

Watershed Advisory Council Meeting

Water Quality Group

1) Public Comment:

Patricia-Authority has been in existence for a long time. \$ into Authority manipulated in an illegitimate fashion. As WAC meetings didn't occur until Patricia and XX pointed out they weren't occurring. WAC meetings have been short shifted to reduce public comment and subcommittees were asked to be made and they were told no. Showing of no public communication or outreach or adherence to SMBRC. Embrace and work with the public. Oxford lagoon had problems that the public knew about but nothing was done i.e. cut down of trees monarch butterflies were in with no environmental monitor present. Restore commission with public integrity.

Kathy Knight- would like to see WAC meet more than 1X per year doesn't give stakeholder time and ability to get involved. Issues with Oxford lagoon and the butterflies. Would like to see committees to work together. Need to work together for ongoing stewardship of areas. There is a tour 6-7 at Oxford Lagoon tonight then Mariner's Village.

Jeanette- Involved in BWTF (Ballona Watershed Task Force) in 2001. Was concerned about watershed in general and where the water goes during storm events. Encourage home owners to capture water throughout the entire watershed. Less and less time to comment throughout the years. Oxford doesn't see water capture, cleaning, or reuse. Other meetings for more input.

Walter Lamb (BWL)- If functioning as true Advisory Committee wouldn't need or have a public comment session. Members should have input on the agenda. In the past, just submit laundry "wish" list. These are our meetings not staff what we do and do not accomplish is our responsibility. Ballona is an at risk priority project that is behind schedule how to ensure we don't have future set backs. Project was TBF project and staff are now TBF staff not Commission staff so it is not publically visible.

Barbara Cameron- Access to decision making, most municipalities are developing EWMPs and have meetings with public to go over their plans. Municipalities welcome public input for good project development especially since home owners are there all the time and see storm events when city staff may not be there.

Jack- EWMP meeting for LA, MDR, Balloon is on March 19th at the LA Zoo

2) Introductions:

- a. Introductions
- b. Overview of SMBRC Annual Work Plan- Tom Ford presented an overview of the SMBRC work plan and the 5 program areas. Here today to get your input, less levels of dialog with staff.
- c. Instructions for Breakout Session

3) Breakout Session:

Round 1.

Patricia asked what is going on with Water Table, EWMP, watershed recovery, aquifer replenishment in the entire Ballona area. Coastal Commission wrote to Playa Vista and the state that it is illegal to dewater the wetlands. How has the commission addressed the dewatering? All of watershed area is un-adjudicated basin, left to deal with state laws to not harm aquifers. Ballona has a short term construction of dewatering permit. Commission approved Prop 84 funding to Oxford which the water table has not been determined, what is the water table at Oxford Lagoon? Waterboard is not in business of subsidence, but issues short term construction dewatering permits in perpetuity. Construction permits for dewatering is permanent. Recommend cut construction dewatering permits, Chanel gateway and others for

dewatering. Illegal drains in Ballona are not part of reports staff are a part of in Ballona; what is the harm done due to these illegal drains, this needs to be answered to the Coastal Commission. Playa Vista has dewatering water issues. What are the volumes of dewatering coming out of Playa Vista, how is it harming Ballona, what permits are there for dewatering, and where is that water going? Hyperion, gas is an issue. Dewatering in Playa Vista to keep water out of what? Draining in Ballona.

Jeanette- Playa Vista dewaterers for methane. There is a water shortage and 1 million gallons of water is send to Hyperion each day, keep water on site and reuse it, put it into wetlands, and don't send it to Hyperion. As a tax paying citizen if it's going to Hyperion there should be billing to Playa Vista.

Patricia- A work shop group is needed to investigate these issues so they are dealt with. Like Oxford there was information the public supplied. How much water is being taken away from Oxford, what cleansing is going on with the Oxford project? Patricia wants a subgroup to discuss groundwater in Ballona Watershed.

Gas mitigation is for dewatering

Marsha: No meters for dewatering

Jeanette: Public is doing the work and not getting dialogue back.

- *Public stakeholder working groups to research issues regarding dewatering around Ballona.*
- *Recommend support of cutting permits for dewatering around Ballona, Oxford, and Chanel Gateway.*
- *Research effects of drains in Ballona and include in staff reports.*

Round 2.

Bob Godfry- Don't support the copper TMDL in the marina; it is a no win deal, there is no payoff, it is a waste of resources, suggest Commission don't waste time on copper TMDL. There is no payoff in saving the little crustaceans in the mud.

Bob Godfry- Doesn't like the idea of taking in larvae. Bob is worried about intake of larvae that occur during water intake for desalinization and once through cooling projects.

Charles- may need to consider RO and will have a brine disposal issue.

Barbara- West Basin project was to

Jack- test of putting intake in sand to reduce larvae

Bob- focus on plan to close the existing salt water near shore intakes.

- *Do not support the Copper TMDL*
- *SMBRC focus on a plan to close existing near shore salt water intakes and prevent new intakes from forming.*

Bob- 4.7 emerging contaminants- sees nothing being done but acidification was added to the list. Never did the first thing that was said, study emerging contaminants, wants to see a study that focuses on emerging contaminants. Acidification was added without a study.

Barbara- The commission has a dialog with funding sources in North Santa Monica Bay, total focus on water capture and infiltrate if you have a drinking water basin. Funding is available to projects that have infiltration that can go to drinking water. Project funding for stormwater management and reuse is difficult because unless you have a groundwater basin

for drinking water, which needs a lot of land, it's not competitive. Barbara advocates for a fair shake of competitive grants not all based on water infiltration in the ground.

Charles- On the right path to support and eliminate potential contaminants from commercial products like plastic micro-beads from soaps. Continue focusing on eliminating contaminants of concern from the original product, source control for pollutants of concern (trash from fast food, micro-beads from soaps, etc.). Water reclamation district infiltrate treated wastewater into drinking water basin and now to expand the program need to put in RO for emerging contaminants such as hormones, pharmaceuticals, etc. Bring to governing board as policy statement or policy change to recommend policy to make reclaiming and reuse of water easier not harder.

Barbara- farmers spray fruit with UV protection.

- *Allocate grants not all based on water infiltration in the ground, this will eliminate potentially great projects.*
- *Study emerging contaminants and support elimination through source control*
- *SMBRC governing board policy statement or change to make reclaiming and reusing water easier not harder.*

Round 3.

Katherine HtB- copper TMDL in Mdr, concern how it will get done on time scheduled by waterboards. Commission should have a roll in implementation and funding to help implement the TMDL. Funding support and boater education can be used for implementation.

- *Support implementation of copper TMDL in Marina del Rey through funding and boater education.*

Jack- waterboard may offer incentive (funding support) to boaters to reduce copper.

Craig Surfrider- Climate change impacts will/may have impacts in coastal zone and alter surf breaks. Not sure how it will relate to the commission. What can they do about it. Surfrider is supporting clean power sources in South Bay regional area and getting away from So Cal Edison. Clean power to reduce climate change impacts. FYI there is an Adapt LA Webinar on climate change he will forward the link to Vicki.

Craig- He is information junky. Commission help make information easier to get to. Don't want to have to spend hours researching. On our webpage have a section for information dissemination.

- *Create an information dissemination section on our webpage.*

Katherine- Support legislation for stormwater funding mechanisms.

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Tom Ford- MS4 permit should be seen through and widely distributed to other areas of our country.

Katherine- Ridge Dam status update. Still funding to get it done?

Jack- yes, funding is available until the public comment period. There is potential for SMBRC to contribute more funding. Have funding to get through December which will allow it to be released to the public.

Katherine liked pre and post monitoring component for rainwater harvesting (1.4 of workplan, page 8-9).

Round 4.

TJ- what is the plan for MS4 permit and TMDLs and EWIMPs coming out?

Jack- it is the waterboards gig but most draft EWIMPs are due in June, there is a EWMP workshop on March 19th, Commission is making 6 million available through Prop 84 grants.

TJ- lot of projects with submittal how will projects be chosen, will there be guidelines

Jack- yes although it will be flexible guidelines should be out in 4-6 months

TJ- all agencies will need to do more outreach. Clean Bay Restaurant Program (CBRP) outreach can be used to comply with MS4 permit. SMBRC needs to get the word out what they can offer to all agencies. CBRP should attend EWIMP monthly meetings to tell people about great things SMBRC can do and get all cities involved in the CBRP.

