

## ***Restoration Project update on 12-15-2015***

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.

Please go to <http://ballonarestoration.org> for updates as progress continues.

### **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Revised Notice of Preparation (for a Visitor Education Center, which since has been withdrawn from the Project)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Second Scoping Comment Period (for the now withdrawn Visitor Education Center)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)