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Dear Executive Officer Hutzel,

I am a volunteer at Ballona Wetlands through Nature Nexus Institute. The site is very dear to me. Those of us involved with Ballona care about it deeply and are eager to see it improved in ways that keep it a wetland that can be visited; native plants planted and maintained, trash removal and creating opportunities for the people of Los Angeles to visit this remarkable place.

I have lived in Los Angeles long enough to have a good appreciation of how hard many people worked in order to preserve as much of Ballona Wetlands as possible as an important resource for plants and animals as well as people. I am deeply grateful that the site has been preserved and I would like to see more stewardship given to it.

My understanding is that the State Coastal Conservancy has not discussed Ballona Wetlands since March 2022, almost 18 months ago. I urge you to give a detailed update on plans for this important ecosystem during your Executive Officer's report at the September 14 meeting of the Conservancy Board.

Many thanks, Dorothy Steinicke