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Dear Chair Bosco and Coastal Conservancy Board,

It appears that Conservancy staff and the Conservancy Board have adopted a policy of silence on the Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project, a project that the Conservancy began planning in 2004 and to which the Conservancy allocated over ten million dollars over the last twenty years. The page on the Conservancy's state agency website that was created to provide updates as to the status of the Project has not been updated since May, roughly six months ago. Many current and former Conservancy Board members previously went on record emphasizing the importance of the Ballona Wetlands, but those statements now ring hollow due to the unwillingness of the Conservancy to provide substantive project updates.

Therefore, as I have done many times in the past, I am requesting that the Conservancy's Ballona web page be updated with meaningful information prior to next week's meeting, and that the Executive Officer inform the Board of that update during her report at that meeting. The update should shed light on the currently anticipated timeline for commencing and completing the project, as well as any obstacles and constraints, such as the availability of funding, and plans to overcome those obstacles and constraints. For context, I am attaching an email from legal counsel for the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board to the members of that Board, which discusses funding constraints among other things.

A continued unwillingness by the Conservancy to provide reasonable updates on this project is likely to serve as a warning sign to other agencies who may be asked to fill the funding void left when the Conservancy began distancing itself from the project.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

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