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materials. The planting palette includes wetland species and edible plants. The project achieved the Sustainable Sites Initiative (SITES) certification. SITES is the first national rating system for sustainable landscapes with or without a building and the restaurant is one of the first sites worldwide to attain the certification through this program.

Boaz said the Conservancy, among many other efforts, works to encourage developers and communities to replace nonporous pavement with porous pavement so it doesn't impact the watershed negatively. Jess Norton, the Conservancy's conservation manager, launched a restoration project throughout the watershed to replace invasive plants with native plants.

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Halvax at BAE Systems said the 1,700 employee company has invested in its employees and the Barrio Logan community by creating alternative parking solutions. It leased 300 park-



Photo courtesy of the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
A recent education event funded by a grant from the City of Solana Beach where 150 children from the Del Sol Boys and Girls Club learned about the importance of the natural and cultural resources in the San Dieguito River watershed.

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ing spaces at the Bayfront San Diego Hilton and provides shuttle service between the shipyard and the hotel. In addition, the company provides bus service from South Bay, van pools to North County and has created more time between shift changes. This solution could remove about 450 cars from the immediate vicinity. The company estimates this may result in a 26 percent reduction in traffic, less stress for the employees and residents alike.

Boaz concluded with this thought, "Everyone needs to take responsibility."



Trish Boaz, executive director of the San Dieguito River Conservancy, far left, at a recent corporate volunteer event with Stantec Consulting Services at Crest Canyon near the San Dieguito Lagoon.

