



Music from the Mesa

Newsletter 92

Bolsa Chica Land Trust

Special Edition

CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION Upper Wetlands Public Hearing!

MAY 9-11, 2007
Crowne Plaza Los Angeles Harbor Hotel
601 S. Palos Verdes Street
San Pedro, CA

Yes, you've heard us announce this before - the California Coastal Commission's public hearing on the City of Huntington Beach's Local Coastal Program Amendment for the Shea/Parkside property.

In February, you will recall, the Land Trust was in San Diego with a bus load of members and our wetlands experts, only to have the Commission postpone the hearing at the very last minute.

Now we look forward to May, when once again the Commission will have the Upper Bolsa Chica wetlands on the agenda.

We ask that all our members join us in San Pedro for this important hearing. We invite you to speak out on this issue, or donate your time so that others may speak on your behalf.

No matter when or where the hearing finally takes place, the Land Trust will be ready - and we're counting on your support! See Page 2 of this Special Edition Newsletter for details.



The federally threatened California Gnatcatcher and the California fully-protected White Tailed Kite are only two of the important species that call the Upper Bolsa Chica Wetlands home.

Photos by Mark D. Bixby

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE CCC PUBLIC HEARING:

Q: When is the public hearing?

A: It will be either Wednesday, May 9, or Thursday, May 10. We don't know the specific time yet. Check the Land Trust website www.bolsachicalandtrust.org or call the office at 714/846-1001 for specifics.

Q: Why is this public hearing important?

A: Because this is the last large parcel of open space at Bolsa Chica under threat of development. What happens here could ultimately decide how many more houses are built.

Q: What do you mean "more houses"?

A: The Hearthsides Brightwater project on the upper bench of the mesa is now under construction, 349 units. The Shea Parkside project would be 170 units in addition to that!

Q: What can I do to stop it?

A: Sign & mail the postcard enclosed with this newsletter (be sure to add a stamp!). Coastal Commission staff reported receiving over 1,000 postcards last year—let's try to beat that number!

Q: What else can I do?

A: Attend the public hearing in person. The developer buses in people wearing "Parkside YES" stickers; we need to make sure Bolsa Chica has an equal, if not greater, number of supporters.

Q: Do I have to give a speech if I go?

A: Speaking is optional, but you can be sure that those "Parkside YES" folks will be going up to the microphone saying, "This project is great; please approve it". If you want to give public comments, you are limited to 2 minutes (they are very strict about time). You can also donate your speaking time to others; call the office at 714/846-1001 for details.

Q: How long will the hearing last?

A: The hearing will last several hours. Bolsa Chica is a complex issue, and an emotional one. But once it's gone, it's gone—it can't be restored to open space. This is a chance to make a difference that will last generations!

The Bolsa Chica Land Trust presents:

Bolsa Chica:

Past,
Present,
Future



Guest Speakers:



Louis Robles, Jr., member of the Acjachemem Nation
Sharing native traditions



Jan Vandersloot, M.D., co-founder of the Bolsa Chica Land Trust
With a historical perspective of the Upper Bolsa Chica Wetlands



Jeff Stoddard & Kelly O'Reilly, California Department of Fish & Game
Beginning a new era for the Bolsa Chica Mesa and Wetlands

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

7pm-9pm

Huntington Beach Public Library

7111 Talbert Ave

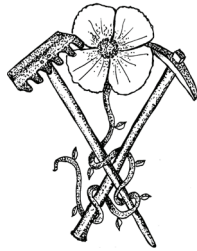
Lower Level, Room C/D

Free Admission

(donations are welcome)

The Bolsa Chica Land Trust is a non-profit 501(c)(3) dedicated to acquiring, restoring, and preserving all of the lowlands, uplands, and wetlands of the Bolsa Chica in Orange County. For further information, contact (714) 846-1001 or visit www.bolsachicalandtrust.org.

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY WITH THE LAND TRUST



April 21st - 9am to Noon

Fun for all ages

Come and help restore the Bolsa Chica

FUN IN THE MUD!

