

Information Items List:

Potential Information Items Regarding Issues Identified in the Santa Monica Bay Watershed

Updated: July 13, 2020

* The public may suggest additional topics for potential information items to Commission staff at any time and during Commission meetings and events.

** The SMBNEP 2018 CCMP Action Plan is available on the Commission's website: https://www.smbrc.ca.gov/about_us/snbr_plan/docs/smbnep_ccmp_action_plan_2018.pdf.

Topic	Suggestion Made By	Date of Suggestion	Contact(s) for Topic	CCMP Action No. (if applicable)**	CCMP Action Description
Mitigating impacts of sea level rise in Santa Monica Bay	Shelley Luce (Heal the Bay)	February 20, 2020	TBF	6	Restore coastal strand and foredune habitats to beaches and sandy shores to improve coastal resilience
Ocean acidification	Shelley Luce (Heal the Bay)	February 20, 2020	Heal the Bay, LACSD, TBF	36	Monitor chemical, physical, and biological characteristics in the Bay to inform climate change impacts such as ocean acidification
Public access to coastal resources, highlighting Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve	Member of public (BWL), Shelley Luce (Heal the Bay), Charlie Caspary (Las Virgenes MWD)	July 18, 2019; February 20, 2020	CDFW	25	Support best management practices, increased public access, and improved public facilities for beaches and other public trail systems to support both enhanced natural resources values and benefits to people
Sediment management and beneficial reuse of natural sediments	Tom Ford (TBF), Shelley Luce (Heal the Bay), Charlie Caspary (Las Virgenes MWD)	July 18, 2019	TBF, LA County Public Works, LA County Beaches and Harbors	44	Support the development and implementation of a comprehensive regional sediment management plan for restoring natural hydrological functions of river systems and mitigating impacts from climate change

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Invasive species management	Suzanne Goode (California State Parks)	N/A	SMBRC, TBF, TBD	26	Participate in research, education, outreach, and policy on invasive species removal and control
Redondo Beach AES Wetland Restoration Project	Bill Brand (South Bay COG, City of Redondo Beach)	October 24, 2019	City of Redondo Beach	12	Restore smaller coastal lagoons and other wetland types to increase wetland habitat area and condition throughout the watershed
Open space identification, prioritization, and acquisition	Staff	July 6, 2020	TBD	1	Acquire open space for preservation of habitat and ecological services
Urban stream restoration	Staff	July 6, 2020	LACSD, MWD, LACFCD, TBD	11	Restore urban streams, including daylighting culverted streams, removing cement channels, and restoring riparian habitats
Information sharing and facilitation of State-wide desalination policy implementation	Staff	July 6, 2020	State Water Board, TBD	19	Support minimization of biological impacts of water intake and discharge from coastal power generation and desalination facilities, including public engagement and education
Reuse, recycling, and advanced wastewater treatment	Staff	July 6, 2020	State Water Board, LASAN, TBD	21	Support policies that promote reuse, recycling, and advanced wastewater treatment to reduce reliance on imported water sources

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LA stream protection policy	Staff	July 6, 2020	TBD	23	Facilitate development and adoption of natural stream and riparian protection policies, including restoration
Harmful aglal blooms	Staff	July 6, 2020	CDFW, TBD	35	Monitor and inform management actions for Harmful Algal Blooms

List of Acronyms and Abbreviations

BWLT: Ballona Wetlands Land Trust

CCMP: Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan

CDFW: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

COG: Council of Governments

FY21: Fiscal Year 2021

LA SAN: City of Los Angeles Sanitation

LACFCD: Los Angeles County Flood Control District

LACSD: Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

MWD: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

SMBNEP: Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program

State Water Board: State Water Resources Control Board

TBD: To be determined

TBF: The Bay Foundation

US EPA: United States Environmental Protection Agency