

# COAST TO CREST TRAIL

## *San Dieguito Coastal Trail Segments*

**The following slides show the planned Coastal Trail portion of the San Dieguito River Park's Coast to Crest Trail.**

**This section of the Coastal Trail would extend from Jimmy Durante Blvd. to El Camino Real, a distance of 2.7 miles. The long-term concept is to bring the trail to the beach, but no alignment is feasible at this time.**



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**The Coast to Crest Trail is a multi-use trail planned to extend 55 miles from the source of the San Dieguito River on Volcan Mountain, just north of Julian, to the River's mouth at Del Mar. Seventeen miles of the trail in the vicinity of I-15 (Lake Hodges and San Pasqual Valley) already exist and are in public use.**





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**The Coastal Trail is an integral component of the Wetland Restoration Project. It will ensure the viability of the overall Wetland Restoration Project by managing and directing public access, which is currently unregulated, away from the created and restored wetlands, to the outer perimeter of the project area.**

**The Coastal Trail will provide interpretive signage about wetlands and opportunities for nature study.**



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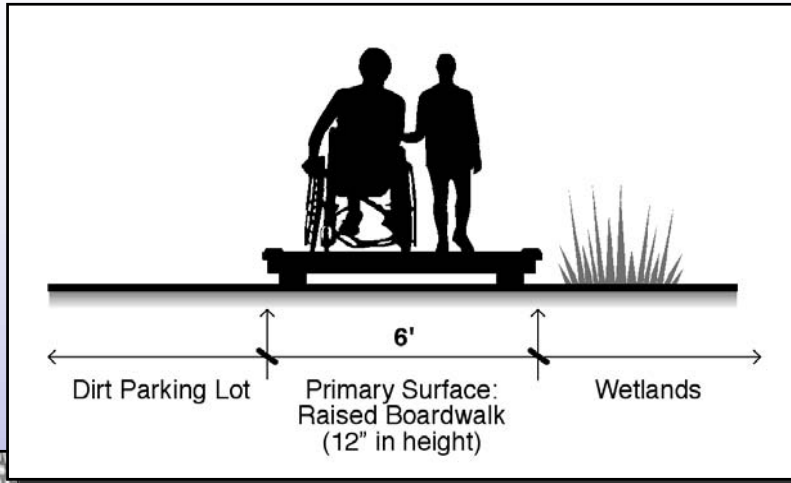
**As with the rest of the Coast to Crest Trail, the Coastal Trail is for hikers, equestrians and bicyclists, with the exception of the first segment which is a boardwalk for pedestrians only.**





