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6/30/2019 11:56:10	<p>I reviewed the 2019 version of the OBRPAP before the links to the plan were pulled from the website. It is imperative that the public has ongoing access to the plan so we can understand what is actually being proposed. I was impressed with the plan and hope that the timetable for implementation be made public. The one area that has not been adequately addressed is the ongoing vagrancy problem at Ormond Beach. The fragile environment in this area is being decimated by a large and growing population of vagrant individuals and the City of Oxnard is doing nothing about it. These people tried to drain the lagoon, deposit large amounts of trash and human waste in the protected zone and threaten members of the public who would like to enjoy the area. If the plan is to purchase land, restore the wetlands while allowing a large and growing population of drug addicts, criminals and mentally ill people to live there without consequence, we would be better off to pave it over and park cars from the Port there.</p> <p>David Scrivner <a href="mailto:dgs@roadrunner.com">dgs@roadrunner.com</a></p>

8/2/2019

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I'd like to share my thoughts on the Ormond Beach presentation last night. First, I found the wall maps and plan very hard to digest from the audience. It wasn't particularly difficult to understand from an overview, but details in the presentation were missing. It wasn't mentioned that this is an Audubon Important Bird Area (IBA) being a major migratory stopover for millions of birds. That wetland experts consider this to be one of the most important wetland restoration opportunities in southern California. Had this been mentioned perhaps the people there would have a better understanding what the real priority should be.

Even at Table 5 where I was seated these points weren't made. They were not interested in the issue of enforcement and the need for strong deterrents to the criminal and homeless situations at Ormond. They didn't mention that people and the trash they generate brings crows, ravens, opossums, skunks, raccoons. I started to mention the way in which the Carpinteria Salt Marsh is protected, but didn't. No bike paths, but a perimeter far from the habitat these creatures need and no picnic tables.

Myself and one other person at the table felt the restoration was being presented as more of a park setting with picnic tables, bike paths, restrooms (which the homeless will definitely use), parking facilities at several locations, multiple access points from Perkins, McWane Blvd, and Arnold Road. And the only protection for the WSP and CLT nesting are habitat fences around three areas we all hope the birds nest in. Lighting wasn't discussed. I feel strongly that only a single access point should be presented as a welcoming center, but more importantly a point of access that might offer some control such as Walter Fuller does on Arnold Road. If multiple access points are available, then a Walter Fuller would be needed at each.

They didn't get into any detail on using the J Street drain filtered water to replenish the ponds they propose. Or perhaps the water supply will be provided from the treatment plant??

My point is that without this background information, which is critical to the project, how can anyone treat it as anything but a large park? And that's what a lot of people were doing. We did mention Halico, but not the elephant that will remain on the property - the power plant.

I noted the EPA superfund site representative was present. He didn't talk. No one from the City of Oxnard would stand up and recognize the enforcement issues there today and likely tomorrow. The 30 acres or so of land to be used for storing vehicles from the Port is showing signs that even though it hasn't formally been approved, it soon will be. We know that temporary means years and years and potentially a permanent site for the growing needs of the Port.

Did it really take two years to put this 30% design proposal together?

