



Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project

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A science-based ecosystem restoration initiative, the Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project will return a degraded wetland habitat into a thriving wildlife reserve and genuine community asset.

Ecological Reserve

To return the Ballona Wetlands to a diverse, resilient and dynamic ecosystem, the restoration project includes plans to:

- Enhance connectivity of the site's habitats and natural communities by increasing tidal and freshwater flow
- Restore inherent ecological processes, improving sustainability and resiliency to adapt to climate change and other environmental changes
- Enhance, restore, and create natural habitats to support native plants and animals, including rare and endangered species
- Conduct restoration in phases to ensure the restoration plan minimizes short-term impacts and achieves the best possible outcomes
- Employ adaptive management strategies to ensure long-term benefits to wildlife communities

Recreation and Education

To provide the community with educational and recreational opportunities, the restoration project will include:

- Walking trails, viewing platforms and improved trailheads
- Continued partnerships with community organizations and educational institutions to further instill environmental stewardship and awareness within a new generation of Ballona Wetlands caretakers
- Interpretive displays to educate the public on local plants, mammals, birds and fish, as well as the important role healthy wetlands play in keeping our ocean clean

Next Steps

As part of the Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project's long-term vision, interim steps are being taken to evaluate the short and long-term environmental impacts of the restoration plan. While the project will be implemented in a series of phases over the next several years, it is anticipated that public access improvements will be included in the first phase of restoration efforts.

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