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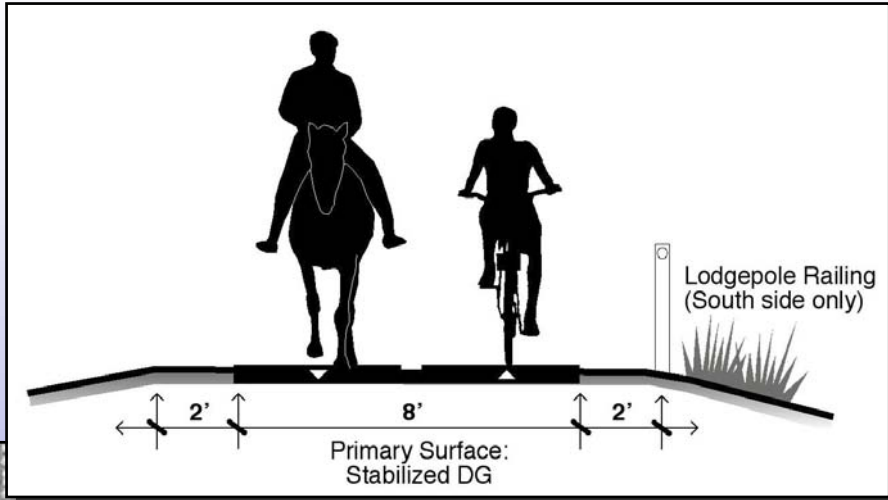
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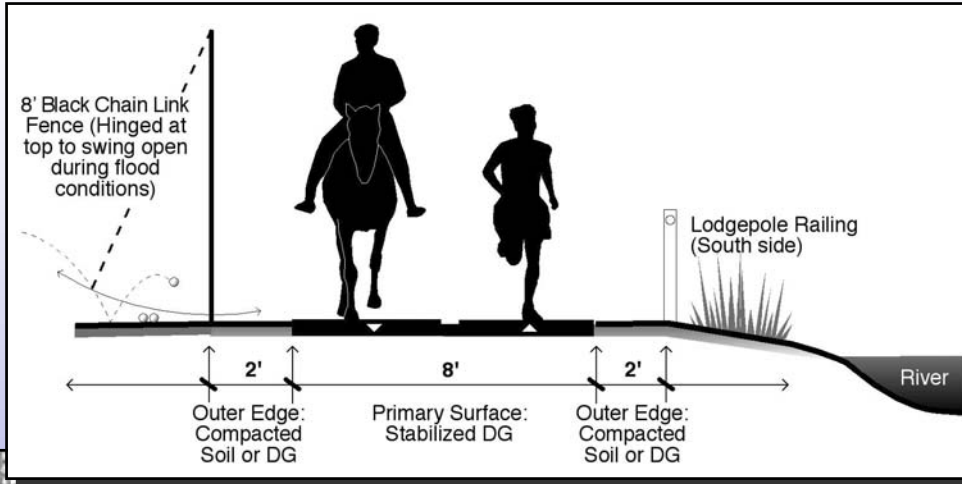
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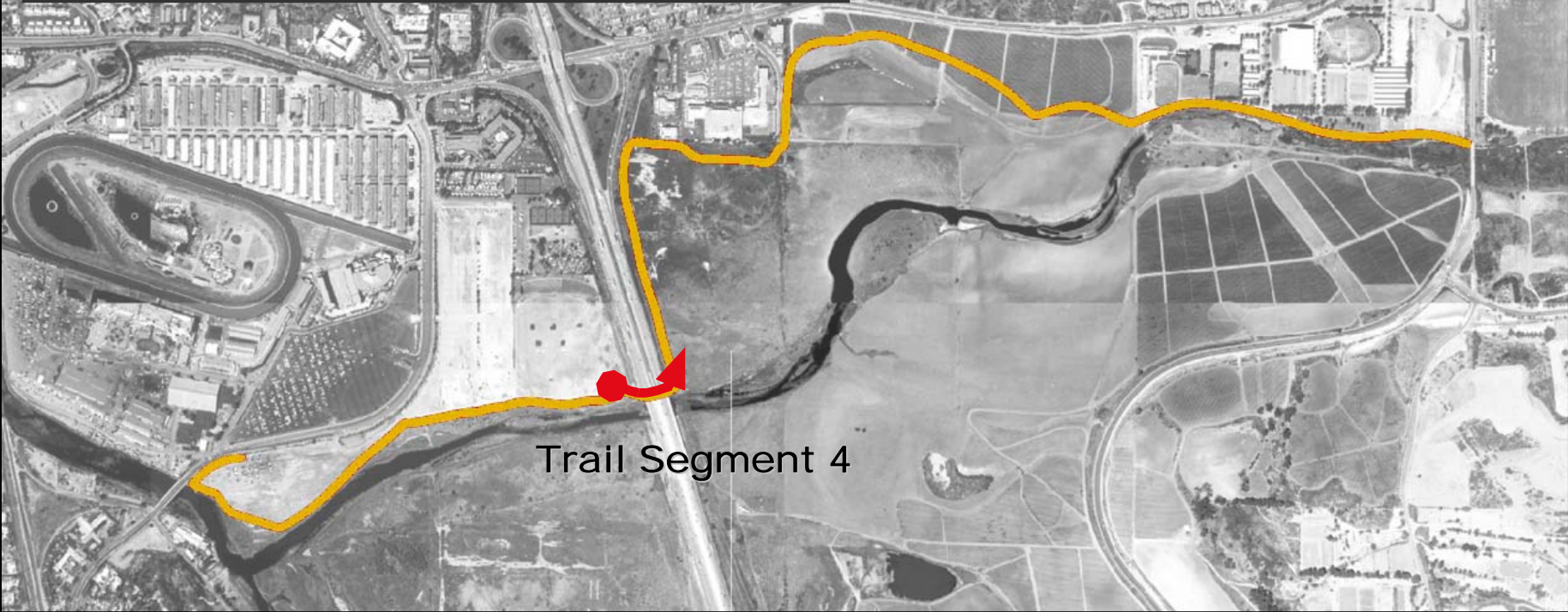
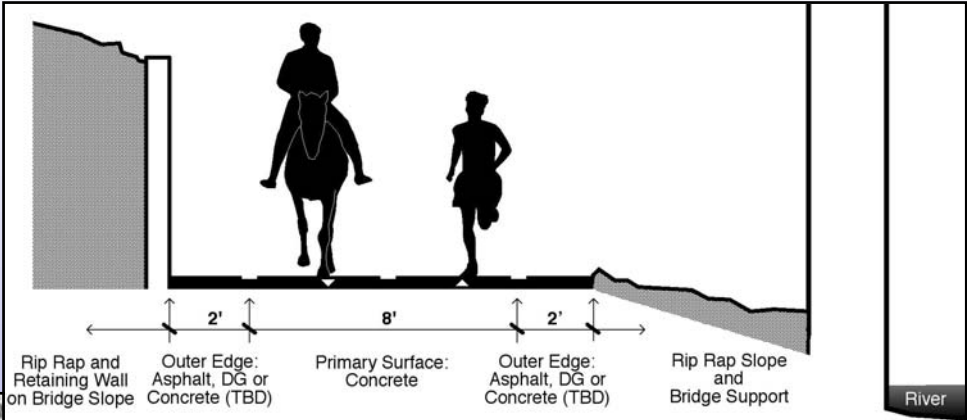
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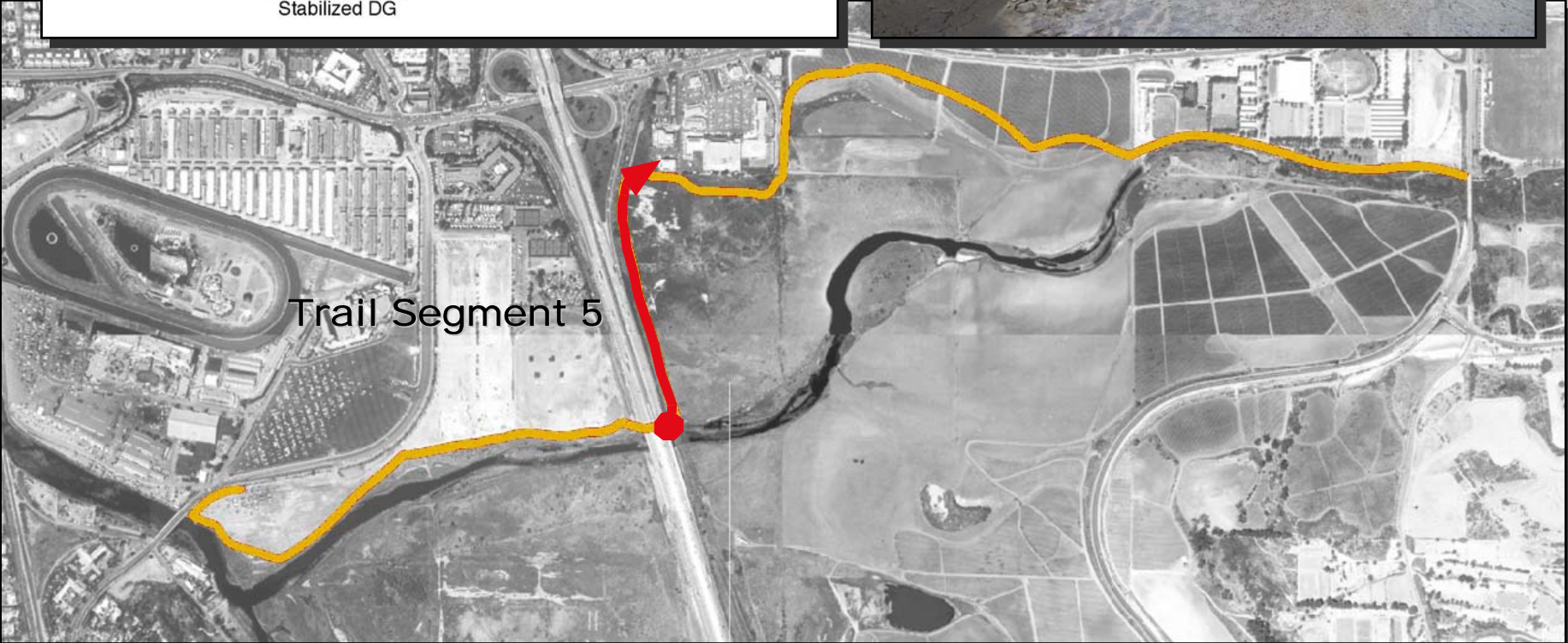