8/6/2019 8:29:34	I fear that the plan, as presented, veers too far in the direction of creating a "park" rather than protecting the threatened and endangered species that live there. I realize that we must balance public access with protection but, the plan seems geared to attract hordes of people to the beach. Picnic tables, a bridge over the lagoon and other ideas are designed to bring people. During the nesting season for Western Snowy Plovers and CA Least Terns (March til September) hordes of people, their trash, their kites and, inevitably, their dogs will not help the nesting birds. Ormond Beach ought to be a "nature preserve" with limited and carefully controlled public access. That MUST include having rangers, not just docents, available 24/7. A management plan and a management organization or agency should come first.
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8/21/2019 12:53:35	<p>August 21, 2019</p> <p>State Coastal Conservancy Chris.Kroll@scc.ca.gov</p> <p>City of Oxnard Isidro.Figueroa@oxnard.org</p> <p>The Nature Conservancy Peter.Dixon@TNC.org</p> <p>Ventura Audubon Society Conservation Committee</p> <p><b>Comments Regarding the Proposed Ormond Beach Restoration and Access Plan</b></p> <p>Many of us attended the Public Hearing on the plan on July 31, 2019 in Oxnard. We came away with the sense that the plan, as written, proposes to create a “park” that would attract many visitors. Multiple access points, boardwalks, bike paths picnic tables and a bridge over the lagoon are designed to attract crowds. Crowds will bring food, balls, frisbees and, inevitably, dogs for a day at the beach!</p> <p>Our vision has always been that Ormond Beach should be a nature reserve first with limited and tightly controlled public access, especially during nesting season. We recognize that public access is among the priorities of the Coastal Conservancy but, we strongly believe that, in a wildlife sanctuary, protection of wildlife including rare and endangered plants must come first.</p> <p>The plan must include hiring a management organization early in the process so the rules protecting wildlife can be enforced 24/7 during and after construction. This will be especially critical given the current issues with homeless encampments. Without strong, early and consistent enforcement, restoration work will be for naught.</p> <p>Crowds spell disaster for western snowy plovers and California least terns, especially during the nesting season (March 15 until September 15). As written, the plan provides for fences to designate the nesting areas; however, as we all know, the birds do not always nest inside the fenced areas. Moreover, plover chicks must feed themselves and to do that must walk to the beach,</p>
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especially the wrack line to find food. Least terns often nest by the lagoon and parents dive for fish in the lagoon to feed the chicks.

For nearly thirty years, Ventura Audubon has worked to protect nesting birds at Ormond Beach. Ormond Beach is considered to be one of the most important wetland restoration projects in southern California. It has been designated critical habitat by USFWS, an Important Bird Area by Audubon and it is a major migratory stopover for dozens of species. The protection enjoyed today by Ormond Beach would not have been possible without the presence of a 24/7 volunteer, Walter Fuller and the support of the Oxnard City Council in passing the Ormond Beach Ordinance. None of these considerations were mentioned in the presentation at the public hearing nor are they apparent in the materials made available to the public.

We urge that the focus of the Ormond Beach plan be redirected to, first and foremost, recognize its importance as a nature reserve.