- *Broaden CBRP to all watershed cities and increase outreach about the program.*

Jim Knight- Is there a way to determine natural TMDL contribution vs human TMDL contributions. Large number of birds increased fecal matter TMDL?

Tom Ford-SCORP did work on that. Genetic testing is now available to see where fecal indicator came from.

Jim Knight- what about minerals Hydrogen Sulfide, Zinc, Copper, etc?

TJ- LA River watershed did a site specific watershed study to determine the base levels of what is naturally there.

Jim Lamm- council for watershed health,

Jim Knight- help to make distinction between natural and human TMDL

- *Help make the distinction between natural TMDL base levels and human increases to TMDL levels.*

Lu- can we get advanced notice on when Ballona EWIMP will come out

Tom- Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and Army Corps are lead agencies, we contribute a lot of science to it.

Jim Lamm- explanation of the different organizations involved in the Ballona wetland restoration project should be made available, perhaps on the Ballona website.

- *On Ballona website explain the different organizations involved in the project and their roles.*

Lu- so opaque it brings out the worst too much.

Jim Lamm- waterboards is regulatory and the Commission helps cities. Culver Blvd. median project to help the environment and plant natives was done, than the City sprayed the area with Roundup. All cities need to maintain public landscape, something to be done to help them do it with more consideration to the environment. Inform the City about issues with using Roundup and alternative options.

- *Educate cities about public landscape maintenance BMPs specifically in regards to the use of herbicides.*

Lu- City of Santa Monica was not at the last Commission Governing board meeting or on the board. The City does a lot of coastal project. The City is rebuilding the California ramp, native plants on bluffs, etc.

Jack- City of Santa Monica representative was on our board and may still be but unsure who it is at this time. We have worked with the City of Santa Monica and they are great.

Round 5.

Jenny LA City Dept. of Water and Power contractor from MBC Pride environmental in Coasta Messa- here to take notes

Walter- Land Trust interested in finding no brainer common ground areas to get involved. Is there a project that they can help with? They can help facilitate PIE grant. They want to collaborate to set off areas of disagreement. How much water quality monitoring is done by us at Malibu?

Jack- water quality monitoring is to tell us if the goals of the restoration projects are being met. Documents and benchmarks

Walter- is there anything not in the workplan because there is no funding for it? How can stakeholders help us more?

Jack- stakeholder groups are doing water quality monitoring, biological monitoring, etc.

Walter- Ballona comes down into wetlands. Can he take a kit and do water quality monitoring to show why for example duck population increased/decreased.

Jack- recommended talking to Katherine from HtB they have a lot of volunteer monitors.

Walter- do rain barrels, fall into water quality.

Jack, yes but funding is difficult because individual home owner would have to maintain project for at least 20 years, if looking for funding from Prop 84 feel free to apply.

Walter- don't have staff to do projects, but can help facilitate projects. Wants to find ways work together on stuff. When you're in the field that's when you find out that people have a lot in common and it can change the dynamic in a positive way.

- *Suggested BWLT partnership opportunities: water quality monitoring, facilitate PIE grant, facilitate other projects.*

Wetland, Watershed, and Other Habitat Section

(Included Ballona, Malibu, stream restoration projects, fish barrier removal, beach/dune restorations, and invasive species removal)

Moderator: Karina Johnston

Note-taker: Ivan Medel

Overarching, general comments on the WAC sessions:

Each session began with each person saying their name and affiliation and a quick 15-30 second introduction by Karina to the specific section, highlighting some of the included projects in the 2015 work plan and an encouragement to the group to comment on any/all of them, new potential projects, and any partnership information whether potential or existing. Several individuals were courteously reminded to try to stay on task as their comments either weren't relevant to the work plan or the session or both, but most people gave thoughtful suggestions. The Ballona restoration was identified as a priority project in almost every group.

*** Notes are formatted in the following structure: direct individual comments are included, and then summarized work plan suggestions (direct when possible, inferred when not clear) are in [blue italics](#).*

Group 1: Walter Lamb (BWLT), Jenny (Public – later identifying herself as a note-taker for LADWP)

WL: Introduced himself to Jenny and acknowledged that he was suing SMBRC in a friendly / compassionate way that was for the good of everyone. Recognizes frustration in projects as data is confused with judgment. Doesn't understand communication protocol [website (particularly Ballona, no critical news articles, no updates recently, etc.)], more news articles posted, do not just select news articles, more updates, etc. Would like access to our BWER website and says he can update Wordpress. Concerned that BWER going to TBF and away from SMBRC. Complaints about 2014 Annual Report.

- *More frequent and objective BWER website updates. (staff note: SMBRC not in charge of website, DFW is lead agency)*
- *Clearer distinction between SMB NEP organizational groups and their roles in specific projects (wants to know the 'why')*

WL: About Malibu – he never took a position, but says there is no more Virginia Rail or SORA. He doesn't like how people say the habitat is gone because the birds are gone. Would be nice to see a management document saying the habitat is being created or managed for X species and habitats and should return in X years. How do we know its functioning well, etc. Staff notified Walter about the upcoming 2-yr Malibu report, which will include success criteria.

- *Public annual report for Malibu Lagoon restoration project*

WL: Wants to partner on “non-controversial” projects.

- *Suggested BWLT partnership opportunities: rain gardens, beach restoration, volunteer maintenance projects, etc*

No comments from Jenny, just note-taking.

Group 2: Kathy Knight (BEEP, Sierra Club), Patricia McPherson (Grassroots Coalition, Sierra Club), Jeanette Vosburg (public?)

PM: Would like Ballona workshop group (hoping that it will spill into greater Ballona ecosystem) to facilitate stakeholder improvement. Want more answers to larger questions. Wants more direct participation. Wants to present her views on the Ballona Restoration project to the Gov Board. Wants more community groups / workshops in general. Wants to be able to make decisions on the process. Wants public access. Staff mentioned to Patricia that SMBRC does not have the authority to grant public access or permits for the Ballona Reserve. Patricia followed up by claiming that SMBRC is really the lead agency for Ballona. Wants to be able to monitor the BWER site herself & with her team. Wants public access for Jonathan Coffin. Wants to be able to do cleanups.

- *Public stakeholder working groups; more public involvement in BWER restoration*
- *Public access to BWER (staff note: SMBRC not in charge of access, DFW is land manager)*
- *Public presentations to GB*

JV: Feels frustrated that 10 years after BWER purchase we are still dealing with basic issues

- *DEIR release ASAP for BWER*

JV: Understands we have a lot of projects and while we are dealing with broader issues, she deals with things in backyard (Ballona), spent a lot of time dealing with problems in the Marina. Thinks whatever happened at Oxford is precursor to wetlands and Marina del Rey. Saw many herons at Oxford and didn't see anyone from SMBRC as bio monitors. Tries to work with County and tell them logically why they didn't want things cut down. Went to County with stakeholders and begged not to cut down trees (PM: asked for phased restoration). Said she knows trees weren't native but Euc is good for habitat and as wind breaks. Thought it was vendetta by County. They went to CCC and said they agreed with stakeholders (maybe plant Sycamores and cut down Euc after mature). Need representation from the SMBRC to stand with them with biological knowledge and validate their claims. Focus on tree preservation and monarch habitat.

KK: Says she noticed nest at Oxford and that tree was singled out. More involvement with bio monitoring in projects like Oxford. Need more stringent biological monitoring at Oxford.

- *SMBRC direct participation in Oxford restoration, especially as biological monitors*
- *Phased Oxford restoration*

JV: Suggested area next to Oxford might be good to treat stormwater runoff flowing into Lagoon. Concerned about stormwater inputs to the system with contaminated runoff causing more degradation. Needs to be looked into a lot more. Studies. What about treating before it enters the Lagoon? PM: Oxford (should?) be freshwater. Needs more clean freshwater.

- *Studies/research of runoff contaminants entering Oxford Basin*
- *Stormwater treatment wetland on adjacent property to Oxford Basin*

PM: Mad that the SMBRC backed Oxford despite the new bio knowledge (monarch butterflies). Upset there are still discharges to Lagoon. Where is the follow-up to the discharges. (staff note: does she mean runoff?) Wants public committee to deal with these issues directly and with some sort of advisory role and to be able to implement changes. Need to identify sources of discharges to the Lagoon – something about ‘short-term discharge permits that were too long and acting like long-term permits’. Said the water table is decreasing in the area because of dewatering permits to someone. Wants us to look into groundwater research. MND should have been an EIR.

