### Map Source: KTU+A

**Recreation Recommendations** 

## R1 Construct the segment of the San Diego River Pathway with identification markers as envisioned in the San Diego River Park Master Plan from the southern park boundary approximately 1.06 miles. This trail segment is primarily along an existing bench cut overlooking the river gorge to the eastern edge of the Deerfield Bike Skills Area. An information kiosk should be constructed at the southern end of the trail.

R2 Improve the connection between the San Diego River Crossing staging area and the Deerfield Bike Skills Area as part of the San Diego River Pathway improvements within the park. Due to the volume of storm water runoff within the drainage during the wet season, a significant bridge crossing or benched trail adjacent to Mission Gorge Road is recommended.

- R3 Improve the section of the Visitor Center Loop trail from the San Diego River Crossing staging area to the Visitor and Interpretive Center to a wider, more accessible trail to facilitate the use of the San Diego River Crossing staging area as overflow parking for the Visitor and Interpretive Center. This section of trail is also included as part of the proposed San Diego River Pathway alignment through the park.
- R4 Construct an all weather suspension or truss pedestrian and bicycle bridge across the San Diego River near the San Diego River Crossing trail.
- R5 Construct an improved low-flow crossing or seasonal removable bridge structure at the San Diego River Crossing to remove the unauthorized existing use of the concrete encased sewer main, while a bridge option (MG-R4) is developed.
- R6 Improve the surfacing of the Oak Grove trail to provide all weather access. Improvements may require some localized rerouting to lessen trail gradient.
- R7 Construct a new trail connection along the Mission Gorge Road embankment from the Oak Grove trail to the intersection of Golfcrest Drive and Mission Gorge Road. This will provide improved community access into the park, as well as the potential for connectivity with the Cowles Mountain area if the staging area (CM-F2) and trail (CM-R16) recommendations within that area are constructed.
- R8 Construct a new trail connection from the Climbers Loop trail to Kwaay Paay peak to create a loop trail over Kwaay Paay.
- R9 Assess the Kwaay Paay hiking trail for localized improvements to address trail grades and erosion issues. If localized improvements are inadequate or infeasible, then sections of the trail should be rerouted.
- R10 Close and restore the access trail from Simeon Drive to Father Junipero Serra Trail.
- R11 Close and restore the western Kwaay Paay access trail from the Old Mission Dam staging area to avoid direct conflicts with the protection of San Diego Ambrosia.
- R12 Implement San Diego River Pathway identification markers along existing sections of the proposed alignment within the park.
- R13 Close and restore the existing hiking trail from the Kwaay Paay peak down to the cliffs above the Climbers Loop trail.

### Facility Recommendations

- Construct one or more electric vehicle charging stations within the existing Visitor and Interpretive Center parking lot if analysis supports it.
- F2 Operate Kumeyaay Lake Campground as an overnight campground.
- F3 Improve the Deerfield Bike Skills Area to create a broader variety of features that are appropriate for a wider range of user types and skills.
- F4 Continue to support the Visitor and Interpretive Center program and display enhancements.
- F5 Conduct a Parking Study to determine the parking shortfall that exists during periods of peak park usage.
- F6 Construct a parking lot on the easterly side of Father Junipero Serra Trail between Mission Gorge Road and the Visitor and Interpretive Center driveway entrance per the recommendations from the Parking Study in MG-F5. Relocate existing picnic tables and other improvements as necessary.
- F7 Preserve and maintain the Old Mission Dam through the acquisition of permits required for long-term periodic removal of siltation.
- F8 Construct a permanent restroom at the Old Mission Dam staging area to replace the existing portable toilets.
- F9 Remove accumulated silt from the Kumeyaay Lake.
- F10 Construct and maintain a park entry sign at the east end of Father Junipero Serra Trail and Mission Gorge Road per the signage guidelines.
- F11 Construct the Deerfield Canyon Nature Park, approximately 2 acres, located adjacent to the Deerfield Bike Skills Area. Park amenities could include picnic areas, trails, interpretive panels, fitness course, children's play area of natural looking play structures, parking, and native landscaping.

# Recreation Recommendations (continued)

R14 Construct a new bridge crossing at Kumeyaay Lake to create a loop trail from the campground.

### Habitat/Species Recommendations

- H1 Use the closed trail (MG-R11) area to expand the population of San Diego Ambrosia.
- H2 Conduct habitat restoration or revegetation activities within disturbed areas as needed.

## Management Recommendation

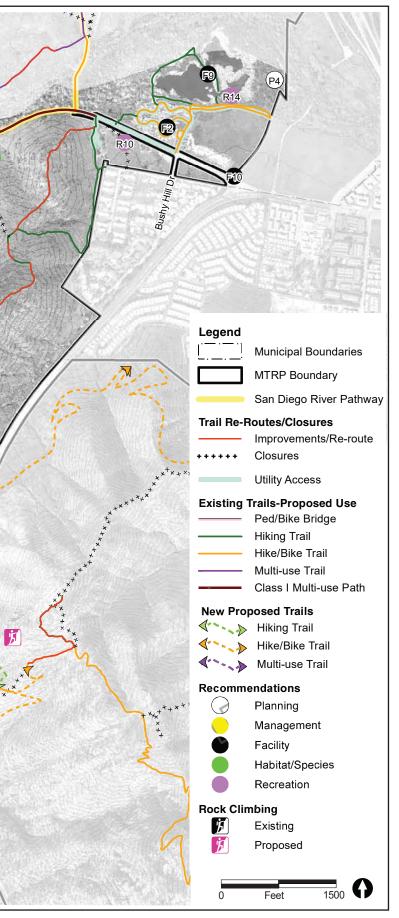
M1 Maintain the San Diego River as a "live stream" that flows year round. Continue to support water reclamation for stream replenishment within the San Diego River.

### Planning Recommendations

- P1 Maintain the river gorge between the Old Mission Dam and the southern park boundary as a secluded area without major facilities.
- P2 Ensure that trail linkages through the park are made as shown in the San Diego River Park Master Plan.
- P3 Consider acquiring the 200+ acres currently owned by the City of San Diego PUD on Kwaay Paay as dedicated parkland. The PUD would retain easements for their facilities.
- P4 Coordinate with adjacent land owners to restore the perimeter berm around Kumeyaay Lake and redirect the San Diego River back to its former course to reduce sedimentation the introduction of exotic species, and increased mosquito breeding within the lake. Ensure that redirection of flows reinvigorates the adjacent least Bell's vireo habitat and wetland mitigation site which the river once flowed through.

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FIGURE 3-6

Mission Gorge Area Planning Recommendations