With approval from the State Lands Commission and the Department of Fish and Game, the Land Trust along with the Amigos de Bolsa Chica will begin a new phase of restoration with the planting of California native wetland plants in the pocket wetlands near the Bolsa Chica Mesa.

After eleven years of planting coastal sage scrub habitat on the mesa, we will begin planting on the wetlands for the very first time. We invite you to join us for this historic event.

Dress for work in the dirt and (long pants, closed-toe shoes, or boots). All planting equipment and instructions from our staff will be provided.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Guided Bird Watching, Planting Native Plants,
Watering recently planted Native Plants

FAMILY FUN:

Free ice cream cones, coffee lemonade and pastries.

WHERE:

North parking lot (Warner and PCH)
South parking lot (PCH between Warner and
Seapoint)

For more information call Kim at (714) 717-6304

KITTY LITTER CONTAINERS NEEDED

The Bolsa Chica Stewards, Restoration Team of the Bolsa Chica Land Trust, are in desperate need of fifty large kitty litter containers with handles. The Stewards use these containers to water the plants on the Mesa. Please save them and drop them off at the home of Flossie Horgan, 207 21st Street (near Goldenwest and PCH) or the home of Kim Kolpin, 5651 Clark Drive (near Graham and Heil).

Even your pets can help restore Bolsa Chica!

LAND TRUST CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF BEACH CLEAN-UP

The Land Trust has successfully completed our 10th year of participation in the Beach Clean-Up program sponsored by Simple Green and the City of Huntington Beach.

Our dynamic clean-up team includes Eileen Murphy, Vi and Scott Cowden, Gilbert and Corrine Ramirez, Carol Koelle and Mary Jane and Bill Wiley. Every Monday morning from 8:30 to 9:30 between the months of November to April this mighty group of volunteers collect trash off

the beach between the lifeguard stations at 16th and 18th streets. After their workout they have been sighted at the Cowdens' eating homemade Kichlie on occasion.

By volunteering for this annual project, the team receives great exercise and earns \$1,000 for the Land Trust. We offer a heartfelt thank you to these Land Trust members who demonstrate that the individual can make a difference.

BCLT WELCOMES NEW DFG BIOLOGISTS



Kelly O'Reilly is the new DFG land manager for the restored wetlands at Bolsa Chica. Jeff Stoddard will oversee the management of the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve.

Kelly O'Reilly and Jeff Stoddard are the new Department of Fish and Game land managers at Bolsa Chica.

Kelly is a native Californian who lives in Huntington Beach. She has been with the Department for seven years and has a Masters degree in Biology from Cal State Fullerton with a specialty in marine fisheries. In reflecting on her new position Kelly says, "I am enthusiastic about working here at Bolsa Chica to help preserve the habitat."

Jeff Stoddard is also a Huntington Beach resident having moved here with his wife, Becca, and their eight-month old son, Leopold, from Humboldt County. Jeff graduated from Humboldt State University and worked on a contract for DFG out of their Redding office. "I am excited to work with the community at Bolsa Chica to continue to the restoration efforts that have accomplished so much and made Bolsa Chica the wonderful place it is."

Both Kelly and Jeff will be featured at the Land Trust's Town Hall Meeting on May 2nd at the Huntington Beach Central Library.



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All Bolsa Chica Land Trust gift items available at Land Trust
Office: Office Hours: 9:30AM to 3:30PM, Monday-Friday

Regular Land Trust Events

BCLT Board Meetings
2nd Thursday of each month. 7PM
Call 714-846-1001 for location

BCLT Wetlands Table & Wetlands-Mesa Tour
3rd Sunday of each month. 9AM-3PM
Free Guided Tour 10AM-12noon
PCH Parking at BC Wetlands
For info & to help call 714-964-8170

Bolsa Chica Stewards
1st Sunday and 3rd Saturday of each month.
9AM-12noon. Meet in parking lot at PCH &
Warner. Habitat restoration, trail maintenance,
etc. For information, call 562-920-4215

**Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,
Nothing is going to get better. It's not.**

Dr. Seuss