHLY ($360 ANNUALLY)
Lisa & Terrell Rodman . Cathy Fitzpatrick

SILVER: $15 MONTHLY ($180 ANNUALLY)
Ernie Chapa . Maureen Simons

BRONZE: $30 QUARTERLY ($120 ANNUALLY)
Catherine Hanham . Janet & Craig Corell . Jenna Hough . Emily Bonds
Jessica Stickel . Shanna & Shawn Wells

Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation
Discovery Gala 2020
THE WILD WILD LAGOON

Presented by Carole & John Sanders

August 29th, 2020

- **Almost entirely virtual** due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **Groups of no more than ten Cowboys & Cowgirls** spent the evening at one of fifteen different outdoor saloons, which were the homes of AHLF Board Members, Gala Committee members, and wonderful friends of the Lagoon.

- **The entire event was broadcasted over Zoom**, which was made possible by the hard-workin’ buckaroo, Mr. Mike Metts and Emcee/Cowgirl/CEO Lisa Rodman.

- **Libations provided by** Texas Wine & Spirits, Venom Vodka, as well as Pegasus Estate Winery.

- **129 attendees**

- Two rounds of a gripping **Trivia game**, hosted by A to Z Entertainment.

- **Rick Grove took the reigns as our auctioneer.**

**Raised $105,409.34**
Virtual Tip Top Run & Ride for Raptors

Presented by Poseidon Channelside

SATURDAY MARCH 12TH AND ENDED ON FRIDAY MARCH 19TH

- Offered a run or bike ride of the participant’s choice along one of four identified routes of different lengths around the Agua Hedionda Lagoon.
- Because the event was virtual, many registrants participated from afar, including residents in the states of Hawaii, Idaho, Massachusetts, Maine, New Jersey, and New York.
- Two Coloradan supporters even went cross country skiing as their activity of choice and we had one participant from Ontario, Canada.
- Each member received a SWAG BAG sponsored by Lynnell Talone Honda of the Silva Group, Berkshire Hathaway and goodies inside provided by Develop Your Team, Grand Pacific Resorts, Hospice of the North Coast, Intesa Communications, Museum of Making Music, Oceanside Turkey Trot, Stifel Carlsbad Gary Endres, Tri-City Medical Center and WWM Financial.
- The event’s namesake TIP TOP MEATS provided a to-go lunch or dinner coupon to be used during the week at the dining establishment.
- 292 participants; 118 from GIA employees and family members.
- GIA’s 8th year reigning as the largest team.

Raised $17,168
Lagoona Kahuna Team Challenge:

Field of Screams 2020
AT THE CARLSBAD STRAWBERRY COMPANY’S PUMPKIN PATCH
Every Friday and Saturday in the month of October

A twist of outdoor corn maze trails, the haunted maze provides approximately 1 mile of haunted scares featuring themed rooms, robotics, fog and frightening delights.

Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation provides the volunteers and receives half of the proceeds.

In its third year of operation, $133,624.50 was raised and approximately 175 volunteers provided frights (and received community service hours) to willing guests.

- 169 individuals
- 99 trash bags; 1.67 tons of trash
- 26 bags of invasive species removed
- $13,960 raised

- “The Big Kahuna” was Bitchin Sauce with Otter Products coming in as runner-up and a close second. Both of these teams were new to the competition this year!
- Thank you to our Healthcare Hero’s Sponsors: Connie Page Properties Group, Grand Pacific Resorts, Hale & Associates Family Law and Stifel Carlsbad Gary Endres.
- A big shout out to all our corporate team sponsors: Bitchin Sauce, Ryan Company, Develop Your Team, Easy Life Management, Otter Products and Wiegand Realty.
- The event would not have been possible without our venue sponsor California Watersports for providing all of the watercraft for our participators, and our Pizza & Brew Sponsor Pizza Port for the FUN!
Festivals

WORLD WATER DAY
March 22nd – March 28th

Presented by Leucadia Wastewater District in memory of Dave Kulchin, we launched a series of virtual and in-person activities to help people celebrate and get involved in World Water Day 2021 with the goal to understand the true value of water, and what it means to everyone.

