



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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Ruth Coleman, Director

April 24, 2012

Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Monitoring Program

Dear Mr. Bosco,

California State Parks would like to express its support for the proposed extension and funding of Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Monitoring Program as proposed by the Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association (SWIA).

Rapid urbanization along the lagoon boundaries and within the watershed has altered many of the Lagoon's natural systems, impacting native vegetation and marine organisms. In order to manage these impacts and work toward enhancing the Lagoon in its entirety, funding is needed to maintain the continuity of the 25-year monitoring program through the 2012-2017 monitoring period.

The monitoring program has resulted in a consistent, long-term characterization of the lagoon that is crucial to the implementation of the Enhancement Plan. The monitoring results guide management actions by our department, the City of San Diego, and the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Foundation. Examples include detecting low-oxygen events and lack of circulation in tidal channels, which may require lagoon mouth maintenance, as well as tracking vegetation changes in the system, which help steer restoration and other management efforts. Additionally, the monitoring program provides insight into trends in condition of lagoons throughout Southern California, and is a source of monitoring methods that can be incorporated into monitoring programs at other estuaries and lagoons in the region.

We respectfully request your support and funding of this important program.

Sincerely,

Clay Phillips, District Superintendent
San Diego Coast District



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MATTHEW RODRIGUEZ
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California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

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In reply refer to / attn:
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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David W. Gibson".

David Gibson
Executive Officer



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

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Dear Mr. Bosco,

The City of San Diego Transportation and Storm Water Department would like to express its support for the proposed extension and funding of Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Monitoring Program as proposed by the Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association (SWIA).

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We respectfully request your support and funding of this important program.

Sincerely,

Kris McFadden
Deputy Director



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State Coastal Conservancy
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Subject: Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Monitoring Program

Dear Mr. Bosco,

Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Foundation (LPLF) would like to express its support for the proposed extension and funding of Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Monitoring Program as proposed by the Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association (SWIA).

Rapid urbanization along the lagoon boundaries and within the watershed has altered many of the Lagoon's natural systems, impacting native vegetation and marine organisms. In order to manage these impacts and work toward enhancing the Lagoon in its entirety, funding is needed to maintain the continuity of the 25-year monitoring program through the 2012-2017 monitoring period.

The monitoring program has resulted in a consistent, long-term characterization of the lagoon and assisted LPLF and State Parks in coordinating restoration of the Lagoon's ocean inlet. Additionally, the monitoring program provides insight into trends in condition of lagoons throughout Southern California, and is a source of monitoring methods that can be incorporated into monitoring programs at other estuaries and lagoons in the region.

LPLF is currently working with SWIA to improve the program's ability to facilitate and support lagoon management decisions and future restoration under the updated lagoon enhancement plan. LPLF expects to continue working with SWIA on this through 2017, with funding made available for LPLF staff under the new monitoring contract.

We respectfully request your support and funding of this important program.

Sincerely,


Joan Jackson, Chair