Sincerely,

Sandy Hedrick

Chair, Conservation Committee

Bruce E. Schoppe, VAS Vice President

James Susha, Conservation Committee

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8/21/2019 19:16:30	<p>The Ventura County Watershed Protection District (District) supports the City of Oxnard, State Coastal Conservancy, and Nature Conservancy efforts to acquire and restore coastal habitat on the Oxnard Plain. The Ormond Beach Restoration and Public Access Project Preliminary Restoration Plan (Plan) goals related to restoring “an ecosystem that is naturally resilient (i.e., able to respond, recover, and adapt) to climate change and sea-level rise” complement the District’s mission to “protect life, property and community infrastructure from flood events, improve water resources management, and enhance the health and natural function of watersheds in Ventura County.” This is particularly true for the goal to “promote resiliency to projected future climate change, including accelerated sea-level rise, extreme coastal storms, precipitation variability and extremes (i.e., drought and flood cycles and magnitudes), saline groundwater intrusion, and temperature.”</p> <p>The District also supports the Plan’s Alternative Development Guidelines, which include “Avoid impacts to existing operations on adjacent properties... Maintain or improve the existing level of flood protection.” This is carried through to item no. 3 of Table 4-1, which lists “flooding of local industrial properties should not be increased and restoration should not conflict with flood management functions of tšumaš Creek, OLW, and/or the lagoon” as a Plan constraint.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft Plan. Our comments/suggestions are listed in the following table below.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; padding-bottom: 5px;">Location/Comment</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Table ES-1, Area 1, Restoration; RO#8, p 4-6</td></tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Perkins Drain currently has very poor circulation and water quality. Are there any plans for this channel?</td></tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Table ES-1, Areas 1, 2, 3, Restoration; RO#5 &amp; #6, p 4-4</td></tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Plan states: “Lagoon connection to Ormond Lagoon Waterway (OLW) moved to the east of Halaco properties.”</td></tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">The District supports this intention, as the OLW’s current path through the Halaco Superfund Site diminishes the stream’s water quality. Re-routing the channel away from its current alignment would benefit the lagoon’s biological resources over the long term. The District also supports addition of “flood protection around edges of property” by creating higher elevation wetland transition habitat. As stated on p 4-4, “realignment of the OLW will require a Watercourse Permit from the VCWPD and a revision to their easement,” with supporting hydrologic/hydraulic analysis to ensure there is sufficient capacity to convey OLW one percent annual chance (100-year) storm flow.</td></tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">The District also supports creation of a “bioswale to capture nutrients in runoff from East McWane Blvd.” It may be necessary to also capture trash from McWane Blvd., and from OLW. Please ensure that all public access points and paths are regularly maintained so that no new trash inputs to the wetlands result from the project.</td></tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Table ES-1, Areas 1, 3, Restoration</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Location/Comment	Table ES-1, Area 1, Restoration; RO#8, p 4-6	Perkins Drain currently has very poor circulation and water quality. Are there any plans for this channel?	Table ES-1, Areas 1, 2, 3, Restoration; RO#5 & #6, p 4-4	Plan states: “Lagoon connection to Ormond Lagoon Waterway (OLW) moved to the east of Halaco properties.”	The District supports this intention, as the OLW’s current path through the Halaco Superfund Site diminishes the stream’s water quality. Re-routing the channel away from its current alignment would benefit the lagoon’s biological resources over the long term. The District also supports addition of “flood protection around edges of property” by creating higher elevation wetland transition habitat. As stated on p 4-4, “realignment of the OLW will require a Watercourse Permit from the VCWPD and a revision to their easement,” with supporting hydrologic/hydraulic analysis to ensure there is sufficient capacity to convey OLW one percent annual chance (100-year) storm flow.	The District also supports creation of a “bioswale to capture nutrients in runoff from East McWane Blvd.” It may be necessary to also capture trash from McWane Blvd., and from OLW. Please ensure that all public access points and paths are regularly maintained so that no new trash inputs to the wetlands result from the project.	Table ES-1, Areas 1, 3, Restoration
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	<p>Plan states: "Lagoon connection to marsh in Area 3a increases capacity and leads to less frequent manual breaching."</p> <p>The District currently grooms a 100-ft by 100-ft section of Ormond Beach immediately prior to forecast storms when the beach elevation exceeds 6.5 ft NGVD (National Geodetic Vertical Datum 1929). A buffer of 0.5 ft above the existing lagoon water surface elevation is maintained during grooming with the assistance of a ground survey crew to ensure that manual breaching does not occur (the last occurrence of manual breaching was during a flood emergency on January 18, 2010). Grooming is intended to provide a "spillway" for rapidly rising stormwater to reach the Pacific Ocean rather than flood inland developed properties such as the Oxnard Waste Water Treatment Plant and Halaco Superfund Site. Often after grooming, a breach will not occur until a storm generates suitable runoff volume, sometimes days or weeks later. Suggest deleting the word "manual" from this text.</p> <p>Table ES-1, Areas 1, 2, 3, Public Access; PAO#4 &amp; #5, pp 4-16 &amp; 17      Plan includes bridges over tšumaš Creek and OLW.      Please ensure the bridges are designed to allow passage of one percent annual chance (100-year) storm flow. This work will require a Watercourse Permit from the District.</p> <p>2.3.1 Topography, p. 2-6      "A survey was completed by ESA in 2017 to groundtruth the SCC LiDAR from 2011."</p> <p>Please note that the portion of tšumaš Creek within the Plan area was reconstructed in 2015. Therefore, the 2011 LiDAR data do not reflect current conditions in the channel.</p> <p>Table 2-3      The District has documented tidewater goby within tšumaš Creek (formerly J St Drain) and in Ormond Lagoon from 2013 through 2018.</p> <p>RO#4, p 4-4      The District concurs that "further hydrologic and ecologic assessment is required to identify restoration actions to expand the lagoon (e.g., new channel connections), evaluate the hydrologic response (e.g., change in lagoon water levels and flood levels), and evaluate potential ecological benefits (e.g., effect of increased closure on tidewater gobies.)"</p> <p>RO#8, p 4-6; RC#1, p 4-8      "tšumaš Creek, could be enhanced and connected to restored wetlands...Reconnecting these channels to restored wetland habitats would reduce channelization and could allow for creek flows to infiltrate wetland soils. This provides the opportunity</p>
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to enhance surface water and groundwater patterns to support restoration across the Project Area. This approach could also create wetlands that provide water and sediment quality treatment functions.”

