



Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan Update

2008–2013

Governing Board Meeting

February 21, 2013



BRP Update Process

- Watershed Advisory Council Meeting was held on February 13, 2013 and was well-attended by
 - » 3 board members
 - » 20 WAC members
 - » 15 public
 - » 13 staff



Overarching and Cross-Cutting Comments

- Facilitate and enhance coordination, information exchange, and spreading ideas among agencies and stakeholders.
- Integrate the goals and objectives of the BRP with that of partner public agencies and show mutual benefits.
- Conduct more outreach and education about the work being done in more types of media and with simpler, more effective messages.
- Conduct more education on the value of the natural resources in the Bay and the Bay watershed to users and the general public.
- Make the SMBRC the repository of unbiased, accurate public knowledge base for the watershed, water quality.
- Assess impact of emerging issues such as fracking, ocean acidification, and MPAs.
- Make climate change the central theme throughout the BRP



Comments on Section 1. Water Quality

- Conduct TMDL compliance assessment, improve compliance through better coordination and information sharing
- Encourage cities to develop and implement LID ordinances
- Provide input on implementation of Malibu Creek nutrient TMDL
- Support State desalination policy development and assessment of brine disposal impacts.
- Support the County-wide Clean Water and Clean Beach funding initiative.
- Enforce local prohibition of non-storm water runoff.
- Support all coastal cities to enact plastic bag bans and product take-back programs
- Conduct more ground water monitoring and hydrology studies.
- Encourage more studies on the impact of natural oil seepage.
- Facilitate studies on local impacts of ocean acidification.



Comments on Section 2. Natural Resources

- Facilitate adoption of stream protection ordinances and policies.
- Continue MPA monitoring for informing adaptive management.
- Assess the impacts of climate change and develop adaptation policies. Promote "soft solutions" as opposed to armoring.
- Promote more involvement by fishermen in fishery management issues.
- Use reusable materials for reef restoration. Take Rindge Dam sediment to create reef habitat.
- Fund natural habitat restoration at El Segundo dunes
- Expand invasive species control program, address marine invasive species.
- Assess land use change, update database and prioritize land acquisition opportunities

- Study the impacts of increasing agricultural use and vineyards in SMMs.
- Monitor Fukushima fall-out and debris.



Comments on Section 3. Benefits and Values to Humans

- Conduct more education to help people see the benefits and values of the Bay's natural resources. Demonstrate watershed connectivity.
- Conduct more public events and project in Ballona Creek similar to what have been done in Los Angeles River.
- Promote water conservation by educating the intersection of water use, supply, cost, energy, and the environment.
- Increase knowledge on fracking (i.e. public perception, evidence of harm/detriment/benefit).
- Expand the Center for Santa Monica Bay Studies. Develop more collaboration with local universities. Look for and raise fund from potential donors.
- Implement more beach replenishment for areas lacking of beach sand. Increase year-round beach use opportunities.
- Focus acquisition of land that can provide more beach access and parking.