

# San Diego County Parks Society

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## SDCPS to Raise Funds for Model of Los Peñasquitos Watershed



*Los Peñasquitos Creek originates near Poway and drains into Los Peñasquitos Lagoon near Del Mar. Photo by D Ramey Logan.*

The San Diego County Parks Society (SDCPS) is collecting donations to create a to-scale bronze model of the Los Peñasquitos watershed, which will be used for educational programs at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve.

The park serves around 34,000 visitors annually. In addition, the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation's Discovery Program partners with local schools to bring nearly 1,000 children to the park each year.

The Los Peñasquitos Discovery Program educates students on what a watershed is, how it functions, its human impacts, historical aspects of the park, and how native flora and fauna depend on the watershed.

A watershed is an area where surface water converges to a single point. The Los Peñasquitos watershed covers more than 60,000 acres in west-central San Diego County, draining into the Pacific Ocean at Torrey Pines State Beach.

The model will show the contours of the watershed's mountains and valleys and can be used for interactive demonstrations of how water makes its way to the ocean.

To create and cast the model, SDCPS hired local artist Brian Gibson, who has produced work for educational institutions and nature centers.

SDCPS is seeking to raise \$60,000 by December. To learn more or to donate, go to [sdcps.org](http://sdcps.org).

## County Showcases "Rad" Parks

The San Diego County Department of Parks and Recreation's "Rad Regional Parks" series will feature one regional park each month from now until June 2023.

Day-use fees will be waived all month at the featured park, there will be special events, and visitors can receive a park logo sticker and enter a monthly drawing for an all-parks pass (free parking for a year).

The series kicked off in July. Events so far have included a Fourth of July celebration at Waterfront Park, family fun day at Flinn Springs County Park, historic tours at Heritage County Park, and movie screenings (sponsored by the San Diego County Parks Society).



*Photo by San Diego County Parks and Recreation.*



## Whaley Family Clothes and Accessories Restored

The San Diego County Parks Society funded the restoration and preservation of several personal items belonging to Thomas and Anna Whaley, the original residents of Old Town's famous Whaley House.

The restored items include a bodice, shoulder cape, skirt, hat, leather bag, and opera glasses belonging to Anna and a waistcoat, vest, and top hat belonging to Thomas.

The items were heavily encrusted with dust and damaged from extended exposure to sunlight. Some items had mold spotting, loose threads, and moth damage.

Although some of the damage was irreversible, the restoration sought to stabilize these items to prevent further deterioration and to restore some of the original appearance.

Because of their delicate nature, these items will be stored

in the county's archives, though they will be occasionally displayed to the public.

The Whaleys, who had six children, moved into their home in Old Town in 1857. The two-story brick building was designed by Thomas. At the time, it was considered one of the finest homes in Southern California.

It served, at various times, as a theater, the county courthouse, and a general store.



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