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DEL MAR, Calif. After nearly fifteen years of planning and legal wrangling -- an 86 (m) million dollar restoration of the San Dieguito Lagoon will begin this month.

Once the nesting season for endangered birds ends in mid-September, crews will begin clearing vegetation and setting up equipment for a job to move more than two (m) million cubic yards of earth around the river valley between Del Mar and Solana Beach.

The restoration encompasses 440 acres and extends from the lagoon's outlet at Del Mar's north beach east to El Camino Real.

Southern California Edison is paying for the project to compensate for marine life killed by the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.

The lagoon's outlet to the ocean is now clogged and a vast bloom of algae is spreading across the backwaters.

The project also calls for the creation of 16 acres of nesting sites for endangered birds.

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