- *Groundwater studies/research adjacent to Oxford Basin and surrounding area*
- *Public committee in advisory role for discharging / dewatering issues adjacent to Oxford*

JV: Cormorants in Mariners Village preparing nests. Wants us to get involved with Mariners Village project to be preserved. Save the trees. Last heron rookery. 1,000 trees will be cut down. Stop cutting them down.

PM: Wants public committee that interfaces to stop Mariners Village.

- *SMBRC participation to help stop Mariners Village commercial property changes/upgrades*
- *Focus on tree preservation in the Marina area*
- *Public committee in advisory role to stop Mariners Village renovations w/SMBRC support*

PM: Wants to be a part of BWER PMT. Say the gas issues have not been dealt with. Why does no one follow up about the methane? Something about Gas Company. Reiterated that SMBRC needed to get her on Ballona PMT. “We need to be on the PMT calls.” Staff reminded her that DFW is the lead agency for the BWER restoration project. Patricia became agitated and identified that staff was on the calls and why can’t we do anything. Make it happen.

- *Patricia et al. on BWER PMT? (staff note: SMBRC not in charge of PMT, DFW is lead agency)*

KK: Algae is in the Lagoon. How can we work with SMBRC and public to make things happen? Staff note: no concrete suggestions here, just discussion about getting the public more involved.

Group 3: Bob Godfrey (MDRA), Charles Caspary (MWD), Bill Power (?), Barbara Cameron (City of Malibu), Tom Ford (staff; joined late)

CC: Let's talk about invasive species – TAC and SCCWRP should get more involved with invasive species in streams and their effects on BMI scores (stream and riparian); invasives are running rampant on BMI scores. Staff reiterated: so you want to start with research, then move to implementation of invasive removal based on prioritizing areas where they have the most impacts, correct? CC: yes, exactly.

- *Research / studies on impacts of invasive species on streams and BMI scores*
- *Implementation of invasive removals in streams that are the most impacted (prioritize based on research)*

BG: Zebra mussels. Need to think about them. TF: need to be prepared as they are not far away

- *Add zebra mussels as potential invasive species and develop plan for responding if/when invasion occurs*

CC: There is too much focus on Arundo in the lower third of watershed. Should start at the top of watersheds for eradication to eliminate re-infestation downstream. KJ: We previously applied for a grant to eliminate Arundo (did not receive it). Should reprioritize? CC: yes.

BC: applied for funding in LV said that funder said they had to look for upstream sources

TF: do we approach at a project level; policy level, research?

CC: says we should concentrate on implementation and prioritization within watershed

BC: Probably in the past Arundo was causing flooding problems in MCWS because people were cutting and leaving it in the creek. Should look into different removal techniques. Agree with prioritizing based on dispersal.

- *Conduct research / studies on Arundo donax (giant reed) removal techniques*
- *Prioritize Arundo donax (giant reed) removal in the upper watersheds*

CC: Wants to talk about beach replenishment. Wants to focus more on sandy replenishment like boulders in ocean. How to promote most material from Rindge Dam removal onto the beach. KJ: reconnecting sediment transport avenues? CC: Yes, wants SMBRC to have policy on beach replenishment and reconnection of watershed / streams to beaches. SMBRC should promote beach replenishment. Will we be more involved in beach replenishment in the future? Talk/work with Mark Pestrella because he has all the sand.

TF: Slurrying Rindge sediment downstream was not a real solution because of erosion

- *Prioritize fish barrier removals to increase sediment transport downstream to beaches*
- *Develop policy on beach replenishment*
- *Partner suggestion: Mark Pestrella*

BG: Marina del Rey is a major habitat; subtidal basin teeming with fish. Also functions as nursery habitat for fish. Oxford Basin is contiguous and therefore has lots of little fish, and hope Oxford will become a natural fish nursery, post-restoration. Need to monitor the fish in Oxford, if not already doing so. Wants to actively plant and manage within the basin. Most prominently to benefit smelt but also gobies and others. Make sure County is concerned with fish habitat for management plan at Oxford.

- *Include fish surveys in Oxford Basin monitoring plan; have adaptive management component with regards to fish in the restoration plan*

CC: Most water agencies are looking at LID to augment groundwater. Water Districts are natural partners. More multi-beneficial LID project implementation in partnership with water agencies. Likes the Metro-ICP grant and the idea of more residential rain gardens. Good. Cities with MS4 permits as partners.

BC: cities are currently drafting EWMP plans on watershed models and once adopted. WE should work to help implement once EWMPs are finalized. Hard to find lots of land on coast to infiltrate on. Concentrate on-site systems further up the watershed.

- *Implement additional LID projects throughout the watershed; prioritize areas that provide groundwater replenishment benefits*
- *More rain garden projects*
- *Implement EWMP projects by watershed (once EWMP process is complete)*
- *Partner suggestions: Water Districts; Cities w/MS4 permits, etc.*

Group 4: Craig Cadwallader (Surfrider), Katherine Pease (HtB)

CC: Surfrider position is to get more research on BWER. Has done a lot of research on wetlands as FIB sinks – especially at the Freshwater Marsh. Use the FWM as an educational tool to promote wetland restoration. Says Creek should be broken up (concrete removal) and have more meandering creek with larger floodplain (reconnection of wetlands to floodplain). Thinks the presentations he has seen are falsely distorted against the project – doesn't like all the lies from the 'objectionists'. Thinks there needs to be more public dissemination on the information, and information about the process. Says this is top priority of Surfrider and happy Annenberg is out because it got in the way of the restoration process and focus was lost.

KP: need to prioritize the Ballona Restoration process. It's a top priority of Heal the Bay. Be as public as possible; update the website with more frequency.

- *Prioritize the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve restoration, with a focus on improving ecological condition and maximum wetland restoration benefits/services*
- *Conduct more outreach and education on the BWER restoration process; need to combat the false information more stringently*

CC: About Malibu – says it's been used as a weapon and we should show positive results from that project to create steam for Ballona. Says some people don't want to see Disney land components Ballona like at Malibu. Staff noted that there was definitely differing opinions on the public access improvements, and that likely not everyone would always be in agreement.

KP: Be more public about Malibu results.

- *Publicize the annual reports for the Malibu Lagoon restoration project*
 - *Use Malibu Lagoon restoration and the Freshwater Marsh as success stories to promote wetland restoration; more outreach*
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Group 5: Jim Lamm (Ballona Creek Renaissance), Lu Plauzoles (Santa Monica Audubon Society); TJ Moon (LA County), Jim Knight (Mayor of RPV)

LP: Audubon has been monitoring ML and from species perspective there has been very successful fish (marine) reemergence. His/Audubon bird walks indicate that on a bird species level the restoration has been a resounding success. Wants to be more knowledgeable whether it's State Parks or other organizations are doing veg maintenance (lots of plants uprooted, even natives). Lots of Mulefat was removed in November. Staff said that State Parks leads the efforts, w/TBF staff participation. Explained that sometimes native 'bully' plants were occasionally removed if they were acting like invasives and reducing the native plant diversity. Staff note: no work plan suggestions – just discussion.

KJ: Discussed beach/dune restoration project planned for Santa Monica. LP: broad support / wants to be involved / Audubon loves the project idea / could contribute volunteer time, bird monitors, participate as a partner. Has anyone done any wind surveys on the beach? Thinks there was more wind last year than previously. Said there was lots of dune mounding on exclosures. Coal oil point is a prime example of the dune rebuilding. Who is doing CCC permitting for dune project? Should start to identify that. Says plovers are showing up much sooner in the season (first week of July through April). Says dogs will be an issue.

- *Conduct a pilot beach restoration project in Santa Monica (can use Coal Oil Pt as example)*
- *Include wind surveys in monitoring plan for beach restoration project*
- *Partner suggestion: Audubon Society*

JL: Availability to partner on habitat restoration along Ballona Creek. Says there should be more information on website about rain garden volunteer events. Says they can help conduct outreach. Maybe some more education on website. Also said would like to see more plantings included in the maintenance days – volunteers like to plan. Wants BCR to be more in the loop. Open for future partnerships on new projects too. Wants to be more involved.

