



## Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project

*Advancing ecosystem health. Connecting communities with nature.*

---

INTRODUCTION

THE PLACE

THE NEED

THE VISION

THE PATH

NEWS

GET INVOLVED

---

+ Key Documents

---

+ Feasibility  
Report 2008

---

### Project EIR/EIS Timeline

The project partners anticipate releasing  
the Draft Environmental Impact Report

### E-Newsletter

The documents  
below contain  
recent information

+ Revised  
Alternatives 2008–2010

---

+ Revised  
Alternatives 2012

---

+ Scientific  
Documents &  
Literature

---

+ Ballona  
Wetlands Restoration  
Working Group

---

+ Ballona  
Wetlands Interim  
Management and  
Stewardship  
Subcommittee

---

– Science Advisory  
Committee

The Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meets periodically to review the science used in restoration planning and to guide the implementation of a monitoring program. The Scientific Advisory Committee is an interdisciplinary team of scientists assembled at the beginning of the restoration planning process to

(DEIR) mid-2017. The partners are as eager as the public to release the DEIR but, like the public, want the document's analysis of potential environmental effects to be as thorough and informative as possible. To that end, we are prioritizing the substance of the document over its release date. Delays in EIRs are not uncommon, especially when they are as complex and multifaceted as is the EIR for the Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project.

**[Click here to view the Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project Timeline.](#)**

## Ballona in the News

**March 13, 2016** – Daily Breeze:  
[Conservationists target ice plant invading Ballona Wetlands](#)

**March 2, 2016** – The Argonaut Online:  
[Killing Plants to Save the Wetlands](#)

**May 13, 2015** – The Argonaut:  
[Interview: A Crucial Moment for Wetlands](#)

**May 11, 2015** – High Country News:  
[The Los Angeles Wetland Wars](#)

**December 2, 2014** – The Argonaut:  
[Annenberg suspends \\$50 million Ballona involvement](#)

**November 17, 2014** – Los Angeles Times Editorial:  
[The homeless in the Ballona Wetlands should be moved, and given help](#)

**November 10, 2014** – Los Angeles Times:  
[In Ballona Wetlands preserve, homeless are unwanted intruders](#)

about the project, updates to information about the Santa Monica Bay and Ballona Creek watersheds, updates about the restoration process, and additional information about wetlands in the news. They also contain information about what is currently happening at the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve, how you can get involved, and when tours will be happening.

**[Click here to be added to the Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project email list](#)** to receive a copy of the quarterly e-newsletter.

## Past E-Newsletters

- [SPRING 2016](#)
- [DECEMBER 2015 \(Project Update\)](#)
- [SUMMER 2015](#)
- [MARCH 2015](#)

ensure that the restoration plan is developed based on the best available science. Please reference the sidebar for links to all available SAC agendas.

- SAC PURPOSE, SELECTION PROCESS, AND PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP
- JANUARY 23, 2012 AGENDA
- JANUARY 23, 2012 SAC MEMORANDUM
- JANUARY 23, 2012 SAC PRESENTATION
- OCTOBER 15, 2008 SAC RECOMMENDATIONS MEMO
- SEPTEMBER 18, 2008 AGENDA
- MARCH 19, 2008 AGENDA
- AUGUST 20, 2007 WATER QUALITY SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA
- JANUARY 15, 2007 AGENDA

**October 16, 2014** – Venice – Mar Vista Patch:

The Bay Foundation Finds Non-Native Vegetation Dominates Ballona Wetlands:

**July 19, 2014** – Marina del Rey Patch: Ballona Restoration Supported by Numerous Studies

**July 14, 2014** – Los Angeles Daily News: Restoration project will enhance Ballona Wetlands

**July 13, 2014** – Los Angeles Register: New Housing Homeless Housing Facility Coming to Del Rey

**May 31, 2014** – Marina del Rey Patch: L.A. River Restoration Boosts Ballona Plans

**May 2014** – Hometown News: Interview: Annenberg shares vision for a visitor's center with new website

**March 24, 2014** – LA Weekly blogs: Battle of the Bike Paths: Which Is Better, Ballona or the L.A. River?

**March 19, 2014** – Argonaut Online Police target Ballona Wetlands bike theft ring

**February 25, 2014** – Annenberg Digital News: Environmental Organizations Ask L.A. Residents to Save Wetlands

**February 12, 2014** – The Argonaut: Climate change a factor in Ballona restoration effort

**February 5, 2014** – Daily Breeze: Ballona Wetlands prepares for climate

- SEPTEMBER 2014
- APRIL 2014
- JANUARY 2014
- SEPTEMBER 2013
- MAY 2013
- FEBRUARY 2013
- AUGUST 2012
- MAY 2012
- FEBRUARY 2012
- DECEMBER 2011
- JULY 2011
- APRIL 2011
- DECEMBER 2010
- OCTOBER 2010
- JULY 2010
- APRIL 2010



