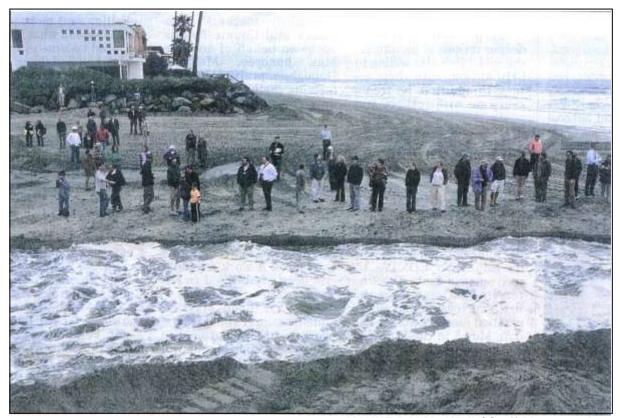


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GETTING INTO THE FLOW



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River mouth opens wide at Del Mar seaside lagoon

A crowd watches water from the San Dieguito River flow toward the ocean after a dam of sand was opened by an excavator for Southern California Edison in Del Mar on Tuesday. Although the opening of the river mouth is an annual event, the work this year was done under an emergency permit from the state Coastal Commission. The work will allow ocean tides to flow back in, increase oxygen levels for fish and help the lagoon wetlands now being renewed by the San Dieguito Lagoon Restoration project.