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Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

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## **New “State of the Bay Report” to be Released at Conference in January**

The Bay Restoration Commission’s first “State of the Bay Report” in over five years will be released at the Commission’s State of the Bay Conference on January 13, 2010. The latest in a series of such reports published by the Bay Restoration Commission, this report provides a new way of looking at the health of the Santa Monica Bay’s natural habitats and resources, it measures progress made toward achieving the goals of the Commission’s Bay Restoration Plan, and it identifies challenges ahead that we face.

The State of the Bay Conference will be held at Loyola-Marymount University and will feature guest speakers and panel discussions to share views on a wide range of topics covered in the report, including:

- *Marine debris and beach water quality*
- *Sustainable local water supplies*
- *Adapting to local impacts of climate change*
- *Protecting and restoring the natural functions of beaches, wetlands, and streams*
- *Implementing Marine Protected Areas*
- *Preventing introduction and spread of invasive species*
- *Addressing emerging contaminants of concern*
- *Educating and involving the public*

The State of the Bay report and the conference are part of the Commission’s effort to jumpstart implementation of a newly adopted Bay Restoration Plan, with far-reaching goals and proactive approaches to ensure continued progress in restoring the health of Santa Monica Bay.

The Conference will feature keynote speaker Majora Carter, President of the Majora Carter Group and winner of the 2005 MacArthur Genius Award, who will present “Green the Ghetto - And How Much It Won’t Cost Us.”

For more information on the report and the conference, visit the Commission’s website at [www.santamonicabay.org](http://www.santamonicabay.org) . Once released, the report will be available for download online.

## **MEETING UPDATE**

- *State of the Bay Conference*
- *Bay Watershed Council Elections to the Governing Board*
- *Meeting Calendar for 2010*

## **SAVE the DATE**

2010 Governing Board meetings will be held on:

- *February 18*
- *April 15*
- *June 17*
- *August 19*
- *October 21*
- *December 16*





## Bay Watershed Council Elects Nine Members to the Governing Board

At the December joint meeting of the Bay Restoration Commission's Bay Watershed Council (BWC) and Governing Board, nine BWC members were elected as voting members of the Governing Board for a two-year term.

The BWC is the larger, advisory body of the Commission, with over 70 member bodies including local cities, state and local agencies, state legislators, and public interest and business organizations. Every two years, members of the BWC are elected to the 35-member Governing Board as nine of the board's 20 voting members.

The recently-elected members are:

NAME:	POSITION:
RICHARD BLOOM (City of Santa Monica)	President of the Bay Watershed Council
PORTIA COHEN (City of Manhattan Beach)	At-Large Member
TOM FORD (Santa Monica Baykeeper)	Public Member, Environmental/Public Interest
MIKE GIN (City of Redondo Beach)	Representative, South Bay Cities
MARK GOLD (Heal The Bay)	Public Member, Environmental/Public Interest
MICHEAL O'LEARY (City of Culver City)	Representative, Ballona Creek Watershed Cities
MARVIN SACHSE (Brash Industries)	Public Member, Business/Economic Interest
JOHN SIBERT (City of Malibu)	Representative, Malibu Creek Watershed Cities
DENNIS WASHBURN (City of Calabasas)	At-Large Member

For more information on the composition of the Governing Board or the Bay Watershed Council, contact Scott Valor, Director of Government Affairs, at [svalor@santamonicabay.org](mailto:svalor@santamonicabay.org) or 310-922-2376.

## Governing Board Adopts Meeting Calendar for 2010

The Bay Restoration Commission Governing Board adopted its 2010 meeting calendar at the December meeting. The board meets six times per year during even-numbered months. The 2010 meeting schedule is as follows:

- February 18
- April 15
- June 17
- August 19
- October 21
- December 16