- **MARCH 28, 2006**  
AGENDA  
change with help from Obama administration mandates
- **NOVEMBER 11, 2005**  
AGENDA  
**November 22, 2013** – Culver City Times:  
Ballona Wetlands – PART THREE:  
Annenberg Foundation Leonard Aube’s  
Explains Annenberg’s Proposal for Area C
- **OCTOBER 20, 2005**  
AGENDA  
**August 14, 2013** – Culver City Times:  
Ballona Wetlands – PART TWO: A  
Prescription
- **JULY 20, 2005**  
AGENDA  
**July 31, 2013** – Culver City Times:  
Ballona Wetlands – PART ONE: A Century of  
Sabotage

---

+ Past Symposia  
Proceedings

---

+ United States  
Army Corps 408 permit  
Submittal A

---

+ Reports from  
our Partners

---

+ Ballona  
Infographics

---

**April 5, 2013** – City Watch:  
Can Urban Wetlands Help Make LA More  
Resilient to Climate Change?

**January 26, 2013** – Los Angeles Times:  
\$50-million interpretive center planned for  
Ballona Wetlands

**October 10, 2012** – The Argonaut:  
Time for public input on wetlands  
restoration alternatives to end soon

**September 9, 2012** – The Daily Breeze:  
‘Ballona Bunnies’ now Culver City  
houseguests

**August 23, 2012** – The Argonaut:  
Ballona Wetlands: Restoration scoping  
meeting in Marina not what some  
attendees expected

**August 14, 2012** – Daily Breeze:  
Environmental Review Begins for Ballona

**August 10, 2012** – KPCC:  
Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission



seeks public input to restore Ballona's not very-wetlands

**August 2, 2012** – The Argonaut:  
Ballona Wetlands: Environmental process for restoration of ecological reserve begins

**August 1, 2012** – Department of Fish and Game  
Ballona Wetlands restoration project underway with public input

**July 19, 2012** – The Argonaut:  
Ballona Wetlands: Research indicates new benefits to wetlands restoration

**May 3, 2012** – The Argonaut:  
Symptoms of global water crisis seen locally in nature, development

**April 12, 2012** – The Argonaut:  
Ballona Wetlands: EPA pollution reduction plan includes 600-acre ecological reserve

**March 15, 2012** – Marina del Rey/ Culver City Patch:  
Wetlands Symposium at LMU Highlights Research on Ballona

**March 15, 2012** – Los Angeles Loyolan:  
11 Burning questions with a restoration ecologist

**February 2, 2012** – The Argonaut:  
Coastal Conservancy Approves Funding for Hydrological Studies, Public Access Design in Environmental Reserve

**January 26, 2012** – Los Angeles Loyolan:  
Wetlands restoration presents unique opportunity



**January 21, 2012** – Los Angeles Times:  
California OKs \$6.5 million to plan Ballona  
Wetlands restoration

**January 20, 2012** – KPCC:  
Coastal Conservancy releases up to \$6.5  
million for Ballona Wetlands recovery

**January 19, 2012** – Marina del Rey Patch:  
Coastal Conservancy Approves \$6.5 Million  
for Ballona Wetlands Restoration Plans

**September 8, 2011** – The Argonaut:  
Rare butterfly finding cited as sign of fruits  
of restoration effort

**June 26, 2011** – Daily Breeze:  
Assessing the wetlands

**May 12, 2011** – The Argonaut:  
Playa del Rey: Rediscovery of rare flower  
excites organization involved in dune  
restoration of state-owned ecological  
reserve

**October 27, 2010** – Daily Breeze:  
Biologist sees first California gnatcatcher  
recorded since 1880s in Ballona Wetlands

**June 7, 2010** – Creek Freak:  
Little chirps in praise of willows and floods