Outreach Collaborations

BIRDING

- On the third Sunday of each month (until Covid-19 came into play), starting at 8:00 a.m., AHLF provides Monthly Bird Walks led by local birder Rick Grove. Our bird walks take place along our different Discovery Center Trails located around the beautiful Agua Hedionda Lagoon. Birders meet at the Discovery Center and caravan over together.
- Rick has a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and Economics as well as a Master's Degree in Education, and has been an avid bird watcher since 1983. Additionally, he is a member of the San Diego Field Ornithologists. In 2015, he observed an outstanding 300 species of birds in San Diego alone.

CARLSBAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
RISING STAR OF THE MONTH

- In February of 2021, the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation became a sponsor of the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce’s Rising Star of the Month Program. The purpose for this program is to honor students who have overcome some kind of challenge in their life but have kept their education as a priority. The core of the Rising Star of the Month is the student who makes a difference in their home, school and community with sincerity and passion.
- They reward them with SWAG bags and scholarships to promote continuing education.
- The Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation is happy to support this program.

KINDNESS CERTIFIED COMPANY
WITH KIDS FOR PEACE/CARLSBAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

- Kindness Certified Companies (KCC) are good to their people, community, planet and world.
- Expanding upon a successful Great Kindness Challenge — and in partnership with The Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce — Kids for Peace recognizes upstanding companies and provides meaningful opportunities to elevate their commitment to kindness.
- Together – with our families, schools, businesses and nonprofit partners – we bring our community together and propel the kindness movement forward.
- Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation is privileged to be Kindness Certified Company.

Memberships and Affiliations:

- Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce
- Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club
- Guidestar – Platinum
- North County Philanthropy Council
- PWI Partner
- Rotary Club of Carlsbad
- San Diego County Farm Bureau
- Soroptimist of Oceanside/Carlsbad
- U.S. Green Chamber
- 1% for the Planet
Social Media

Metrics
AS OF 12/2/2021:

- Instagram: @aguahedionda; 1478 followers
- Facebook: @aguahediondalagoonfoundation; 2,687 page likes and 2851 followers
- Youtube: Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation (Discovery center); 124 subscribers
- Twitter: @ahlagoon; 821 followers
- Nature All Around Me Podcast (found wherever you catch your podcasts)
  - ~100 subscribers
  - ~3000 downloads
- LinkedIn: agua-hedionda-lagoon-foundation; 133 total followers
  - Increase by 18 followers

Photo Gallery

Monarch Butterfly
Painted Catapiller Structure
Baby Alligator Lizard
## AGUA HEDIONDA LAGOON FOUNDATION

### Balance Sheet Summary

**As of June 30, 2021**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Asset Category</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bank Accounts</td>
<td>$282,141.31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Accounts Receivable</td>
<td>$0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other Current Assets</td>
<td>$5,167.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fixed Assets</td>
<td>$353,235.49</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other Assets</td>
<td>$856.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>$641,399.80</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Liability Category</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Accounts Payable</td>
<td>$0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Current Liabilities</td>
<td>$6,720.12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ong Term Liabilities</td>
<td>$168,067.92</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(*PPP and EIDL Loans fully forgiven)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Liabilities</strong></td>
<td><strong>$174,788.04</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Equity</strong></td>
<td><strong>$466,611.76</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Liabilities and Equity</strong></td>
<td><strong>$641,399.80</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

![Pie chart showing financial breakdown]
A Smooth Move From Start To Finish ... & Beyond

Serving Carlsbad, Serving Community, Serving YOU!

Wendysue Wiegand
Real Estate Broker & Owner
Wiegand Realty
DRE#01946136

760-579-9979
wendy@wendywiegand.com
www.WiegandRealty.net
Team Building
Corporate Training
Leadership Development

Jani Jackson
jani@developyoureteam.com
760-652-5060

www.developyoureteam.com

Megan Schenck
Broker | Owner
858 776 0427
megan@3lagoons.com
threelagoons.com

ALL-IN-ONE PAYROLL & HR
Talk To An Expert
At PayrollHub our most valuable asset is our experienced people. Our team of professionals are committed to helping you succeed.
Have a question? We have an answer.