“Include water and sediment quality BMPs and/or treatment wetland features within the Project Area to treat portions of the flows from tšumaš Creek, OLW, and ODD#3. Portions of the treatment wetlands would need to be maintained periodically by removing any accumulated contaminated sediment and vegetation. BMPs such as vegetated filter strips and bioswales would be a less intensive approach to filter out contaminants.”

The above features would need to be carefully designed in coordination with the District to ensure flooding of adjacent developed properties would not result from tšumaš Creek channel modifications. A Watercourse Permit would be required, with supporting hydrologic evaluation. The District would not be able to take on maintenance of new features such as treatment wetlands, vegetated filter strips, or bioswales.

**RO#10, p 4-7**

The use of supplemental water sources such as the Calleguas Municipal Water District Salinity Management Pipeline, agricultural water from United Water Conservation District, and recycled water from the City of Oxnard to maintain water levels in certain areas should factor in the capacity required during the rainy season for tšumaš Creek and OLW storm runoff.

**RC#3, p 4-9**

Please coordinate closely with the District when evaluating the flood impacts of the proposed activities. The District appreciates the intention of “planning the restoration to maintain or reduce existing flood levels.”

**Figure 4-1, Note 4**

Note refers to “drain levees,” however tšumaš Creek does not contain levees. The channel is flanked by a maintenance/access road immediately east of it. The District has no levee facilities anywhere within the Plan area.

**PAO#1, p 4-15**

The District concurs with the concept of creating a “formal bike path...along tšumaš Creek to bring South Oxnard residents along J Street to the western edge of the Project Area,” and also along OLW. Please coordinate closely with the District when planning trails along District facilities to ensure that critical maintenance access is not compromised. A Watercourse Permit would be required.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact Angela Bonfiglio Allen at 805.477.7175 or [Angela.Bonfiglio@ventura.org](mailto:Angela.Bonfiglio@ventura.org) if you have any questions.