- *Conduct more outreach / partnerships on maintenance projects; update event website pages*
- *Partner suggestion: Ballona Creek Renaissance*

JL: Says eastern end of Ballona past Duquesne to end of bike path has been neglected. Discussion of BWCTF. KJ: Should we prioritize the Greenway Plan Projects? Prop 84 money? JL: yes!

- *Prioritize Greenway Plan projects; especially along the upstream reaches of Ballona Creek*

TM: MS4 says there will be more monitoring through stream and that can be really useful. Use MS4 monitoring data to prioritize projects.

JK: Helpful to have Cities coordinate MS4 requirements to understand what each city is doing to coordinate and see what they are doing and how they are progressing with EWMPs. Tie MS4 to EWMP prioritization. Problems, successes to help each other meet their goals.

- *Use MS4 data and EWMP process to prioritize multi-benefit projects*
- *Conduct research on successes/failures/cost-effectiveness of different multi-benefit projects*

Group 6: Walter Lamb, Jim Knight, Kathy Knight, Patricia McPherson, Lu Plauzoles, Katherine Pease

JK: Wants to see PV tidepools get some more attention for marine resources. Maybe identify them as a priority. Not enough information.

WL: Everyone likes tidepools; why doesn't SMBRC be involved in less-contentious issues

- *Protection/restoration of PV tidepools (unclear on exact suggestion/direction)*

KP: Stream protection ordinance is a great idea. Wants to HtB to partner with us. Bring attention back to stream issues – buffer important.

- *Implement stream protection ordinance*
- *Partner suggestion: HtB*

Comments not related to the habitat section:

WL: Likes more informal WAC set-up, but thinks that it doesn't function as an advisory board.

WL: Is there another opportunity to comment on a paraphrased document (from the WAC meeting notes) or WAC member to present to GB on how the meeting went? Maybe have committee to discuss what presentation should look like to lead to more actionable items from WAC meetings. Wants WAC members to have more opportunities for involvement. Wants to include notes like X number of people brought up this, etc. to show what the WAC prioritizes. Not scientific but informational.

PM: Wants another committee to go over issues (assuming about WAC?).

PM: More requests again for presentation to GB by herself and other WAC members.

- *WAC with stronger advisory role in SMBRC*
- *WAC presentations to SMBRC Governing Board*
- *WAC subcommittees*

JK: Wants us to have a progress report to identify how we are doing on BRP. More so than the Annual Report. Wants more detail.

WL: Says the Annual Report was very glossy and would like to see a detailed report to say exactly what we have done and where we have come from. What were the roadblock and what did we implement. Need to identify successes/failures/and exactly what each thing costs so we can use info to prioritize. Some things out of date and not as relevant.

KJ: There are definitely opportunities to expand information, but she doubts people will read a document that's thousands of pages. Goal is to provide summary information about each project, with details in the grant reporting requirements.

- *Have a more detailed SMB NEP Annual Report*

WL: Suggested a more thorough survey about how the WAC is functioning, whether it is successful at contributing to SMBRC at all. Would like to see more follow-up, more frequent meetings, participation at Gov Board meetings, etc. Wants to be able to contribute more directly. Wants feedback from WAC meeting and have members rank what they would prioritize.

- *WAC follow-up survey*

PM: Says SMBRC is the leader of the Ballona restoration, says the USACE told her (or she is misinterpreting a PRA?). Wants clear distinctions with SMBRC and TBF staff. Why are they different now? Getting aggressive...

- *Clearer distinction between SMB NEP organizational groups and their roles in specific projects (wants to know the 'why')*

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Marine Programs Table

Group 1

Craig Cadwallader- Surfrider South Bay

Katherine Pease- Heal The Bay

Kathrine is concerned about invasive sargassum management. Are we keeping an eye on this?

In an MPA situation- marine resources committee of the fish and game commission... Cannot remove anything so what do we do there?

More exposure of MPA monitoring and results. More promotion of the positive aspects of MPAs. Have a public forum or place that people can access information.

AB 298- Allowing MPA violations to be enforced through citations. Expanding enforcement to other agencies than DFW. Can we write a letter of support for this?

Connection between waves and kelp- maybe create a brochure about how kelp affects or does not affect the wave geared towards surfers.

Interesting work being done with abalone. Connect with SMPA aquarium to create a "restoration tank" or education display showing the work being done for threatened species in the bay.

- *Increase Marine program, MPA and Abalone projects, exposure.*
- *Promote positive aspects of MPAs*
- *Letter of Support for MPA enforcement expansion to agencies other than DFW.*
- *Partner suggestion: Santa Monica Pier Aquarium*
- *Monitor invasive sargassum*

Group 2

TJ moon- LA County Dept. of Public Works

Jim knight- Mayor of Rancho Palos Verdes

Jim Lamm- Ballona Creek Renaissance

Lu Plauzoles- Audubon Society

Jim Knight- Wants to help us enforce MPA regulations off of Terranea in Abalone Cove. Very difficult because the regulations are complicated. If a person is fishing from shore and has a line in the water, do you have to wait until they catch something to warn or cite them?

Give city of PV the regulations and tools to enforce. New regulations are coming that are cleaning up the language, may be helpful with this.

- *Support MPA enforcement expansion to cities.*

Migration of fish populations northward- are we studying this? This is a big issue that needs to be addressed.

- *Study fish populations' migration patterns.*

Jim Lamm- Has seen people fishing in Ballona Creek. Can we enforce or educate people about this. There is also a lot of debris etc. in Ballona Creek. Likes that we have a lot of focus on the bay in addition to the watershed.

- *Reduce fishing in Ballona Creek through education or enforcement.*

Desalinization- there could be some dialogue about this?

- *Start dialogue about desalinization.*

Lu Plauzoles- Someone on staff should monitor LA County bird list on Yahoo. Shows bird sightings up and down the coast, which could be indicative of how fish populations are moving along the coast.

- *Monitor LA County bird list on Yahoo for populations' migration patterns.*

Group 3

Walter Lamb- Ballona Wetlands Land Trust

Jenny Smith- Taking notes for LADWP

Walter- TBF should have a document where we can list projects we need funding for, kind of a wish list for funding. Walter wants to partner on a project that is small and non-controversial. Donate a small amount of money. Glad we are working on kelp forests, thinks this is really important.

- *Suggested BWLT partnership opportunities: something non-controversial.*

Group 4

Patricia McPherson

Kathy Knight

Jeanette

Patricia McPherson- Advocating for artificial reefs. Not sure where to put them but says we should talk to Doug Fey because he has been working on these for 30 years.

People in the Palisades are concerned about sediment sampling for contaminants. Broken sewer lines that reach into the ocean. We should create a working group from the watershed advisory board to address this.

- *Create artificial reefs, partnership opportunity: Doug Fey.*
- *Public stakeholder working group to address sediment contaminants from broken sewer lines.*

Group 5

Bill Power- LACSD

Bob Godfrey- Anglers Association

Barbara Cameron

Bob Godfrey- Thinks we need a Director of Marine Programs for emphasis and focus on marine issues. More focus on halibut issue (the lack of halibut). Less focus on lobster. Find out why fish aren't here anymore. We already got the gill nets out of the water. Pinniped predation? Cooling system intakes sucking up the larvae? White water tidal System is the nursing grounds for fish in the bay. Angling community suspect that there is a contaminant of emerging concern that is causing the lack of fish in the water that we have not figured out yet.

- *Focus on halibut issues and restoration.*
- *Research to determine why there are reduced fish populations in the bay.*

Algae blooms- Addressing algal blooms is in the plan but we have not done anything about it yet. It's a big problem that decimates the fish populations.

- *Address algal blooms.*

Bob doesn't think there was an adequate baseline to create MPAs especially in Malibu, and is disappointed that there was not a sunset provision to make them go away.

Bob thinks the work that Lia is doing with reporting system for crowd sourcing catch data to develop a database is very important. Need to have a halibut FMP. Can only convince the dept that there is a problem with data. AB 1414 provides for halibut FMP.

- *Continue Halibut work, develop catch data database, implement/ support a Halibut Fisheries Management Plan.*

Barbara Cameron- Important that we don't duplicate research in the areas of special biological significance in Malibu there is quite a bit going on. See what's going on before we start. Develop a system of GIS locating what is being done and where.

