



SMBRC Governing Board Appoints New Technical Advisory Committee Member

At its October meeting, the Bay Restoration Commission appointed Dr. Linda Fernandez to join the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Dr. Fernandez, an Associate Professor at U.C. Riverside, conducts research focusing on environmental and natural resources economics. She will provide the TAC with a socioeconomic perspective that is vital to the breadth of the TAC's advisory role on issues confronting the Santa Monica Bay watershed.

Dr. Fernandez was selected after an extensive search and interview process. TAC members serve two-year, renewable terms. Welcome aboard Dr. Fernandez!

Governing Board Approves IRWMP MOU

In an ongoing collaboration with local, county, and state entities and non-profit representatives, the Governing Board became a signatory to the Greater Los Angeles Integrated Regional Water Management Planning group's Memorandum of Understanding. Known as "IRWMP," this collaborative structure was designed in state law to promote cooperation among various governmental and non-governmental entities within a particular region in order to achieve more sound water policy planning.

In 2006, the Bay Restoration Commission signed a previous MOU, which focused solely on funding from Proposition 50. The latest MOU is applicable to any funding source that may benefit water quality and supply projects in the Los Angeles Region.

Other signatories to the MOU included the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, the West Basin Municipal Water Dis-

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trict, and other water districts and cities in the region. The Bay Restoration Commission is also represented on the IRWMP's Leadership Committee by our Executive Director, Dr. Luce, as a voting member.

To view the MOU and for more information, go to www.lawaterplan.org.

Baldwin Hills Conservancy's Executive Officer Addresses the Governing Board

At the most recent Governing Board meeting, David McNeill of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy addressed issues that affect and show an interconnection between this region's upland and lowland/wetland areas.

McNeill, the Conservancy's Executive Officer, noted a variety of challenges his organization faces, including interconnecting various parcels of land in the Baldwin Hills region and addressing environmental challenges posed by the continuing use of oil fields within the Conservancy's boundaries. The Baldwin Hills region is directly above the Ballona Creek Watershed and water quality and supply issues affecting it tend to affect the "down stream" watershed as well.

For more information on the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, visit www.bhc.ca.gov.



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Center for Santa Monica Bay Studies is Introduced

A partnership between the Bay Restoration Foundation and Loyola-Marymount University's Seaver College of Science and Engineering has produced the new Center for Santa Monica Bay Studies. Housed at the LMU campus, the Center will promote continued, increased funding for environmental issues affecting the Santa Monica Bay watershed.

The reputation and resources drawn from both partners will facilitate more scholarly research and writing on Santa Monica Bay issues, as well as attract other partners from within and outside the region.

Both parties are in the process of executing a Memorandum of Understanding that outlines the goals of the Center and the responsibilities of each partner. The MOU anticipates a co-directorship, promoting a collaborative approach with the primary goals of preparing and submitting research proposals to funding entities, providing administrative support for researchers submitting grant applications, hosting an annual symposium on issues relevant to the Bay, and housing student interns within the program.

A finalized MOU is expected by December 2008.



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