



Ballona Wetlands Interim Management and Stewardship Subcommittee

Meeting Agenda December 20, 2004 5:00 – 7:00 pm Westchester Library, 8740 Lincoln Boulevard Los Angeles, CA

Meeting Objectives: The objectives of this meeting are:

1. To review and provide feedback on a draft list of the specific activities being considered within the Interim Access Management Plan development process.
2. To review and provide feedback on a preliminary Table of Contents that will guide the development of the Interim Access Management Plan
3. Provide an overview of the DFG's Ecological Reserve (ER) designation process and receive feedback on the proposed regulations to be integrated into the ER designation.

Feedback provided by meeting participants will help to craft a draft Plan that will be provided to the Subcommittee in the early part of 2005. Meeting participants are urged to come prepared to provide focused comments. Individuals who cannot attend the meeting are urged to provide their comments to the sponsors in advance of the meeting, but preferably no later than one week thereafter.

1. Participant Introductions (5 minutes)

Deborah Ruddock (Coastal Conservancy) and John Jostes (Meeting Facilitator) will lead the introductions of those in attendance.

2. Review of Agenda (5 minutes)

John Jostes will review highlights of the last meeting and provide an overview of and seek feedback on this evening's agenda in the context of current and future meeting objectives.

3. Review of Specific Activities Articulated at the November 9th Meeting (20 minutes)

John Jostes will review and entertain questions on a three page summary of the specific activities suggested at the last Subcommittee meeting. The listing includes activities and proposals related to habitat restoration and protection, invasive species removal, education programs, access, fencing and trash removal, safety and trespassing issues, signage, data and mapping needs and partnering potential. Feedback on this list will be sought so that these activities can be integrated into the interim access and management planning efforts. (Handout Attached)

Desired Outcome: This discussion item is intended to gather additional input from meeting participants on the form and content of an interim access management plan for the Ballona Wetlands.

4. Update on Current Interim Management and Stewardship Activity (10 minutes)

Deborah Ruddock will review an updated activities matrix for the project area with participants, with the intention of receiving comments that will help the matrix reflect specific activities currently being undertaken within the planning area. (Handout Attached)

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5. Discussion of an Interim Access Management Plan for the Project Area

(30 minutes)

This agenda topic is intended to provide participants with an opportunity to review and discuss a draft table of contents for an Interim Access Management Plan to be developed in the near future. Participants will be asked for feedback on the table of contents so that plan development can commence. (Handout Attached)

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6. Presentation: Establishing Ballona Wetlands as an Ecological Reserve (20

minutes)

Terri Stewart of DFG will review the Department's process for designating and managing state-owned property in the Ballona Wetlands as an ecological reserve. Terri will update participants on the status of Department efforts, describe the proposed regulations to be included in the designation and entertain questions.

Desired Outcome: This discussion item is intended to gather additional input from meeting participants on the form and content of the regulations associated with an Ecological Reserve designation.

7. Next Steps

- a. **Next Meeting Date, Time, and Location**
- b. **Possible Agenda Topics for Future Meetings**

8. Adjourn