



# baywire

News and Updates from the Governing Board of  
the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

## **BAYWIRE** **June - July 2013 Edition**

### **Susan Nissman Elected to Vacant Vice-Chair Position**

By a vote of her fellow Governing Board members, Susan Nissman was elected to the position of Vice-Chair to serve the remainder of the term vacated by former City of Redondo Beach Mayor Mike Gin. Ms. Nissman is a long-time supporter of the SMBRC, having served on the Governing Board since its inception, dutifully representing Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky. Her term ends in December as elections for the 2014 term of Chair and Vice-Chairs will take place at the December 20<sup>th</sup> Governing Board meeting. The Chair and six Vice-Chairs comprise the Governing Board's Executive Committee.

### **Bay Restoration Plan Update in Progress**

We continue to make progress in updating the Bay Restoration Plan (BRP). At the June Governing Board meeting, members discussed proposed revisions to all goals, objectives, and milestones in the Water Quality Section of the BRP. The focus was on objectives and milestones that address four of the top ten issues discussed at the April Governing Board meeting: Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) implementation, LID/green infrastructure, storm water pollution source control, and a regional funding mechanism for storm water quality improvement. Most of the discussion and comments given were on the topic of TMDL implementation, reflecting the diverse perspectives on this issue and the common desire to see the SMBRC continue efforts to assist member agencies in meeting the challenge.

Staff will incorporate member comments in the next version of the draft document. Meanwhile, staff is working on the remaining sections of the BRP that address natural resources and benefits and values to humans, and plans to bring proposed revisions to these sections for discussion at the August Governing Board meeting.

For more information, contact Guangyu Wang at [gwang@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:gwang@waterboards.ca.gov) .

### **Regional Water Board Presents on MS 4 & Enhanced Watershed Management Programs**

Addressing an issue of growing interest to the Santa Monica Bay watershed's local municipalities, Deb Smith of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, gave an informative presentation about the upcoming MS4 permit and the benefits of an Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP) in meeting those requirements. Ms. Smith specifically addressed the water quality benefits of an EWMP and stressed the collaborative nature of the program, allowing smaller local governments to pool resources to address the MS4 permitting requirements.

The presentation is available for review on our website here:

[http://www.smbrc.ca.gov/about\\_us/agendas/2013jun/lacounty\\_ms4permit\\_ewmp.pdf](http://www.smbrc.ca.gov/about_us/agendas/2013jun/lacounty_ms4permit_ewmp.pdf) in a downloadable PDF format.

### Malibu Lagoon Restoration Project “Kelp” Cutting Event Has High Turnout

A crowd of nearly 300 supporters and a handful of peaceful protesters turned out on a warm May 3<sup>rd</sup> to hear state and local elected officials as well as project proponents laud the long-awaited completion of the Malibu Lagoon Restoration Project.

“Welcome, everybody, to a healthy Malibu Lagoon!” declared Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Executive Director Shelley Luce to open the event. Luce was followed by State Senator Fran Pavley, Assemblymember Richard Bloom, and Suzanne Goode, a senior environmental scientist for California State Parks, among others, who discussed both the challenges and the merits of the project.

The event culminated in a “kelp” cutting to officially declare the project completed and the lagoon “open.”

Native plants are starting to flourish in the summer weather, tended to by State Parks employees and local volunteers. Recently, a rare flock of Least Terns was spotted nesting in the lagoon for the first time in 73 years, a positive sign for the returned health of the ecosystem.

Local organization EcoMalibu documented the event with a video available on YouTube here: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpf\\_XZyMNbQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpf_XZyMNbQ)

For more information on the project, please contact Scott Valor at [svalor@santamonicabay.org](mailto:svalor@santamonicabay.org).

### 2013 West Coast Women In Green Forum Coming in August



The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation is proud to be an endorsing organization of [2013 West Coast Women In Green Forum](#) (WIGF) in Los Angeles on August 28, 2013. WIGF is the premier network and conference series for women in the environmental industry. The WIGF brings

together an international audience of environmental leaders ranging from corporate sustainability officers to academic researchers to technology developers. The WIGF also appeals to regulatory agencies involved in developing the policies and legislation which will further the development and propagation of green technologies on our roads, in our homes, and at our schools.

Take advantage of a **10% registration discount** by following these instructions:

Please visit the Women in Green Forum registration page by clicking [HERE](#) for the WIGF West Coast. When prompted to “Enter Promotional Code” under the “Ticket Information” section of the registration page, please enter "**EndorserSMBRC**" for your registration discount. We encourage everyone to register as soon as possible. Given the conference has an international reach, it is expected to reach capacity prior to the day of the event.

For more information, go to <http://www.womeningreenforum.com/> or email [info@womeningreenforum.com](mailto:info@womeningreenforum.com)

\*This year, the forum also expands to Washington, D.C.! If interested or wish to forward to a friend: [WIGF East Coast](#) – September 25, 2013

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### **25th Anniversary Event -- Oct. 17, 2013 -- Save the Date!**



Complete invitation coming in August. But please do mark your calendar now!

SMBRF 25th Anniversary Celebration of Stories and Accomplishments, [here](#) .

For you early birds that would like to purchase tickets for our event, go to:

[www.eventbee.com/v/smbrf25](http://www.eventbee.com/v/smbrf25)

**When:** Oct. 17, 2013, 6-9 pm

**Where:** Annenberg Community Beach House

**What:** Cocktail Reception

We look forward to celebrating with you all!

### **Social Media IS Important and Fun!**

If you're a social media maven or even a dabbler, we ask that you engage, share and use our Social Media avenues.

**Facebook:** LIKE us at “Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation”, or click [HERE](#).

**Twitter:** Follow us at @SMBRF

\*Please go that extra step and invite colleagues, friends and family to also Like or Follow.

And did you know you can find a Clean Bay Restaurant certified by SMBRC on our site? Check out your local DINING option at

<http://www.santamonicabay.org/CleanRestaurants/cleanrestaurants.html>

### **2013 SMBRC Governing Board Meeting Dates**

The SMBRC Governing Board meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the even-numbered months from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Del Rey Yacht Club.

The remaining 2013 meeting dates are:

- August 15
- October 17
- December 19

The Del Rey Yacht Club is located at 13900 Palawan Way, Marina del Rey CA 90292.

For additional information concerning any meeting, please contact Scott Valor at 310-922-2376 or by e-mail at [svalor@santamonicabay.org](mailto:svalor@santamonicabay.org) . You may also visit our website at [www.smbrc.ca.gov](http://www.smbrc.ca.gov) .

### **Check Out Our Website**

Please check out SMBRC's website: [www.smbrc.ca.gov](http://www.smbrc.ca.gov) . To streamline access to our Governing Board agendas, schedules, and staff reports, the new website features only information that is most critical to following the month-to-month activities of the SMBRC's bodies.

The SMBRC's partner, the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation, continues to support their existing website at [www.santamonicabay.org](http://www.santamonicabay.org) and includes links to Foundation activities, reports, and other information.

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