

## ***Restoration Project update on 10-3-2016***

### Draft EIR / EIS for the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve

Release of the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/EIS) for the Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project will be delayed due to the identification, discussion and resolution of various questions and concerns from the project agencies involved. The lead agency for the DEIR for the state is the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). The lead agency for the DEIS for the federal government is the Army Corps of Engineers. Both agencies are reviewing and addressing these questions and concerns.

Preparation of the environmental review is taking longer than originally anticipated – not uncommon with documents of this complexity, but we remain committed to preparing a detailed, scientific evaluation of project effects before making a decision concerning this important natural resource.

Currently, CDFW anticipates releasing the DEIR/EIS in mid-2017. We want the document's analysis of potential environmental effects to be as thorough and informative as possible.

Once CDFW releases the DEIR/EIS-a 60-day public comment period will begin. We will provide information at that time informing the public how to comment via email, mail or in person at a public meeting. No public meetings are scheduled at this time.

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