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Dear Executive Officer Hutzel.

I'm a resident of the westside for the last 25 years, and during that time I've been a passionate supporter of restoring the wetlands at Ballona. The Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project has been funded by the State Coastal Conservancy since December of 2004. In September 2007, the an additional \$1.5m was allocated by the Conservancy, with the staff report stating that "[s]taff expects that final planning, environmental review and permitting for the restoration of the site will take approximately three years.

**Sixteen years and many more millions of dollars later there does not seem to be any timeline, budget, or roadmap for these wetlands.**

With respect, it appears that planning for the project is now serving no other purpose than to consume additional time and money that could be used instead to improve the current conditions of the wetlands by way of the most basic stewardship, such as addressing promoting native vegetation, removing non-native species, removing trash and creating additional educational opportunities for students around greater Los Angeles.

There has been no substantive discussion of the Ballona Wetlands by Conservancy staff since March of 2022, almost 18 months ago. Please provide a detailed update on this important ecosystem during your Executive Officer's report at the September 14th meeting of the Conservancy Board.

Best regards,

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