

Flora and Fauna: Endangered, Threatened, and Imperiled Species

“Why is the California Department of Fish & Wildlife overseeing a plan that is harmful to wildlife?” Huey Johnson, Secretary of Resources, State of California (1978-1982) – News Release in response to Ballona Draft EIS/EIR

We remain concerned that the increased fragmentation will limit wildlife movement and subject a greater proportion of the remaining wildlife within Ballona Wetlands to noise and disruption associated with recreation and maintenance activities along the new berms, lowering the overall quality of remaining habitat from its current condition.

Janet Whitlock, United States Dept. of Interior, Office of the Secretary, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance Response to Draft EIS/EIR

The EIR does not adequately describe the baseline conditions for sensitive vegetation (LPP section 4.1), nor sensitive wildlife species in the form of invertebrates (LPP, 3.2.1), reptiles (LPP 3.2.2) or birds (LPP 3.23.) **Los Angeles Audubon Society Response to Draft EIS/EIR**

As explained in the LPP [Land Protection Partners] Report (Section 4), the impact analysis of various impacts is woefully deficient in the EIR... There is a lack of post-restoration vegetation maps. (LPP, 4.2.) Impacts to endangered species are not sufficiently addressed, including to the El Segundo Blue Butterfly (LPP 4.3.1), California Least Tern (LPP 4.3.2), Coastal California Gnatcatcher (LPP, 4.3.3), and Least Bell's Vireo (LPP, 4.3.4). Similarly, impacts to special status plants are not sufficiently addressed including the Lewis' Evening Primrose (LPP, 4.4.1) and Woolly Seablite (LPP, 4.4.2). Nor are impacts to Special-Status invertebrates or reptiles such as the Silvery Legless Lizard or San Bernardino Ring-necked Snake sufficiently understood (LPP, section 4.6). **Los Angeles Audubon Society Response to Draft EIS/EIR**

We have been interested in this rare marshland for many years and are very concerned about the major land transformation of the wetlands proposed in this project and the lack of definitive protection and replanting of the onsite listed native plants and appropriate native plants for the different marshland and upland vegetative alliances in Ballona Wetlands after the major soil removal, channel contouring, construction of berms, etc. is done. **California Native Plant Society Response to Draft EIS/EIR**

Impacts to sensitive status birds must be more fully analyzed including the following: Belding's Savannah Sparrow, California Gnatcatcher, California Horned Lark, Burrowing Owl, Nesting Raptors, and other special status upland, marsh, and shorebird species (LPP, section 4.7). Furthermore, impacts to special status mammals are not adequately analyzed, nor the impacts from night lighting and noise (LPP, sections 4.8, 4.9 and 4.10) **Los Angeles Audubon Society Response to Draft EIS/EIR**



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Federal Threatened Species

Coastal California Gnatcatcher *Polioptila californica californica*

(migratory songbird)

Western Snowy Plover *Charadrius nivosas nivosas*

Federal Endangered Species

Least Bell's Vireo *Vireo bellii pusillus*

(resident songbird)

El Segundo Blue Butterfly *Euphilotes battoides allyni*

California Least Tern *Sterna antillarum browni*

(migratory shorebird)

California Sea-Long – *Suaeda californica*

Light-footed Ridgway's Rail (Light-footed Clapper Rail) *Rallus longirostris levipes*

State Endangered Species

Belding's Savannah Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis beldingi*

(resident songbird)

Least Bell's Vireo *Vireo bellii pusillus*

(resident songbird)

Light-footed Ridgway's Rail (Light-footed Clapper Rail) *Rallus longirostris levipes*

Other Noted &/or Protected Species

California Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis californicus*

American Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus anatum*

White-tailed Kite *Elanus leucurus*

Palmer's Goldenbush *Ericameria palmeri* var. *palmeri*

Numerous Lichens, native insect & spider species, native ant populations, dragonflies, damselflies, butterflies and so much more



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Imperiled Species – Special Status

Lewis' Evening-Primrose *Camissoniopsis lewisii*
Orcutt's Yellow Pincushion *Chaenactis glabriuscula* var. *orcuttiana*
Wandering Skipper Butterfly *Panoquina errans*
Slender Arrowgrass *Triglochin concinnum*
South Coast Marsh Vole *Microtus californicus stephensi*
Ballona Wallflower *Erysimum suffrutescens*
Silvery Legless Lizard *Anniella stebbinsi*
Alkali Barley *Hordeum depressum*
Southern Tarplant *Centromadia parryi* ssp. *australis*
Woolly Sea-Lite *Suaeda taxifolia*
Southern California Ornate Shrew *Sorex ornatus salicornicus*
Slender Salamander *Batrachoseps attenuatus attenuatus* (Eschscholtz)
Grasshopper Sparrow *Ammodramus savannarum*
California Horned Lizard *Phrynosoma blainvillii blainvillii* (Gray)
Ballona California Kingsnake *Lampropeltis getula californiae*
Western Sand Spurrey *Spergularia canadensis*
Southern Marsh Harvest Mouse *Reithrodontomys megalotis limicola*
Loggerhead Shrike *Lanius ludovicianus*
Grasshopper Sparrow *Ammodramus savannarum*
Western Meadowlark *Stumella neglecta*
Cooper's Hawk *Accipiter cooperii*
Northern Harrier *Circus cyaneus*
Double-crested Cormorant *Phalacrocorax auritus*
Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*
Oregon Vesper Sparrow *Pooecetes graminea affinis*
Great Egret *Ardea alba*
Wigeon Grass *Ruppia maritima*
Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*
Spiral Wigeon Grass *Ruppia cirrhosa*
Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*
Vernal Barley *Hordeum intercedens*
Western Pony's-Foot *Dichondra occidentalis*
South Coast Branching Phacelia *Phacelia ramosissima*
Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia*
Monarch Butterfly *Danaus plexippus*
Ferruginous Hawk *Buteo regalis*

