



105 DOCKWALKER VOLUNTEERS TRAINED THROUGH 5 VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS



Photo by John Hollenbeck

Despite the changed reality of social interactions due to COVID-19, the Dockwalker program continues to thrive. Workshops equip Dockwalkers with tools and knowledge they need to engage and motivate behavior change among the boating community for environmentally responsible boating practices.

It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's Abs on a Plane!

For a few hours on the afternoon of June 25th, there were more endangered white abalone in the sky than there are in the ocean. Thanks to LightHawk and their dedicated volunteer pilots, 4,500 white abalone were transported from the Bodega Marine Lab (Bodega Bay) to TBF's facility at the Southern California Marine Institute (San Pedro). TBF will care for these animals until they reach the right size to be outplanted to rocky reefs off the coast of Los Angeles and San Diego Counties where they will contribute to the recovery of their species.



Living Shorelines Coming Soon to Malibu



State Coastal Conservancy visits the Malibu Living Shoreline Project on Point Dume Beach, Malibu.

The Malibu Living Shoreline Project aims to restore approximately three-acres of sandy beach and dune habitat at Zuma and Point Dume Beaches. This project utilizes nature-based living shoreline protection measures to increase the resiliency of the shoreline against sea level rise and coastal storms, while engaging visitors through enhanced beach experiences and educational opportunities. In partnership with the State Coastal Conservancy (pictured), City of Malibu, and Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors, current phases of the project include public outreach, permitting, and baseline monitoring. The project is scheduled to be implemented in Fall 2020.

The City of Malibu is currently evaluating the permit applications for this project, which include the Implementation and Monitoring Plan and Site Characterization Report, available on the [project website](#).

Coastal Research Institute Work Continues Remotely



LMU's Coastal Research Institute conducted surveys pre-COVID-19 on Dockweiler Beach for the Los Angeles Living Shoreline Project.

Loyola Marymount University's Coastal Research Institute brings together expertise from LMU's Frank R. Seaver College of Science and Engineering and The Bay Foundation to restore and enhance Santa Monica Bay and local coastal waters. Although limited due to COVID-19 restrictions, CRI researchers continue efforts remotely and are planning for next steps. Last semester, CRI students completed senior capstone research projects, internships, and other coursework. These projects included beach studies, plant microbe research, mussel physiology, microplastics, climate modeling, eelgrass genetics, and other work in support of native habitat restoration projects.

Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program Semi-Annual Report Now Available



The Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program recently released the semi-annual report for the time period October 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020. This report summarizes efforts of the NEP and its partners to implement the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) for the region for the first semi-annual period of the Fiscal Year 2020 Work Plan. Major progress was made during this time period in support of the actions within the CCMP, including planning and implementing habitat restoration projects, improving climate resiliency, conducting scientific studies, and engaging the public.

Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Memorandum of Understanding Amended

The amended MOU was informed by extensive input from members of the Commission and general public solicited since 2018 and made significant improvements to the governance structure of the Commission by clarifying the authority and relationships among components of the Commission, clarifying the Commission's role in the Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program, enhancing mechanisms for broader and more effective stakeholder participation, streamlining processes, and improving operational efficacy of the Commission. The approval of the amended MOU marks a significant milestone in the history of the Commission and ensures the Commission's ability to carry out its mission of restoring and enhancing Santa Monica Bay and its watershed.

On June 18, 2020, the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission's (Commission) Governing Board unanimously approved major amendments to the Commission's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which delineates the authority, governance, and membership of the Commission.

Media



Read National Geographic's article by Todd Woody '[California's Critical Kelp Forests are Disappearing in a Warming World. Can They Be Saved?](#)'



Read Ensia's article by Emma Bryce '[Can the Forests of the World's Oceans Contribute to Alleviating the Climate Crisis?](#)'



Our partner Sustainable Surf has a new convenient [web-based app](#) that makes it fun and easy to save the seas via TBF's kelp restoration work, and much more.



Watch [Heal The Bay's Knowledge Drop](#), with guest speaker Tom Ford talking about the Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program.



See a [video update](#) on The Bay Foundation's collaborative project with Environmental Charter School to build parkway garden beds in Inglewood.



June 3rd is Nick Gabaldón Day credited as the first documented surfer of African American and Latino descent in the Santa Monica Bay. To learn more, watch [12 Miles North The Nick Gabaldon Story by NIKE](#) and visit [Heal The Bay's webpage](#).

Featured Instagram Photo



thebayfoundation Happy Earth Day! TBF is passionate about the health of Santa Monica Bay and works to restore and enhance the Santa Monica Watershed day in and day out. More than 5,000 species of animals, fish, birds, and plants make their home in the Bay and the Bay Watershed! From restoring kelp forests and beaches to reducing plastic pollution at the source, we take action and collaborate with partners to improve water quality, conserve and rehabilitate natural resources, and protect the Bay's benefits and values. We honor and celebrate the Earth!

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2020 SMBRC Governing Board Meeting Dates

- August 20, 2020
- October 15, 2020
- December 08, 2020

As a result of the COVID-19 emergency, meetings will occur solely via remote presence. [Links for the Governing Board meeting](#) will be posted approximately one week in advance of the meeting.

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