



HISTORY

TIMELINE

BATIQUITOS LAGOON FOUNDATION

- 9,500 B.P – 950 B.P.** Archaeological findings show evidence of various California Paleo-Indian cultures living near Batiquitos Lagoon and living on collected shellfish from the waters of Batiquitos Lagoon.
- 1769 – 1833** Exploration expeditions come through north San Diego County. San Luis Rey Mission, established in 1798, probably used land adjacent to the Lagoon for grazing of livestock. Local Native Americans continued to utilize the Lagoon's resources.
- 1849 – 1900** The American takeover in 1848 of Mexican ranchos opens the area around the Lagoon for homesteading in the 1870s.
- 1880** A major roadway extending south from the Lagoon through Green Valley (El Camino Real) is built.
- 1881** California Southern Railroad erects tracks across the Lagoon's mouth.
- 1901 – 1910** The California Salt Company operates 25 acres of evaporative ponds in the Lagoon's eastern basin.
- 1912** Pacific Coast Highway is constructed adjacent to Batiquitos Lagoon.
- 1917** The avocado is introduced and irrigated orchards become a prevalent land use around the Lagoon.
- 1934** Santa Fe Railroad is constructed across the Lagoon.
- 1952** San Marcos Dam is constructed, decreasing the volume of water in the Lagoon and limiting the potential of floods. The Lagoon becomes infrequently tidal.
- 1965** Interstate 5 is constructed across the Lagoon. La Costa Resort is built on the eastern part of the Lagoon.
- 1976** San Diego County prepares a master plan for Batiquitos Lagoon Recreational Park. The Lagoon becomes rarely tidal.

- 1983** The Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation is formed.
- 1984** The City of Carlsbad annexes Batiquitos Lagoon.
- 1986** The Port of Los Angeles and City of Carlsbad join to form the Batiquitos Lagoon Enhancement Project to restore the Lagoon and open a tidal inlet to the ocean.
- 1990** Completion of Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement.
- 1994 – 1997** Batiquitos Lagoon Enhancement Plan (BLEP) for the restoration and dredging of Batiquitos Lagoon.
- 1997 – 2007** Program for biological monitoring (wildlife, water quality, et al.)
- 2000 – 2001** Maintenance dredging (75,000 cu ft)