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The San Diego River Reaching Historic Level The San Diego River only gets noticed during floods

Today, Shannon Quigley-Raymond, The San Diego River Park Foundation's Program Coordinator was amazed to see small islands of reeds, plants and debris being pushed along by flood waters from the San Diego River. She stopped to take a video on San Diego Mission Road, where two cars had just been pulled into the river by floodwaters.

The River reached 14.03 feet, as recorded by the United States Geological Survey's Fashion Valley gage. This is 12 feet above its level a few days ago. The 14.0 feet reading was the third highest water level ever recorded. The two higher flood events occurred in 1980 and 1916.

According to Rob Hutsel, Executive Director of the River Park Foundation "Some people don't even realize the river is there, until it floods. But when it does, the water can rise rapidly. Once the waters recede, the River Park Foundation will organize volunteers to remove the tons of debris which has washed into the river during this storm. Interested volunteers should contact the San Diego River Park Foundation".

To view the dramatic video that was shot by Quigley-Raymond, click on this link:

YouTube video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l4JAVLPHipo>

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About The San Diego River Park Foundation

The San Diego River Park Foundation's mission is to engage people to work toward a better future for the San Diego River and the creation of a 52 mile river parkway from the mountains to the ocean. The River Park Foundation is a non-profit community-based organization that was founded in 2001. Since its founding, it has grown in membership to more than 3000 people and annually organizes volunteers who contribute more than 20,000 hours of service to San Diego.