- *Develop GIS locating system for research projects to ensure work in areas of special biological significance is not duplicated.*

Group 1: TJ/LA County, Jim Lamm/BCR, Jim Knight, Lu Plauzoles/Audubon

TJ: There are a lot of water management groups, you should attend those mtgs. Culver City was interested Clean Bay Restaurant Certification Program. Lots are interested but don't know about. MS4 requires some outreach. We can piggyback on your efforts and can be more countywide.

Jim Lamm: BCR has long partnered w. TBF: BCR was 1 of 3 groups that got grant that did watershed task force. Let's step it up another notch
BCR News, he's restarted it. We give shout outs to anything involved in watershed, so TBF should give us info to include. We try to promote sense of ownership. He's talked to Rod/Mark re: education and outreach events, and so with the PIE grant we did a garden w. 250-ft long garden, and we have an event w. Girl Scouts for weeding. And we have another event, so he's been encouraging Rod/Mark to coordinate w. them.
Education on the current state of certain areas—like Oxford Basin.
Collaborate more so can move together on education.

Lu: Regarding Ballona, we are mainly invested in transporting kids to a Ballona experience (that's all we do w. Ballona).
There should be more accessible info on draft EIR b/f it comes out. Most people will turn off from the website unless very vested in it. Make it easy, for dummies. People have institutional experiences from 15-25 yrs ago, good or bad, re: Ballona.

Jim: For potential partners, TBF should check out Cash for Kitchens and South Bay Energy Services Center.

More communication and coordination between agencies.

- *Expand the Clean Bay Restaurant Program, promote it as a tool to help cities meet their MS4 requirements.*
- *Ballona Website should include more accessible information on draft EIR before it comes out.*
- *Partner suggestion: Ballona Creek Renaissance, Cash for Kitchens, South Bay Energy Services Center*

Group 2: Jenny Smith/Public, Walter Lamb

Walter: He is a big fan of objective communication. He feels like a lot of materials are geared to persuasion vs. education. He knows Ballona site is tough. In the news media – he's a bigger fan of pros/cons. When people have so much info, they like to oversimplify, but he doesn't like that. He would prefer if we didn't give such black and white info: say that there are tradeoffs, for ex. "to get here, we had to do this."

Blew him away: Daily News said Ann out, and we published that, but we didn't publish the Daily News piece that was against the Aberg project. We are 'selective' only showing one side on the Ballona site.

Outreach – offer different perspectives. So much of info out there is based on value systems. Emotions come with different species, for ex. Can easily move toward utilitarian argument. Some people are

focused on species-specific or values-specific. So try to isolate the values system from objectives system. State objectives and then people with a utilitarian p.o.v. can select how feel about project.

How about guest commentaries as part of Ballona newsletter? Put constraints (i.e. must be civil). Fills info vacuum, so less room for polarization. Helps those who feel frustrated and not listened to.

His org has thought of doing a stakeholder list of good practices (i.e. don't put camera in front of people's faces).

He was disappointed how the EPA presented stakeholders as _____(troublemakers?).

Ballona Land Trust does these things in community: Bird booklets share with kids, docent stuff as part of LA Audubon, school visits/lectures. Let's do things together on non-controversial topics: clean up? Teach kids about envt.? Access to Ballona together for education.

Whether want restoration or not, let's set the baseline as "what could we achieve without the big plan?" and see "what could we achieve without/with the big plan?"

- *On the Ballona website offer different perspectives on the Ballona project, be objective/educational not persuasive.*
- *Suggested BWLT partnership opportunities: clean-ups, kids education about the environment.*

Group 3: Kathy Knight, Patricia Mc., Jeanette

Patricia: The only outreach we found from—"is it TBF or SMBRC?"—well, any outreach should be *active* outreach.

Most people don't know SMBRC or SMBRF or how it was created. Catherine Tyrrell went from LAWRCB to Playa Vista. Important for people to see the whole history, including conflict of interest. Public info on our site about this would be good.

Public outreach of TBF – "we have invited people to come speak at Sierra Club, etc." and we see TBF staff telling other orgs not to meet with us.

Wants to see more public meetings. And embrace public on all the important issues. The work plan has no meaningful presentation for people.

"The GB hasn't a clue of what we are talking about and we have a lot of information to share, a lot of expertise."

For the projects we are working on, we need to know for ex. why things are happening.

What is being cleansed at Oxford, and TBF staff should be able to answer why we gave \$ from Prop 84.

The copper issues TMDL came from 'us'; not from you/SMBRC. So, Knabe's "5 yrs more" study doesn't help.

Jeanette: You can't possibly know everything going on...from Malibu down. It's a lot of coastline. We are here. It would be nice to have a working relationship of when see something wrong, we could

call you and say “come see this” and see what’s happening. For ex., boat harbor was created with 6500 boat slips (finally 8000). Mone-making. Marina was created for working class people, to *recreate*. And was supposed to be a bird habitat (Oxford). We believe they cut trees down unnecessarily. And the parking lot next to it was supposed to be an Oceana Retirement place. And Killer Shrimp would be taken out and a retail outlet there. And Pier 44...it goes on.

If we had the opportunity to work with you, enlist you in helping us preserve the habitat. Everything else is tangential; if you build everything, all animals go away.

She’d like to enlist us to let people know about these issues.
We should know/read Doc. 389.

Kathy: A lot of people in our community don’t know what will be happening in MDR. Maybe joint tours with people in community to show / discuss what is planned for MDR.

- *Increase public outreach regarding the history of our organizations and any conflicts of interest.*
 - *Work together with public stakeholders for information sharing and support.*
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Group 4: Bill / LACSD, Barbara / city of Malibu , Bob / Anglers, Charlie C.

Barbara: If SMBRC is coming up with a new outreach plan, alert cities because we may have specific input. We have a unique way of talking about water and Bay different from other municipalities. Avoid duplication of messaging...and make sure we each use the right language on similar programs.

Let cities know thinking of developing a plan. So they can let us know if they’re already doing something similar. (Charlie asked as part of this: are we telling cities about our programs? Sharing the PSAs, for ex.? YES!)

Bob: He loves our SoCal Boater’s Guide.

Charlie: I know there’s been continued funding for Boater program – so how do you reach out to GB members to help with getting the funding?
Always approach multiple people in city to inform things like what Barbara mentioned: environmental person, planning, or council member

Bill: The more public meetings, the more you are open with the public, the better things are. We target certain groups/agencies to get them to disseminate info to their cities. Trying to get more people involved. Have a couple of these a year.

“Targeting” (above) means targeting where you are working, *more geographic by project*. (And along the route.) For ex., if he lives at top of Malibu hill, and he doesn’t really “care” (doesn’t see it) about the bottom of the hill (where the trash winds up)...but the people at the bottom should be targeted. And then move up the hill, as share info and gain support from those most directly affected to the least.

Maybe have a public meeting (like the WAC) in an area where SMBRC doing work, then could do a quick tour after about some of the stuff we've done.

Bob: For youth fishing program, getting folks involved is done via word of mouth, and help through the Sherriff's Dept., Youth programs, YMCAs.

- *Work with cities on outreach plans to ensure consistency of language and avoid duplicating efforts.*
 - *Have a couple public meetings a year in an area where SMBRC is doing work to get public support and buy in.*
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Group 5:

Katherine / HtB, Craig C./Surfrider

Craig: Someone presented the CBRP to Surfrider years ago but then they disappeared. Craig and Grace to talk about re-upping that. He loves the idea and wants to help.

What worked best on Hermosa O campaign:

- door to door (we must've gone 3x around)
- calls
- first time joint advertising between HtB and Surfrider
- worked with many citizen groups, especially Keep Hermosa Hermosa (KHH)
- had a panel with Robert F Kennedy Jr., Sarah S., Chad from Surfrider, Damon N. from NRDC, and councilman from Texas on Feb. 12, and Ed Begley Jr wrapped it up.
- Ended in 79% opposed O.

Best part was digging into the info and countering the facts.

We raised \$27,300 from residents writing checks. Lowest check was \$200. Residents were concerned what project would do to their property values and quality of life.

Both HtB and Surfrider worked closely to do this and both have credibility! And now KHH taking credit (which is fine). Residents themselves did walking door to door, did signs, and made it a social thing as well (social media), and lots of city council testimony and at planning commission meetings, etc.