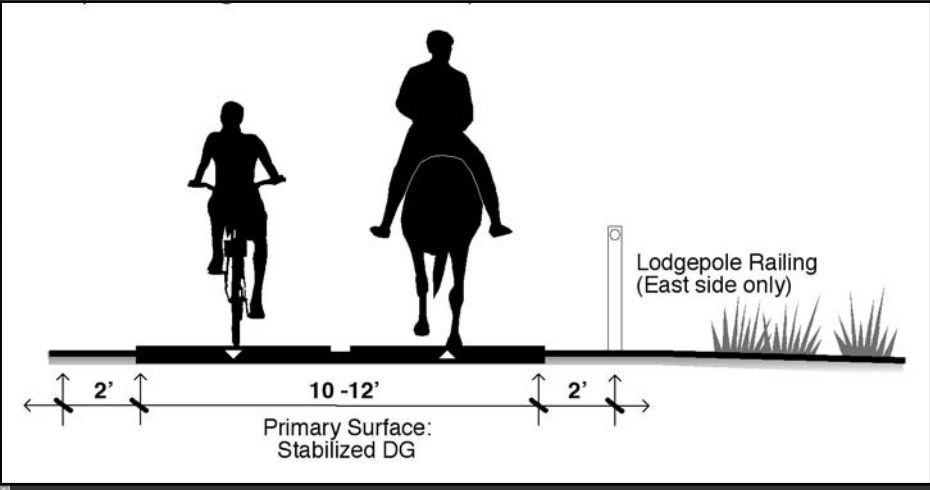
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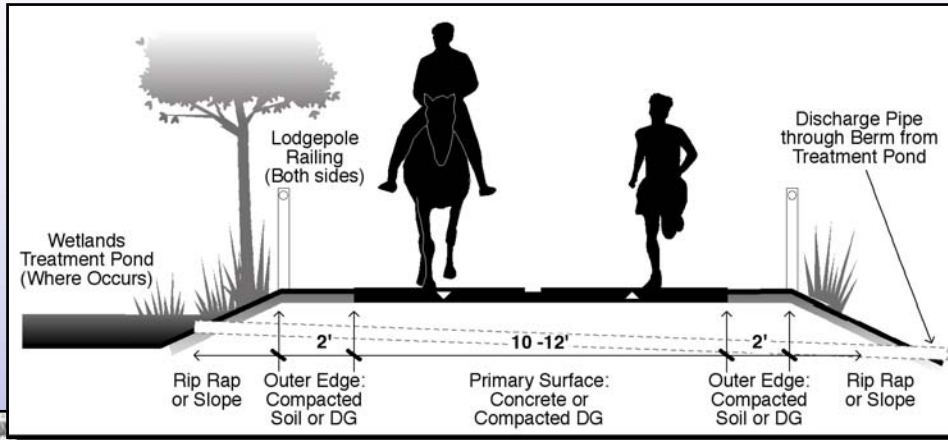
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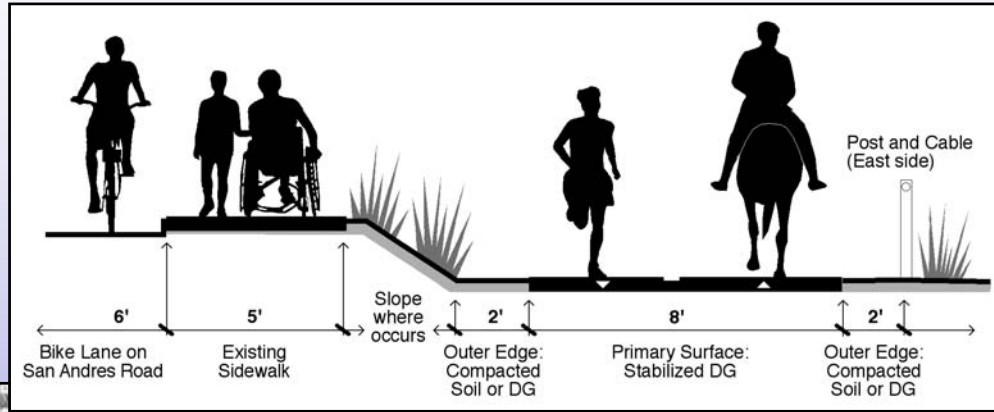
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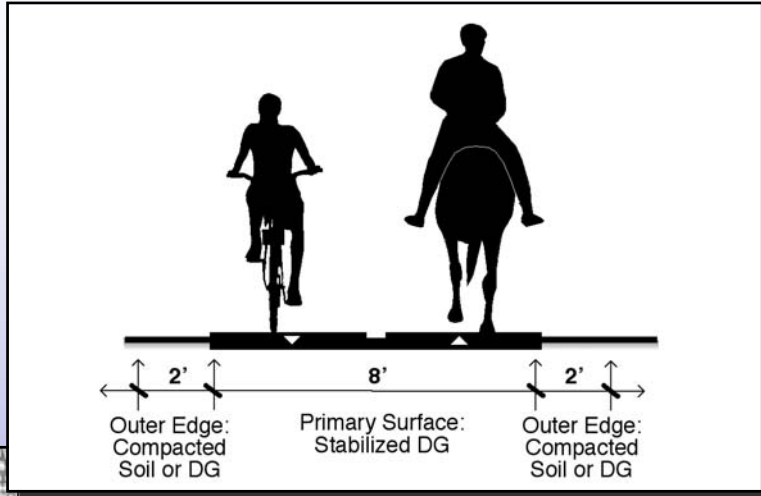
