



Restoration Project Update on 12-15-2015

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The project partners anticipate releasing the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) around the middle of 2016. 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.

As the Ballona Reserve is a large and complex set of habitats with a diverse group of stakeholders, we encourage the public to get involved and to become familiar with the <u>Alternatives</u> and the <u>technical background information</u> before the release of the Draft document.

Additionally, stay tuned for upcoming volunteer opportunities.

Project Schedule

August 2012

Initial Notice of Intent/Notice of Preparation

August 16, 2012

Scoping Meeting

August - October 2012

Scoping Comment Period

January 2013

Revised Notice of Preparation (for a Visitor Education Center, which since has been withdrawn from the Project)

January - March 2013

Second Scoping Comment Period (for the now withdrawn Visitor Education Center)

Spring 2013 - Winter 2015

Prepare Administrative Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Report (EIS/EIR)

Spring 2015 - Spring 2016

Internal Agency Review & Revision of Administrative Draft EIS/EIR

Summer 2016

Release Draft EIS/EIR for Public Review

Summer 2016

Public Comment Period, including Public Comment Meeting on the Draft EIS/EIR (specific date TBD)

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