KHH spent about \$150,000

Surfrider spent some (Sacramento, etc.): \$200,000

vs.

Over \$1MM on oil side.

One of the most useful documents was TMDL (Exec Sum) from EPA about Ballona.

Katherine:

Any update on Ballona, sooner than later re: EIR timing, process, etc.

Any update on Malibu Lagoon status.

- *Suggested Surfrider partnership opportunity: Clean Bay Restaurant Program*

JIM HAMM returned at end and explained BCR's outreach:

Newsletter – Fall, Spring, etc.

Neighbor2Neighbor book – free ad for nonprofits (provided a sample to JD, GL)

Their newest board member is a high school student at Culver City High School, and he's now running their cleanup events.

They are tied in with high schools. Announcements in daily school bulletins (posted), and poster sometimes, etc. And active parents.

MDR Middle School – ocean/science academy.

WAC NOTES

5. Planning, Monitoring, and Program Management Group

Participants, Round 1:

Bob Godfrey – Mdr Anglers

Bill - LACSD

Barbara Cameron – City of Malibu

Charlie Caspary

Tom Ford - smbrc

- Barbara - the SMBRC should serve as a clearinghouse, not just lots of monitoring. Discussion: we can have an open source to disseminate studies, for example.
- Barbara – google spreadsheet, have all projects in one place..
- Discussion – have an open source area to disseminate studies, DFW model. GIS studies in one place.
- Discussion – regular monitoring and periodic research should also be on this one-place map. Eg LA County is doing source ID study in Malibu Creek watershed, it needs to be in one place for all to know.
- Bill – other agencies talk about having a clearinghouse yet they don't do it, different systems is one issue. Guangyu likes Google Map idea. GIS tough to maintain.
- Bob – smbrc needs more focus. Worries about new climate change. E.g. Ballona behind schedule, why focus on climate change now when we have all issues? Also, TMDL, lack of focus in district, not enough with existing projects(?), but they are looking into new tmdls.
- Bob - Lack of focus: need new director of marine programs.
- Barbara – Experiment with more meetings, and having staff have secondary role, let others do. Guangyu does not see nothing wrong with current format, we tried Task Force and didn't work.
- *SMBRC should serve as a clearing house (google spreadsheet, google map) to house and disseminate all research and monitoring going on in the watershed.*
- *SMBRC needs more focus on existing projects before adding new projects.*
- *SMBRC needs a new director of marine programs.*

Participants, Round 2:

Craig Cadwallader

Katherine Pease, heal the bay

Guangyu introduced work plan, section 5, and spoke about the CMP, spoke about impact of discharges. Etc.

- Craig - suggested the SMBRC work with high school students and educators to test and monitor bacteria. Craig - monitor inlets, gets cleaner as it goes out, no power plants involved.
- Group discussed the use of Citizen Monitoring groups as they become more credible, they can work not just bacteria but sandy beaches, for instance..

Guangyu cities are more effective in source ID.. Santa monica beaches, well covered
 Craig – get letters from students that participated years ago about sample collecting..

- Craig – pick up trash from storm drain
- Guangyu – have good stories for State of the Bay report, more effective for education and more accessible.
- Katherina - Malibu Lagoon restoration, it needs regular updates, for agencies and the public
- *SMBRC suggested partner: Citizen Monitoring group and high school students to test and monitor bacteria*
- *Regular updates on Malibu Lagoon restoration for agencies and the public.*

Participants, Round 3:

TJ Moon - county
 Jim Knight
 Jim Lamm
 Lu Plauzoles

Discussion about the Ballona Task Force and issues for shutting it down.

- Guangyu - sad for him personally that Task Force ended.
- Lamm - Task Force was disruptive, couldn't hang in there. We need constructive committees
- Lu – SMBRC meetings rather opaque, with funding mechanism opaque. Really confusing, who is responsible for what? More frequent meeting will help. Asked about the Structure.
- Lamm – more dialogue is needed.
- Jim Lamm – need more clarity about SMBRC structure.
- Knight – improve communications
- Guangyu – This year we have a SMBNEP – gradually moving towards this new design.
- Guangyu - will simplify – org chart presentation.- that would help.
- Knight – improve reporting on progress of BRP, the progress.
- Guangyu – changes on conditions improved or not, we have a schedule for the Fall in 2015. Hope for an annual basis. 130 milestones. Guangyu committed, at least one every 5 years.
- Knight – need more frequent progress reports, doesn't have to be specific.
- Jim Knight – idea of a Summary of successes from elsewhere, for instance if cities succeed, then others are induced to replicate.
- Lamm – spoke about success with city of culver city. We need to partner and stretch smbrc capabilities
- *Clarify SMBRC structure and funding and improve communications*

- *Improve reporting on progress of BRP*
- *More frequent progress reports*
- *Summary of city project successes to encourage other cities to implement similar projects*

Participants, Round 4:

Jenny Smith
Walter Lamb

NOTES:

- Walter Lamb – spoke extensively about collaboration with groups like his for projects that are non-controversial. Jenny remained quite the whole session.
- Partner with magazine to get more volunteers, partner.. e.g. area C. But maybe Stone Creek. Asked to be Flexible. Asked to go to schools, get kids excited and involved, involve bi-linguals, bird watchers.
- Spoke about Transparency.
- Governance.
- Spoke about access to Ballona wetlands. Used to get access, take trash out, educate kids, etc.
- Said about partnering: If a project lacks funding, they can partner, e.g. with Ballona creek renaissance too. Find groups and people that don't have much investment in Ballona like Craig in Surfrider. If extra \$, partner. Think collaboratively. All need: more funding, more buy-it, more ownership. Collaborate.
- Governance. Easy to take stuff out of context. We support the mission of both entities. Makes sense. Looking for transparency. NEP – Dual structure where nonprofit side is closed. Suggestion to have Bay Foundation open to the public and public meetings. If open it would have been easier. Early in the process. Take early suggestions and avoid delays, money, tension..
- Work on things that are no-brainers – science. Don't treat science like a religion. Spoke about limitation of studies.
- Use of Newsletters to invite guests.
- *Suggested BWLT partnership opportunities: Stone Creek, school kid education, bird watchers,*
- *Suggested partners: Ballona Creek Renaissance, Surfrider*

Participants, Round 5:

Kathy knight
Patricia McPherson
Jeanette
Tom Ford

- McPherson – proposed an SMBRC workshop on accountability and transparency. Said to use public funds use wisely. In Ballona, do what do best.
- McPherson - public feels marginalized.
- McPherson spoke about Walter written request being turn down, it should not happen.
- Suggested Work groups, so that the public feels involved.

- Jeanette – spoke about Ballona – process should be to call up and need to have access and do monitoring on Ballona, by getting a form and getting on the land. She said wanted to clean up and is being refused access. She wants access to really help preserve instead of sneaking in.
- Any formal way to get access right now? DFW universe, Ford said.
- Jeanette - get on land to show people it is worth saving
- Guangyu – told them they give smbrc more credit than we deserve, it's DFW for public access.
- McPherson – foundation driving the show with other agencies telling them what to do, County, Army corps, etc.
- McPherson asked for: 1) Becoming part of the management team. Want to be part of project management, with the County. Said No hydrology studies have been done, there have not been any. Spoke about Oil fuel gas issue, and So Cal gas litigation. So Cal Gas part of PMT, and no invitation to grassroots coalition or sierra club. Becoming part of the PMT.
- Jeanette – work together. Opportunity
- Guangyu - PMT not commission team, Guangyu. Ford – lead agency: Dept of Fish and Wildlife.
- McPherson – ask to be part of the PMT team.
- McPherson decried lack of public's involvement, not embraced and decried no help in stopping cutting of trees, from foundation or board.
- Jeanette - Concerned about habitat. Talked about County, and about less and less open space
- *Public stakeholder working groups; more public involvement*
- *Public access to BWER*

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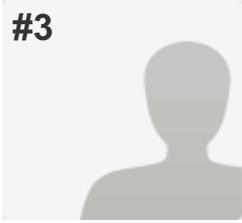
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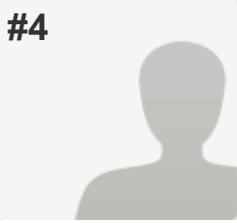
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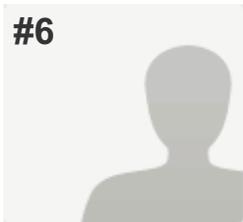
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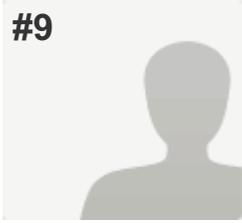
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Q3: Please provide your feedback below (due to the large volume of comments, staff will read and consider only the first 300 words of your submission. Please be succinct, thank you):

I would like to see the SMBRC become more pro-active in making this project move forward. Delay in implementing restoration can only cause harm. Please don't let institutional inertia bog this project down.