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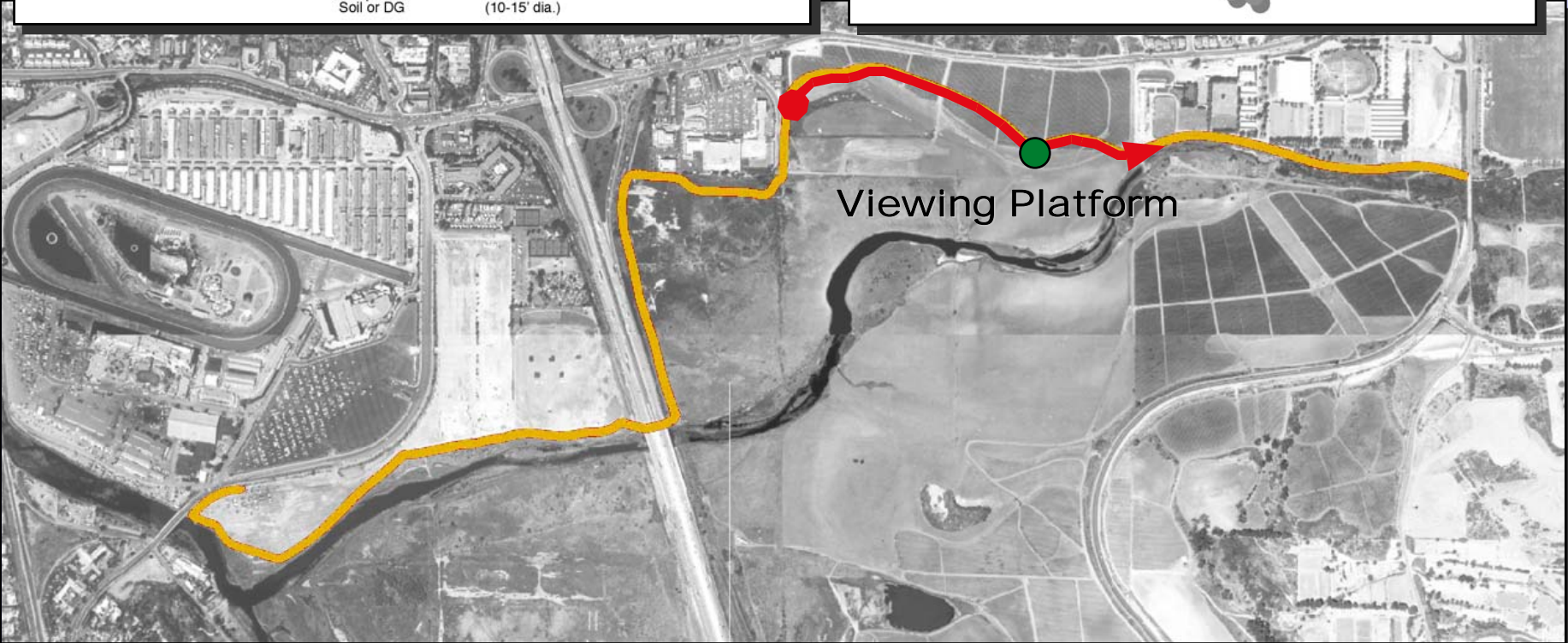
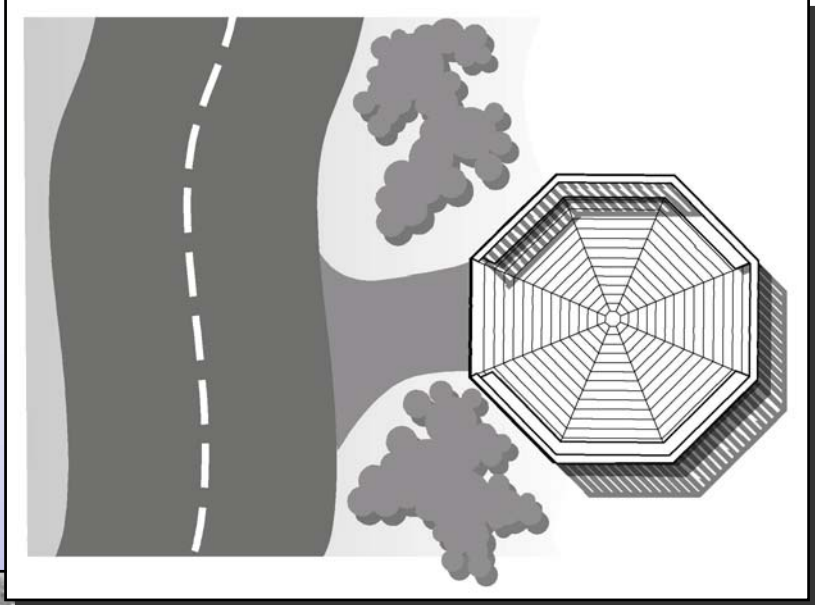
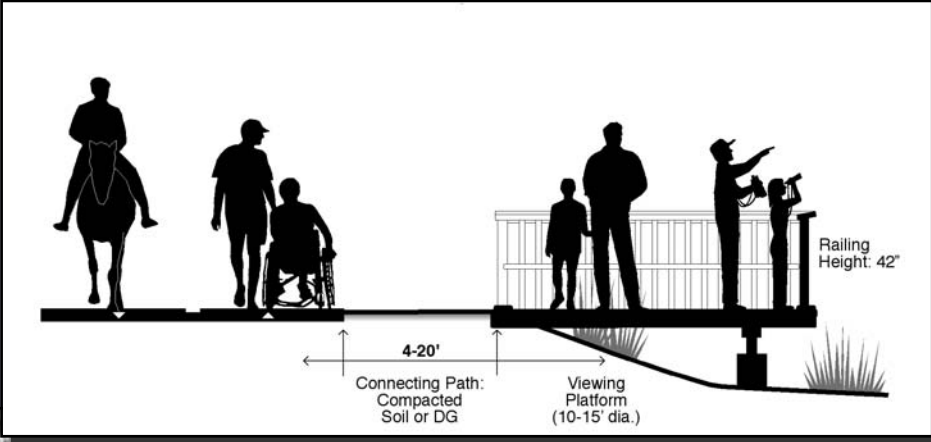
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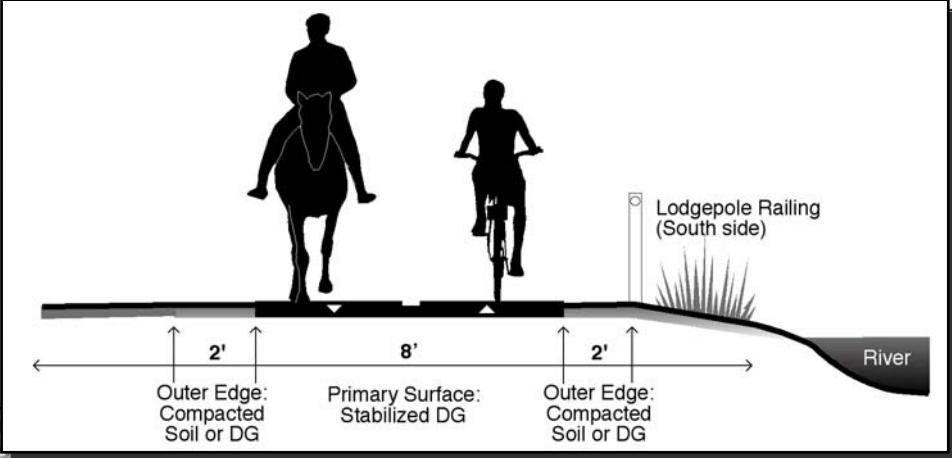
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Issue	CCC Staff Position	JPA Staff Position	Status
Boardwalk Height	Height should be lowered to reduce disturbance to birds	2-3 foot height preferred for views. However, Howard Chang said height could be hydrologic impact, should be reduced to a 1-foot height. He also said that post & cable fencing would not be acceptable within the Effective Flow Area	Boardwalk lowered to 1-foot elevation, and fencing was removed