CALL US today
760.923.3717
EMAIL US today
info@payrollhub.com

polished images salon
the experts in hair & nails

CALL TODAY FOR AN APPOINTMENT!
760-431-8405
6120 PASEO DEL NORTE, CARLSBAD

Sunfresh Flowers
Connie Michaelson
Owner
760-438-0544
Mobile 760-815-0356
sunfreshflowers@hotmail.com
Sunfreshcarls.com
Celebrating life the whole year through. Happy Holidays.

Karla Patino
Home Mortgage Consultant
760-271-5000
karla.patino@wellsfargo.com
NMLSID 448603
Valuable Benefits For You:
• Personal, Responsive Service
• More Options to Save You $
• Top Rated Companies
• Customized Plans/Affordable Coverage
• Unbiased Advice

WWW.BRUBAKERASSOCIATES.COM
760-729-1800
2585 Pio Pico Drive, Suite 100 Carlsbad, CA 92008

Brubaker & Associates
Independent Insurance & Financial Services
“Your Local Independent Agency for All Your Insurance Needs”

Stifel
Investment Services Since 1890
Committed to Helping You and Your Family Grow and Preserve Your Wealth

Gary P. Endres
Branch Manager
First Vice President/Investments
(760) 804-3404 | endresg@stifel.com
Contact me on LinkedIn.

Investment services for over 35 years
▷ Asset Allocation
▷ Bonds
▷ Cashless Stock Option Exercise
▷ Common Stocks
▷ Estate Planning
▷ ETFs/Mutual Funds
▷ Fee-Based
▷ Income Strategies
▷ Municipal Bonds
▷ Options
▷ Preferred Stocks
▷ Retirement Planning
▷ Tax Planning Strategies

For a no-obligation financial evaluation, please contact me!
Experience | Personalized Strategies | Advocate for Your Interests

Power Blaster Printing
Your Image Is Our Business
T-shirts • Team Uniforms • Embroidery • Promotional Products
760-471-9221
www.powerblasterprinting.com

5780 Fleet Street, Suite 250 • Carlsbad, California 92008
Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated | Member SIPC & NYSE | www.stifel.com

30
proudly supports the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation in their mission to inspire people through education and outreach to preserve the lagoon as an accessible and healthy watershed.
California WaterSports
on the Carlsbad Lagoon

Come on by to the Carlsbad Lagoon.

We have everything from standup paddle boards to electric speedboats. It’s a great family friendly environment and has equipment that everyone will enjoy.

Open 7 days a week from 9am - 7pm.
carlsbadlagoon.com
760-434-3089
The Carlsbad Charitable Foundation, a proud affiliate of the San Diego Foundation serves as the most effective funding force in supporting, strengthening and growing nonprofits in the Carlsbad community.

We are delighted to support the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation in their mission.

When it comes to your to-do list, put your future first.

To find out how to get your financial goals on track, contact us for a complimentary review.

Darcy I Wolfe, CFP®, AAMS®
Financial Advisor
3129 Tiger Run Court
Suite A-102
Carlsbad, CA 92010
760-727-1008

daryjwolfe.com
Member SIPC
EdwardJones.com
Making Sense of Investing

Contact Us
(760) 266-4700
info@engagelifecare.com
www.engagelifecare.com

Alesia Clark, Founder

Sunset Bay Candy Company thrives on making candies the best they can be. Using the best ingredients possible — from start to finish — each batch is handmade with love and care.

See all of our signature homestyle candies at www.sunsetbaycandy.com

39 YEARS SELLING SAN DIEGO
760.438.0800
www.LundTeam.com
6114 Innovation Way Carlsbad, CA 92009

THE LUND TEAM, INC.
A Family Real Estate Company Since 1982
One Heart, One Mission

We provide compassionate personalized care to patients and families during the end-of-life transition.

Our Hospice

Pacifica House

Pacifica House is a six-bed in-patient hospice home, the only one in North County. Designed for patients who require round the clock care for acute symptom management, Pacifica House is a comfortable environment for patients, families and even their pets.

Hospice Resale Shop

All proceeds from our Resale Shop in Encinitas support Pacifica House. Shop, donate, or volunteer today.

2525 Pio Pico Dr., Suite 301, Carlsbad, CA 92008
Phone: 760.431.4100 | FAX: 760.431.4133 | Website: www.hospicenorthcoast.org
values our partnership with the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation to promote a balanced and accessible use of the Agua Hedionda Lagoon, and providing sustainable practices for generations to come.