In 2010, the SMBRC Governing Board resolved to continue its participation with the restoration processes.

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Thank you,
David Dichner

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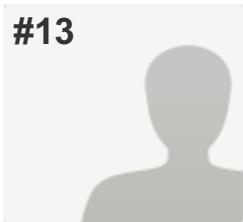
potatopittelli@yahoo.com

Q3: Please provide your feedback below (due to the large volume of comments, staff will read and consider only the first 300 words of your submission. Please be succinct, thank you):

I have lived within 2 blocks of Ballona Wetlands for 20+ years. I am tired of watching it be raped and pillaged. Do something to help the life that is Ballona Wetlands. Help it live.

Ballona Wetlands needs to be recognized by you as the important island of life that it is. Do something to save this last little piece. Playa Vista built a city on the biggest part of it, please give Ballona the chance it deserves to survive. It is FULL of life. This is the last wetland in a dirty city. It is not just for decoration. Destroying wetlands pollutes the ocean, we all know that. We destroyed all of the wetlands around here. Ballona needs to be respected for what it is. Give it a little help and life will thrive here. It had 4 "illegal drains" and no one did anything. Please do something. Please help.

#13

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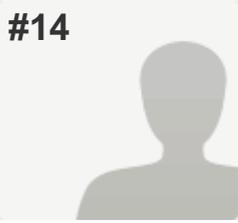
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Q3: Please provide your feedback below (due to the large volume of comments, staff will read and consider only the first 300 words of your submission. Please be succinct, thank you):

As a native Californian and a descendant of the Mexican land grant families of Rancho Boca de Santa Monica, I strongly believe in conserving as much natural habitat as possible. Our own former rancho encompassed 6,656 acres which now encompass Will Rogers State Park, Temescal Canyon and parts of Topanga Canyon; of course, most of the Marquez-Reyes acreage fell to development, but at least much of wild lands were saved. The Ballona wetlands were once part of Rancho La Ballona, owned by the Machado and Talamantes families. Nowadays, people know little about such history, but protecting the wetlands is key to not only establishing a link to southern California's past, but also preserving that area for native plants, animals and birds. I applaud all the work your organization has done and encourage your future endeavors.

#14

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Q3: Please provide your feedback below (due to the large volume of comments, staff will read and consider only the first 300 words of your submission. Please be succinct, thank you):

I ENDORSE THE STATEMENT BELOW. PLEASE GET ON WITH IT!

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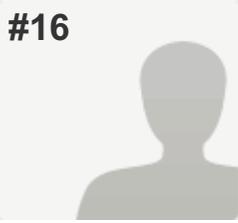
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Q3: Please provide your feedback below (due to the large volume of comments, staff will read and consider only the first 300 words of your submission. Please be succinct, thank you):

Wetland and Other Coastal Habitat Restoration:

The Ballona Wetlands is a beautiful asset that provides critical water filtration services and native habitat. We need to work together to move the restoration process forward. The public, and the people who have greater weight in the decisions being made regarding the reserve, deserve to know why there have been several years of setbacks on the project and what is happening to ensure they will not happen again. Let's work together to get the greatest benefit from the Ballona Wetlands reserve!

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I am disappointed that though according to its 2015 Annual Work Plan, the restoration of the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve has been a top priority of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC) for many years, the project is now three years behind schedule and the Governing Board has taken a very passive role in the project.

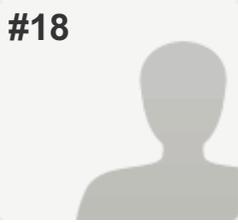
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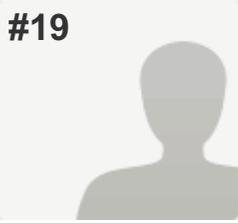
I concur with many others who write similar comments...

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Q3: Please provide your feedback below (due to the large volume of comments, staff will read and consider only the first 300 words of your submission. Please be succinct, thank you):

Press ? for keyboard shortcuts.

30 seconds for Ballona! Short but important state agency survey

Ballona Wetlands Land Trust
Today at 3:11 PM

To

me

Action Alert -

A local state agency with a critical role in the restoration of Ballona is asking for public feedback about its priorities. The Land Trust is very concerned that this agency, the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC), is trying to distance itself from the Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project at a time when its local oversight is more important than ever.

Please take 30 seconds to:

1) Click on the link below

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RFDZ966>

2 Enter your name and e-mail address

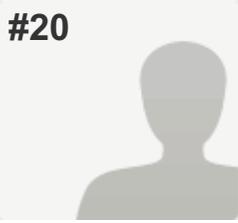
3) Cut and paste the short message below (ideally personalized with some of your own thoughts on Ballona) into the comment field:

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Further stalling will only defeat the purpose of this project.

#21

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I feel we should stay with the current work plan. It is sooo i Portend!,

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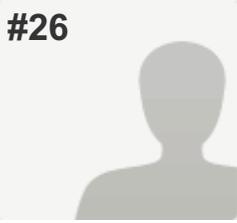
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Ballona is vital for the ecosystem to sustain our planet - not just for wildlife. Every agency should work together for the greater good. Egos need to be put aside - PLEASE! Thank you!

#26

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Q3: Please provide your feedback below (due to the large volume of comments, staff will read and consider only the first 300 words of your submission. Please be succinct, thank you):

In cAlifornia 95% of the WEtlands have been destroyed by development. The Ballona wetlands is a local, regional and national natural treasure. Please , on behalf of the wildlife, and human life, maintain this beautiful site.

Dr. Sherry Modell

#28

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Q3: Please provide your feedback below (due to the large volume of comments, staff will read and consider only the first 300 words of your submission. Please be succinct, thank you):

Transparency and action are needed immediately! I join with many other people concerned about our degraded environment and how a vital part of it, the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve, can be restored as soon as possible.

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Thank you.

Rachel Hadlock-Piltz

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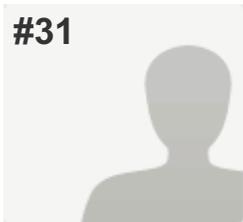
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BRP 1.4 HARMFUL DISCHARGES

BRP 1.7 LARWQCB SHOULD CONCENTRATE EFFORT/RESOURCES ON ENFORCEMENT.

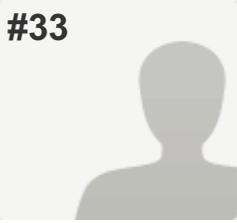
BRP 2.3 AIRBORNE POLLUTMENTS

BRP 3.2 LARWQCB SHOULD PUT RESOURCES INTO IDENTIFYING CONTANIMENTS OF EMERGING CONCERN, ALGAE BLOOMS ETC. INSTEAD OF NO PAYOFF EFFORTS LIKE THE COPPER TMDL

BRP 3.2 SMBRC SHOULD PUSH DFW FOR ACTION ON IDENTIFYING THE PROBLEM WITH NEAR SHORE GAME FISH IE: HALIBUT . COULD IT BE PINIPED PREDATION OR SALT WATER COOLING SYSTEMS.?

BRP3.2 NEEDS BETTER ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMSNCE MEASUREMENTS THAN CURRENTLY PROPOSED. MEASURING YOURSELVES ON PAPER OUTPUT, RATHER THAN SPECIFIC ENVIROMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS IE; AQUATIC/AVIAN SPECIES ETC, SEEMS BUREAUCRATIC AND COUNTER PRODUCTIVE.

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I and others in the community support the feedback given by the Ballona Wetlands Land Trust. We want to see a true governmental entity with transparency be in charge of the restoration plan and the financial aspects. This is one of the last large wetlands on the southern California coast, we REALLY NEED transparency!