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Drainage crossings at Freeway	Required analysis of alternatives to determine least impact. Concerned about wetland impacts	Engineers reviewing alternative designs (bridge, culvert, and open bottomed culvert) to identify least impact alternative. Howard Chang raised concern that the bridge alternative would form an obstruction in flood conditions.	Alternatives under review.



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<p>Equestrian use west of Nature Center</p>	<p>CCC proposed no equestrian use west of the Nature Center in order to reduce trail width to minimize wetland impacts; also questioned the purpose since there was no place for horses to go west of I-5.</p> <p>CCC noted potential impacts from manure, hoof ruts, etc., as well as potential conflicts with other trail users (bikes, pedestrians).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17 miles of the trail already exist and have been in place for some years. User conflicts have been minimal, and are resolved through proper design and management and enforcement measures.</li> <li>• JPA’s Equestrian Committee urged not to preclude equestrian use in the design of the trail because conditions in the future could change in such a way that the Coast to Crest Trail would be able to reach the beach, even if currently no alignment is feasible.</li> <li>• Hoof ruts will be addressed with proper trail design and maintenance, as on other sections of the Coast to Crest Trail. Manure will be cleaned up from the trail on a regular or as-needed basis, depending on the amount of equestrian usage.</li> </ul>	<p>Equestrian use is still proposed west of the Nature Center. Signs would indicate the point where equestrians are to turn-around and return. The turn-around location would be at the west end of Segment 2, before reaching the boardwalk. There is sufficient space for equestrians to turn around.</p> <p>JPA staff is proposing a 12-foot-wide trail under the I-5 freeway; this is a reduction from the originally proposed 16-foot-wide trail.</p>