8/31/2019 16:56:14	There needs to be an access point from Perkins Rd. that students from Art Haycox school can access on walking field trips. This needs to be an educational zone focused on teaching people about the unique area in their backyard and should have placards and interactive learning areas.
9/2/2019 12:45:17	Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposals. I can tell a lot of effort has been put into them. I am however disappointed by the lack of development pertaining to access from Arnold Rd. This is the current main access for most of us who walk the beach. This access is close to the beach and we would love for you to find a way to maintain parking here. More parking on the west side of Arnold Rd should be explored as has been suggested. This may be the least expensive way to maintain parking close to the beach for us as the trails are already there. This project will take a while to complete so please maintain access to Orman via Arnold Rd
9/8/2019 14:32:10	Please keep the Arnold Street parking lot open
9/8/2019 14:36:35	I visit Ormond Beach a couple times a month to walk on the beach and enjoy the ocean. I love being able to park at the Arnold Road lot! The Arnold Road lot is off the beaten path enough to give one a feeling of being almost alone on a secluded beach and away from the hustle and bustle of daily life. Please keep the Arnold Road lot open! I live in Thousand Oaks and this lot is a bit closer and easier for me to access this fabulous resource.
9/9/2019 12:40:00	Please keep the parking lot on Arnold Road.
9/9/2019 17:01:23	Plan looks great. Please keep an access at Arnold Road! Thank you.
9/13/2019 17:22:42	<p>Access at Arnold Road.</p> <p>Figure ES-3 indicates that there will be a bike focus at the end of Arnold Road, with limited parallel parking, drop-off, and turn around for vehicles. I have worked on restoration and educational activities at this site for a number of years. I have observed that this is a very popular site for beach goers, bird watchers, and fishers. It has also serves as a starting point for school field trips. Decreasing parking at this site will shut out the steady stream of present visitors to the area.</p> <p>The Homeless Population</p> <p>Ormond Beach is home for increasing numbers of homeless people. The trail system envisioned in this plan will facilitate access to visitors. In addition, it will also ease the movement of homeless people and their belongings. As a result an increase in the number of homeless settlements can be expected to increase. With these settlements come large quantities of refuse and unsanitary conditions. What provisions have been made in the design and operating plans to deal with the homeless population?</p>

9/29/2019 19:34:53	<p>I commend the entities involved for this in-depth analysis of this very special area that has long been neglected and mistreated but has great potential as a natural area that supports unique plant and animal species. It is exciting to think of the world-class coastal wetland and wildlife sanctuary that we have the opportunity to restore and preserve. Thank you for extending the comment period. My perspective is from being an ecologist who has written many environmental analyses and mitigation measures for endangered species, and from having monitored western snowy plover and California least tern nesting areas in Ventura County for the last 9 years, 3 of them at Ormond Beach. My comments prioritize the continuing recovery of healthy habitats and for the species themselves.</p> <p><b>Habitat Restoration</b></p> <p>In my experience working on land management issues over many years, I believe the best methods of habitat restoration begin with removing man-made impediments and alterations to first allow natural processes to reclaim the land and more historical hydrology before new excavation, etc. are conducted. I am in favor of removal of berms, ditches and nonnative plants where possible. I also support where the addition of culverts will reconnect natural hydrologic flows. These lower-disturbance fixes alone will restart natural ecological functions fairly quickly. For the proposed Preferred Alternative ideas to create basins, reroute waterways, and excavate swales, I question whether a thorough analysis of the historical hydrology prior to heavy agriculture was conducted to verify that these features will be naturally sustainable or will manipulation and machinery be required to periodically dredge, etc. to maintain them? The latter would be unacceptable, especially if species return to the area and could be disturbed by additional construction activities. In addition to known endangered species, these habitats support many sensitive burrowing species whose presence hasn't been documented by focused surveys as well as a high diversity of migratory species. Nothing should be constructed until the surrounding agricultural lands are obtained, crops removed, and water rights secured to observe how the habitats respond to the restoration of more natural aboveground and groundwater hydrology. This should be given a minimum of two years before excavations. I did not see in the Plan if the underground toxic plume from Halaco was considered for the re-alignment of the OLW channel. Also, focused surveys for sensitive animal and plant species such as the salt marsh bird's-beak (<i>Cordylanthus maritimus</i> ssp. <i>maritimus</i>) must be conducted prior to all ground disturbances. This type of radical change would best be done after Halaco is fully remediated but I see the advantage of moving water flow out of that area. With the large number of data gaps mentioned in the Plan, water flow and other data will need to be collected over several years before decisions are made final. Adding more human land and water manipulation needs to be well thought-out and undertaken slowly, preferably in phases, in this sensitive and rare ecosystem.</p> <p>The very few remaining coastal dunes in Ventura County are part of the Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas (ESHA) designated by the County. Disturbance to dunes needs to be minimized as well as allowing them ample room to do as they naturally do, which includes creeping landward with wind and tide influences. Coastal wetlands and dunes are dynamic ecosystems that will shift in response to higher high tides and seasonal high surf events, as well as for sea level rise. For that</p>
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reason, additions of boardwalks on or through dunes are a serious disturbance and will undoubtedly affect natural sand movement and dune topography, plus create a maintenance issue as wind-blown sands build up onto boardwalks. I have seen this occur at Carpinteria State Beach, where the boardwalk was even constructed to be raised periodically. Boardwalks are very expensive and building one in dunes may be a short-lived project as the sands overtake it. The best uses of boardwalks I have seen through my travels have been over muddy and moist wetland soils and marsh areas to minimize pedestrian trampling. Also, if permanent, inter-dunal swales were sustainable on this beach, there would have been evidence of such; therefore, creating swales may also only be temporary. A couple times per year, high surf events flow between low spots of the dunes. These should be allowed to continue but I don't see a need for tractor-created swales. When there is sufficient precipitation, many areas at Ormond Beach naturally retain water without human help.