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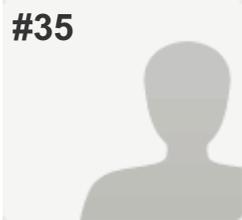
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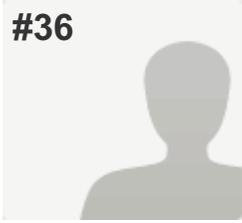
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The Ballona Wetlands are the last undeveloped tract of land for miles and miles from the westside. I would like to see resources allocated to the coastal habitat restoration.

An essential aspect of such an undertaking is a transparent and open administration. I urge you to keep channels open with all concerned citizens.

Yours,
J. Royall

#37

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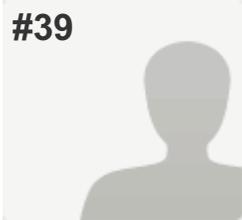
Please consider these brief initial work plan comments:

1. Ballona Wetlands restoration (p10): Please reactivate, expedite and expand project communication via websites, emails, and meetings with frequent updates on schedule, process, data, plans, snags, current roles of each of the lead organizations/agencies, lines of communication, etc. While we have many facets to our mission outside of the wetlands, Ballona Creek Renaissance (BCR) would like to be kept in the loop on a more ongoing basis and be a constructive part of the conversation.
2. Staffing (p26 and on) and Budget (last page). Are these adequate to handle the priority Ballona wetlands restoration in a complete and timely manner along with the other important activities related to watershed, waterways, coast, and bay? If not, what is the path forward?
3. Stream Restoration/Protection (pp. 12-13). BCR would welcome opportunity to advise/partner/collaborate/assist invasive plant removal, habitat restoration, and related outreach and volunteer recruitment along Ballona Creek. Other possibilities include helping to develop and facilitate an Adopt-the-Creek Program and/or expanding our current creek cleanup operations.

Thanks!

Jim Lamm, President Emeritus/Advisory Council Member
Ballona Creek Renaissance

#39

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Very short and to the point... All topics are extremely important for maintaining our wetlands along the coast. i favor wetland and other coastal habitat restoration and second, marine habitat protection and restoration. Important is more outreach and education. There are only two wetlands left on the California coast! How very sad and ashamed CA should be when years ago there were several.

#41

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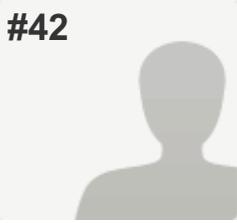
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Q3: Please provide your feedback below (due to the large volume of comments, staff will read and consider only the first 300 words of your submission. Please be succinct, thank you):

I urge the SMBRC to remember and honor the commitment it made to stay involved at Ballona and to be transparent and inclusive in the restoration planning.

#45

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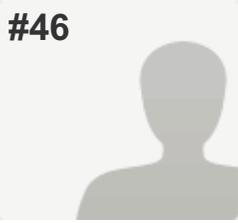
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Q3: Please provide your feedback below (due to the large volume of comments, staff will read and consider only the first 300 words of your submission. Please be succinct, thank you):

Please prioritize the restoration of the Ballona Wetlands and keep the public informed. Two years ago I signed up for email updates from SMBRC and have never received even one email about the progress being made. The public fought hard for this area to be preserved from development and it is important that the plans be transparent to the public. Please work to restore and preserve all of the available land and avoid any additional buildings or encroachment on the land.

#46

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Ballona Wetlands is a valuable wetlands habitat and flyway in southern California where wetlands are all but annihilated. Equally important is its function as a filter for polluted runoff before it reaches the ocean. You must not underestimate the critical and necessary need for this ecosystem.

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Q3: Please provide your feedback below (due to the large volume of comments, staff will read and consider only the first 300 words of your submission. Please be succinct, thank you):

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Thank you,
Joe

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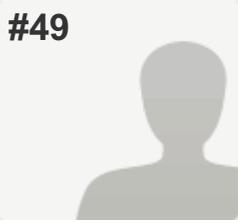
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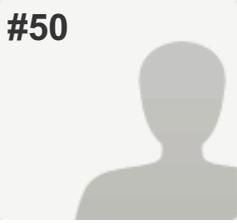
beckmans@earthlink.net

Q3: Please provide your feedback below (due to the large volume of comments, staff will read and consider only the first 300 words of your submission. Please be succinct, thank you):

Regarding Ballona Wetlands please do not support the most "aggressive" restoration plan. Please collaborate more with environmental groups that have stewarded the land for the past 20 years and please provide access to the decision making process and information to the public (particularly the surrounding neighborhoods).

Thank you!!

#50

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Q3: Please provide your feedback below (due to the large volume of comments, staff will read and consider only the first 300 words of your submission. Please be succinct, thank you):

Wow, great work! Thanks for everything you do! It's amazing how much work the Commission does. The work plan might benefit from a brief description of SMBRA and its relationship to SMBRC p.2 and mention JPA by name on p. 4 bottom; legal status of SMBRC, SMBRA, and TBF; strategy regarding CA Prop 1 - Water Bond funds and other upcoming funds (mentioned generally).

p. 10 - what is a COG?

Typos:

p. 3 achieving instead of achieve at bottom

p. 5 the28

p. 8 beautification instead of beatification

p.9 potable instead of portable

p.13. extra period near bottom

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p. 17 mandated in? or by? the BRP

p. 18 "a" new effort to raise funding from local sponsors and initiate a new round of "the" PIE program

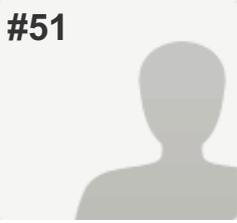
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p. 24 bullet with no entry...just a period.

p.25 missing period at end

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Q3: Please provide your feedback below (due to the large volume of comments, staff will read and consider only the first 300 words of your submission. Please be succinct, thank you):

To Whom it may Concern:

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Q3: Please provide your feedback below (due to the large volume of comments, staff will read and consider only the first 300 words of your submission. Please be succinct, thank you):

My organization, Defense of Place, advocates for transparency and integrity by local, state and federal agencies in the course of preserving natural resources. In the case of the restoration of the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve, it appears that the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC) has not only lagged in the project's headway, but has "assigned" control to the private Bay Foundation. The Bay Foundation, disturbingly, has erected a wall behind which it has refused requests for open records and meaningful discussions.

Please restore trust and integrity to the restoration of the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve by compelling a transparent, ongoing and mutual exchange of information with the SMBRC's Governing Board, the Watershed Advisory Council, and the general public, which the SMBRC serves.

The Ballona Wetlands is, truly, a national ecological treasure whose restoration deserves no less than a flawless and public project process.

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Q3: Please provide your feedback below (due to the large volume of comments, staff will read and consider only the first 300 words of your submission. Please be succinct, thank you):

The area is a fly way for migrating birds and is of immense inportance for their survival!!

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Q3: Please provide your feedback below (due to the large volume of comments, staff will read and consider only the first 300 words of your submission. Please be succinct, thank you):

A local state agency with a critical role in the restoration of Ballona is asking for public feedback about its priorities. The Land Trust is very concerned that this agency, the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC), is trying to distance itself from the Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project at a time when its local oversight is more important than

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4) Click the "Done" button, and you're done!

If you have an extra ten seconds to e-mail us a copy of your comments, we'd appreciate that also! And please forward to us any response that you might get from the SMBRC.

Lastly, please be advised that the Land Trust has filed a lawsuit against the SMBRC alleging violations of the California Public Records Act, due to its refusal to release certain documents directly relating the Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project. Litigation is always a last resort for the Land Trust, and this action comes after attempting to work collaboratively with the SMBRC for over a year to achieve a greater level of transparency.

Thank you for your help on this important issue.

Ballona Birds by Bike tour a big success!

Just shy of 20 bird watching bicyclists saw a great variety of fascinating birds along the Ballona Creek bike path. Highlights were a Belted Kingfisher, numerous Great Blue Herons, and a wide variety of ducks, such as the beautiful Cinnamon Teal. We are already looking forward to doing it again next year. In the meantime, we encourage everyone to get out on the trail to appreciate our many native birds and other wildlife.

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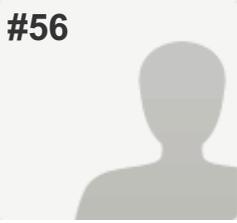
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