

## **San Diego River Property Acquisition**

### **Project Description:**

As part of the master planning efforts for the San Diego River, the City of San Diego has reviewed the property ownership along the River corridor. This effort has identified several properties that could greatly improve public access to the river and increase the overall opportunities available along the river for enhancement, recreation and restoration. Currently the City has conducted preliminary research of four potential properties. Each of these sites is currently undeveloped and could allow for the fulfillment of goals and objectives outlined in the Draft San Diego River Park Master Plan. Along with these first four sites the City has identified two additional properties which should be analyzed for their potential as River Park expansion areas.

### **Potential Acquisition Sites:**

Current status of the four potential acquisition sites for the San Diego River: (see the attached map for exact locations)

- 1) Cannery Row, Mission Valley – Located along Hotel Circle between the Hotel Circle ramp to the east and Taylor Street to the west. A letter has been sent to the property owners with inquiries about the property. The Parcel has recently been in escrow and may still be tied up in a private development contract.
- 2) Mid- West TV – Located just east of the Mission Trails, Kumeyaay camp ground near highway 52 and the City of Santee boundary. A meeting is being arranged with the owners to discuss future plans and potential options for the property. The property is heavily constrained with floodway limitations and sensitive habitat.
- 3) Denton Property – Located near the Friar's Road Bridge south of the Admiral Baker Golf Course. An initial contact with the owners has revealed no interest in selling. A meeting is being sought to discuss options for purchasing portions of the property which do not have development potential.
- 4) Grant – Located east of Qualcomm Way on the south side of the river. The current owners are holding this site as a potential mitigation area for another development project which they are pursuing in the Mission Valley area.

The two additional sites that the City will investigate in the near future include:

- A) Alpine Glass Property. This parcel was recently purchased by MTDB as part of the Grantville Station.
- B) Superior Property. The City is interested in possible acquisition of a parcel that is part of the mining operation north of the Admiral Baker Golf Course. Staff has met with the owner and had a preliminary meeting to discuss development plans

for the properties. Staff will continue to work with the owner and pursue opportunities for this area in the near future.

**Next Steps:**

Over the next several months staff will continue to discuss each of these sites with the current owners and investigate other potential property along the river. This process of monitoring the corridor and pursuing potential acquisition sites will continue throughout the master planning and implementation phases of the project.