I noticed what may be a contradiction in discussion of Area 6. It was mentioned that this area fell within the hazard air strike zone of the NBVC airstrip where they prefer few birds to be and yet in another section, Area 6 was predicted to become flooded more often. This has been a seasonally-flooded salt marsh panne for millennia that attracts a large variety of migratory bird species when water is present. The Base airstrip was obviously built with knowledge of this. I hope Area 6 will be allowed to continue as a seasonal open water stopover/resting place for migratory birds, as these habitats are becoming rarer, especially on the coast, and thus more important for Pacific Flyway bird species. When it is drier, it serves as snowy plover nesting and chick brooding area.

#### Increased Recreation

I support the addition of new recreational facilities only on currently disturbed land parcels, especially near roads that show low potential for restoration. The additional of features such as trails should also be done in a phased process, to carefully study impacts on the local sensitive flora and fauna with various numbers and types of visitors. No new wetland disturbance should be allowed. As the Science Advisory Committee suggested, new access points, trails, and facilities need to be kept to the exteriors keeping habitat fragmentation to a minimum. For example, the proposed primary (developed) trail between Areas 3a and 4 may attract a lot more traffic to the edge of a very sensitive nesting area that will add disturbance and could cause nests to fail. The new park rules may specify no dogs or bicycles but they will trespass, especially on a nice trail. The federally listed bird species that nest here (endangered California least tern and threatened western snowy plover) have declined across their ranges primarily due to human disturbance and habitat loss. We in no way want to continue these mistakes by altering this special place too much or too quickly so that it jeopardizes what has in the last few years been an increasingly successful breeding colony at Ormond Beach. I have documented the decline of breeding success at Hollywood Beach near Oxnard and believe that increased depredation of newly hatched chicks by crows likely relates to the increase in people visiting there – crows are attracted by human activity and trash. There should NOT be a picnic area within 1,000 feet of a nesting area no matter how good the trash cans are! The proposed trails that abut nesting fences should be primitive and experimental, with the nest area monitors having the final word on whether these trails remain and when they are open.

