



Updated Bay Restoration Plan is Approved

The Bay Restoration Plan, considered to be the most important guiding document for Bay Restoration Commission activities, was approved by the Governing Board at its December meeting. Originally developed and approved over 10 years ago, the updated Plan reflects the environmental challenges facing the Santa Monica Bay watershed today and into the future.

"We are excited to have this new and updated blueprint for restoring the Santa Monica Bay," said Executive Director Shelley Luce. "We worked hard to not only identify the issues that need to be addressed now and in the future, but to achieve consensus among our broad Governing Board membership on just how to do that."

Major Bay Restoration Plan objectives include:

- Reduction of storm water pollution by supporting green infrastructures that increase pervious surfaces and storm water infiltration
- Complete establishment of a Marine Protected Area (MPA) network
- Greatly expanding reclamation and recycling of treated wastewater

MEETING UPDATE

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2009 Commission Governing Board meetings will be held on:

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Bay Restoration Commission Says Good Bye to Senator Kuehl...

Former State Senator Sheila Kuehl and her longtime staff member Laurie Newman were honored at the Bay Restoration Commissions December meeting. The author of the state legislation creating the Commission, Senator Kuehl retired from office due to the requirements of term limits. She leaves behind her a legacy of successful Commission projects and programs, including the purchase of the Soka property in the Santa Monica Mountains, as well as numerous water quality and habitat restoration projects.

Chair Richard Bloom lauded the strong support Senator Kuehl maintained for the Commission and noted that much could not have been done without Laurie Newman's continued presence not only at Governing Board meetings, but as an integral member of the Executive Committee. Both Senator Kuehl and Ms Newman will be greatly missed.



Laurie Newman, Senator Kuehl, Chair Richard Bloom, & Executive Director Shelley Luce at the December Bay Restoration Commission Meeting



...And Welcomes Senator Pavley

There is a silver lining: Senator Kuehl has been replaced by newly-elected State Senator Fran Pavley, now representing the 23rd Senate District that Senator Kuehl served for the past eight years. Senator Pavley returns to the Governing Board, having been a member as a State Assembly Member until 2006. A former alternate member to the California Coastal Commission, Senator Pavley's commitment to the environment and the key issues surrounding the Santa Monica Bay watershed will be integral to carrying out the Commission's recently-adopted Bay Restoration Plan. Senator Pavley will be staffed on the Commission by Stephanie Molen. Welcome Senator Pavley & Ms Molen!

2009 Commission Meeting Dates Set

The Commission's Governing Board approved its 2009 Calendar. All meetings will be held at the Del Rey Yacht Club in Marina Del Rey from 9:30 a.m. until about noon. Agendas will be posted at www.santamonica.org at least 10 days prior to the meetings.

The meeting dates are:

- Feb 19
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Governing Board Elects Vice-Chairs to the Executive Committee

Six Vice-Chairs were elected by the Governing Board at its December meeting. Nominated from the Governing Board's 35-member body, the Vice-Chairs, with Chair Richard Bloom, form the Executive Committee which is charged with handling the day-to-day activities of the Commission. The Executive Committee, at the direction of the Governing Board, meets bi-monthly (in months between Commission meetings) to establish upcoming Commission agendas and address other immediate issues that may arise. Vice-Chairs serve one-year terms.

The six Governing Board members elected to the Executive Committee are:

- State Senator Fran Pavley
- Fran Diamond, Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Gail Farber, Director, Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Works
- Mike Gin, Mayor, City of Redondo Beach
- Mark Gold, President, Heal the Bay
- Tom Ford, Executive Director, Santa Monica Bay-keeper

Chair Richard Bloom (Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Santa Monica) continues to serve on the Executive Committee in his second year of a two-year term.