HISTORICAL CONDITIONS

PREDEVELOPMENT ECOLOGY – historical conditions help guide restoration.

Project Vicinity: 1857

1. San Diego River had multiple courses
2. Rose Creek followed more sinuous path to Mission (False) Bay
3. Mosaic of subtidal, mudflat, salt marsh, transition, and riparian habitats
4. Substantial open water, subtidal habitat

Planning Area Habitats: mid to late 1800s

PROJECT VICINITY FROM 1800s TO PRESENT DAY

1857
- Both Mission Bay and Rose Creek looked very different than they do today.
- Development in the area was minimal.

1928
- Development, such as housing and roads, was beginning to occur.
- Rose Creek was channelized into a straight path, and its mouth moved to its present location.
- Substantial subtidal and open water habitats were present within the bay.

2016
- Extensive development in the 1900s changed the shape of Mission Bay and its surroundings.
- Mission Bay Park was created through the dredging of wetlands and creation of islands.
- Development, including urbanization in marshes around the bay, reduced subtidal and open water habitat.