	<p>Monitors should be given the authority to block trails/access points temporarily if any disturbance to nesting birds is detected. The success and welfare of the nesting endangered species should be the priority between March and September each year. Snowy plovers and least terns have chosen Ormond Beach over the years because of its remoteness and lack of disturbance that other, more urban beaches get. There is only a small number of suitable nesting beaches remaining for these species, so keeping this breeding habitat successful is crucial. If developed carefully, maintaining a world-class birding area where species can feel comfortable is an economic boon to an area, as I have seen, for example, in the Texas Rio Grande Valley. Each added recreational facility must not detract from wildlife species being able to carry on their natural behaviors. Funding needs to be designated for ongoing monitoring of the recreational impacts compared to wildlife presence and diversity documented before and after any changes are made.</p> <p>I like the idea of using an RV for a visitor center, at least to begin with. I saw this at the Desert Tortoise Natural Area in Kern County and this will allow moving the facility if issues develop. We have been lucky to have the presence of the full-time steward, Walter Fuller, over a couple decades and there will need to be funding for the continued daily presence of a caretaker or steward because of the remoteness of the site and the bad behavior that has been documented over the years. Consider, if rest rooms are to be built, using composting units and running everything on solar, perhaps built as shade for the parking area.</p> <p>Any proposal for new access and parking area development must include in the budget ongoing funds for full-time security patrols that include enforcement of regulations and ability to issue citations. If this is not possible, then one access with a full-time steward as we have now is the only practical solution to reduce behaviors that degrade and detract from the area's natural qualities.</p> <p>Thank you for the obviously large amount of work put into this initial analysis and for taking public comments at this time.</p> <p>Debra Barringer</p>
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9/30/2019 10:19:38	<p>Public Comment on Preliminary Restoration Plan for Ormond Beach Restoration and Public Access Project (OBRAP)</p> <p>David L. Caskey 406 Shoreview Drive Port Hueneme, CA 93041</p> <p>This Plan represents 20 years of effort to try and restore the coastal wetlands between the Naval Base at Point Mugu and Port Hueneme. It is clear that a lot of work and effort went into its preparation that will hopefully make that a reality, sooner rather than later. The Preferred Alternative endorsed seems like a realistic approach to the areas studied.</p> <p>I commend the parties for getting this far. The section on Public Access Opportunities (PAOs) is especially ambitious and detailed as to what a Wetlands Park/Preserve could provide for the public good. Unfortunately, the restraints imposed by the limited geographical scope of the plan would severely limit these PAOs. Envisioning ecotourism, educational opportunities, bike trails and a visitors center are all commendable, but are in no way compatible with a toxic waste site, a giant abandoned power plant, and the sights and smells of ongoing industrial activity.</p> <p>One of the only mentions of this reality in the Plan was as a Public Access Challenge (PAC). PAC #8 gives a description of the current degraded and abused areas, not included in the Plan, and states that they "pose a challenge to public access experience" Sadly it is more than a challenge, it is, as currently conceived, a fatal flaw.</p> <p>Unfortunately the Project Partners are constrained by Project Area limits that make a real restoration impossible. Even a casual observation of Figure ES-1 and ES-3 shows the carving out of the major damaged areas. These areas have to be included at some point for any realistic or rational restoration plan to succeed.</p> <p>The Project Partners need to enlist assistance. If real progress is to be made, OBRAP needs to be a step, not a goal. A coastal wetlands unit of the Santa Monica National Recreation Area, perhaps as a California State Park, could be one way forward for that ultimate goal. A single entity of some kind needs to be responsible. The status quo, with several public and private parties claiming ownership and/or jurisdiction has been an abysmal failure, despite the good intentions of many of those involved.</p> <p>Even though they are parties to the problem, the scope of this environmental degradation is beyond the capabilities of Ventura County or the City of Oxnard to fully address. They are only a part of the solution. The private sector, the State and Federal Governments all need to play, and pay, a part.</p> <p>I urge the Project Partners to use every means to enlist the necessary assistance and take the following steps.</p>
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California State Coastal Conservancy

Your jurisdiction in the wetlands, unfortunately, is a big factor contributing to their ongoing degradation, specifically the transient human population. With offices and emphasis far from Ventura County, the Conservancy has been, in my view, part of the problem, not the solution. I would urge you to make changes to make this situation a major priority.

The Nature Conservancy

Your commitment to the wetlands preservation makes you the most effective and responsible party to date. Use your credibility to enlist private funds, endowments, and all manner of philanthropic entities to commit to this endeavor. These wetlands could be the inspirational introduction to California's Central Coast. You have the experience to work with the California and United States government agencies that will be needed.

