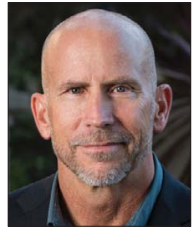


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“I like to joke that I was right in step with the current trend, just 20 years too early,” Schmidt said. “My grandfather was an artist and inspired me to pursue the aesthetics and beauty of nature and design.”



Glen Schmidt

Indeed, his company has been honored with more than 100 awards for design and technical excellence during the past 32 years. Schmidt is a recognized leader in promoting the use of drought-tolerant and native plant materials, and actively promotes sustainable design and water conservation.



Trish Boaz

Trish Boaz, executive director of the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy said sustainability is “making sure we are utilizing our resources today in a way that is not wasteful and that they will be preserved for the future — and it is a never-ending job.” Boaz has been the executive director for the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy (SDRVC) for three years and brings more than 25 years in conservation and environ-



The San Dieguito River Conservancy and the River Park purchased 232 acres of Bernardo Mountain that is open for hiking, biking and equestrian use. Inset photo: The egret, mascot of the San Dieguito River Conservancy flying over a lagoon.

mental knowledge to the Conservancy from her previous work at the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation.

The SDRVC is a nonprofit conservancy dedicated to sustainable management of the natural resources of the San Dieguito Watershed.

Boaz reflected on whether the need to preserve and maintain is in opposition to the need of business and society to grow and said “No, they are not in opposition, for me, sustainability is

environmental, social and economic. I don’t think you can be sustainable without touching all those areas.”

Boaz said when you balance the need for continued growth against sustainability; you need to offset that with growth in a way that isn’t wasteful. She gave an example of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification that is a set of rating systems for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of green buildings, homes, and neighborhoods.



Shaun Halvax

Shaun Halvax, the environmental manager for BAE Systems San Diego Ship Repair agreed that existence and maintenance are not in opposition to growth when talking about sustainability. “At the shipyard, we define sustainability as ensuring that natural resources and the environment are maintained for future generations while supporting business growth and success,” Halvax said. “In our business, we know that the Navy

ships we repair are not going away; in fact, the number of them is growing in San Diego. The better we can control our impact on natural resources while performing repair work, the better off our community and businesses are for this important part of our region’s economy.”

All three organizations gave examples of producing and working sustainability. For Schmidt, it is the soul of his company. His company’s credo is “positive change through design.” In 2012, Schmidt collaborated with Stone Brewing Co. World Bistro & Gardens owner Greg Koch and architect Andy Kjellberg to design the hardscape, landscape and irrigation for outdoor seating and beer gardens at this restaurant and craft brewery in Escondido. Most of the one-acre of gardens are within a stormwater detention basin. The whole site takes advantage of low impact development, low-water irrigation, as well as other water-conservation methods, native plantings, edible landscaping, the use of the detention basin as a focal point, and the use of reused and salvaged

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