

An aerial photograph of a coastal city, likely San Diego, showing a large bay, a sandy beach, and a dense urban area with several high-rise buildings. The background features rolling hills and mountains under a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.

**SMBRC Watershed Advisory Council
Meeting
March 31, 2016**

**Summary of
Comments**

Work Plan Program Areas

- Water Resources and Quality Improvement
- Wetland and Coastal Habitat Restoration
- Marine Habitat Protection and Restoration
- Public Education and Outreach
- Planning, Monitoring, and Research

Water Resources and Quality Improvement

- Utilize SMBNEP's capacity to bring various parties together and take a regional, holistic approach in addressing water resource and water quality issues
 - Issues related to water recycling, potable reuse, groundwater recharge and, desalination
 - Protocol for designing water quality projects
 - Studies linking upper watershed sources to lower watershed impacts
- Ensure good modeling and collection of pre- and post-construction monitoring data.
- Facilitate more LID demonstration projects such as rain gardens throughout the region.
- Working with various groups to develop more funding mechanisms for EWMP implementation.

Wetland and Coastal Habitat Restoration

- More effort in building community support and educate people on the need and benefits of wetland restoration
- Promote lessons learned from Malibu Lagoon restoration and use the lessons to inform the planned restoration at Ballona Wetlands.
- More outreach to explain to the public the Ballona Wetlands restoration planning process
- More meetings of the interested parties to discuss Ballona Wetlands restoration-related issues.
- Support stream protection ordinance.
- Explore more partnership opportunities for invasive removal in both Ballona and Malibu Creek watershed.

Wetland and Coastal Habitat Restoration (Climate Change)

- Incorporate climate change as much we can in everything we do.
- Support collaborative projects that link different research tools and climate change impacts on different areas/habitats
- Implement the sandy beach restoration pilot project and scale it up to more beaches.
- Incorporate climate change adaptation and mitigation into Local Coastal Programs (LCP).

Marine Habitat Protection and Restoration

- Conduct more underwater MPA monitoring.
- Develop and implement fishery management plans for high priority fisheries.
- More education programs about beach and intertidal habitats.
- Promote beach management BMPs for prevention of non-native planting and bird habitat protection.
- Address and promote low-impact solution to beach erosion.

Public Education and Outreach

- More general and community-based outreach to inform municipalities and stakeholders about projects and activities of the SMBNEP.
- Advertise better and distribute widely the new State of the Bay Report.
- Facilitate a voluntary dye test program as part of the on-going boater education in Marina del Rey.
- Seek funding for, and streamline the PIE program
- More update and involvement in seafood risk communication program

Planning, Monitoring, and Research

- More efforts to facilitate funding, including County-wide measures, for meeting storm water management needs.
- Support regional monitoring and surveys to assess ecological health.
 - Fish larvae sampling and survey
 - Deep water rocky reef habitat survey
 - Ocean acidification and hypoxia research
- More efforts for better assessment of the stream condition in the Bay watershed
- Larger, county-wide bird monitoring efforts with incorporation of data from existing citizen monitoring program
- Plan ahead and establish mechanisms to sustain the long-term monitoring at Malibu Lagoon.