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Berm Overlook Trail	CCC staff requested that this trail be eliminated in order to avoid impacting birds in the wetlands below the berm. Suggested a viewing platform instead.	JPA staff agreed to recommend this change to JPA Board. A viewing platform is being designed.	Overlook Berm Trail proposed for elimination. Viewing platform recommended instead.



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Trail alignment on “Villages” parcel (Segment 8)	CCC suggested re-aligning the trail closer to Via de la Valle to capture better views and provide additional distance from wetlands.	When the excavated soils are placed on the “Villages” parcel, the entire grade will be changed. Views will no longer be better closer to the road, and there will be a slope above the wetlands.	The trail alignment continues to be proposed on the south edge of the property at the top of the slope (after the excavated soils are placed there). The trail alignment is a minimum of 100 feet from the new wetlands.

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<p><b>Horsepark Trail alignment</b></p> <p>The Park Master Plan proposed two alternatives – one, Segment 9, on the north side of the river, at the south edge of the Horsepark operation, and the other, Segment 11/12, that would cross the river at the southwest corner of Horsepark and then cross the Boudreau property to reach El Camino Real.</p>	<p>Concerned about proximity of the trail to the river</p> <p>Potential impacts to views from the fence design.</p>	<p>Segment 9 is preferred because it would avoid crossing the river, and then re-crossing it further to the east. However, there is insufficient room for the trail given the current configuration of Horsepark. Horsepark management cannot squeeze the trail past the south horse field without detriment to the horse shows there.</p> <p>The fence described in the FEIR for the Park Master Plan for the Coastal Area for this location is either a lodgepole type fence or a paddock style fence. Either would be about 48” high, with two or three horizontal rails. The FEIR did not identify any visual impacts associated with trail fencing.</p>	<p>JPA staff is holding preliminary discussions with Horsepark to identify a solution. Discussions that could lead to a reconfiguration of the existing horse and canine fields next to the river have been promising. If the existing horse and canine fields were moved, it would give more flexibility in trail location, so that the trail would not have to be directly adjacent to the river in those areas.</p>



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