City of Oxnard

A moratorium on new industrial activity in the immediate adjacent areas is in order, as well as developing a strategy to suspend or relocate existing activity. This would include the Environmental Assessment for the Port expansion and the current operations of the NewIndy plant. The wetlands cannot and should not be sacrificed for industry.

The wastewater plant is a burden on the City and badly needs rebuilding. The single largest user of the plant, with almost 20,000 customers, is the U.S. Department of Defense, because of the Navy's presence in Ventura County. The decaying infrastructure presents a threat to vital U.S. National Defense capability, and needs to be treated that way. The plant currently is a critical liability, and while the City has limited means, I urge its leaders to keep making that argument.

I am a relative newcomer to this area, but like many before me, share an intense desire to restore this magnificent place. I have walked down the beach past the power plant to Point Mugu many times. It can be one of the most peaceful and secluded places I have ever been to. It reminds me of Pea Island, a National Wildlife Refuge on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore in North Carolina, with the birds in the wetlands behind the dunes.

But this coastal wetland has the Santa Monica Mountains in stark relief, and the Channel Islands looming offshore like some otherworldly land, whose presence seems like an homage to the native Chumash peoples.

I would like to acknowledge and thank those who have done much already, the birders and volunteers of the Audubon Society;

all the people who volunteer in clean up efforts, the donors of the Nature Conservancy, and Walter Fuller.

For almost 50 years, California's Coastal Act has served as an inspiration to those who seek to preserve, protect, and restore the coast, not just here, but around the world. The subsequent laws and rulings on protection and public access have been groundbreaking.

The abuse and degradation of these wetlands areas is why this law exists. It is about restoring the mistakes made in the past. We are responsible for fixing this mess, and it is clearly in our interests, in every conceivable way.

Restoration will be hard, and expensive, but well worth it. Proving that its possible to do this will inspire many others who face the challenges and lessons of the past, in order to make a better future.

9/30/2019 21:39:37	<p>I thank the three partners for allowing me a chance to offer my feedback on the OBRAP. I represent an organization, Friends of Ormond Beach, whose sole mission is to protect the wetlands. We were formed in March, when we saw that a vagrant, living in the sand dunes, dug a trench from the lagoon to the ocean in an effort to drain the lagoon. This act incensed many locals, so we coalesced and tried to learn as much as we could about the Ormond Beach wetlands and who was ultimately responsible for protecting and managing the property. What Friends of Ormond Beach walked away with is that the politics of the area are a major impediment for the OBRAP.</p> <p>After studying the plan for 6 months and speaking to Chris Kroll and to Isidro Figueroa (Peter Dixon never replied to my emails), Friends of Ormond Beach feel that this plan will not come to fruition for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Its history. I have learned from the Godwins that restoring the Ormond Beach wetlands has been a vision since the late 1970s. It is now 2019. Isidro Figueroa in June told me that full implementation of the plan is still many years out. Yet the city of Oxnard has no money. Where is the money going to come from? No one yet has been able to answer that question for me.</li> <li>2) The city of Oxnard and The Nature Conservancy have allowed vagrants to defile Ormond Beach. Even today, after a major coastal clean up on Ormond Beach and a mass eviction of the vagrants in late August by Port Hueneme Police Department and Oxnard Police Department, the vagrants persist. Drone footage also revealed this summer that TNC has failed to protect the lagoon on their property. TNC has failed to publicly decry Oxnard's failure to enforce Oxnard city ordinance 2906. TNC has failed to be transparent with its donors and with the public about its own well-established vagrancy (George Miller in The Citizen's Journal called these interlopers squatters) population. Hidden from drones in the thick trees on TNC property lie dozens of encampments that I have been told have been there for more than five years. Halaco once was the only major source of pollution in the area (and Halaco is an enormous problem to be sure). Now, the lagoon water has been polluted with human waste and trash.</li> <li>3) VC Supervisor Kelly Long claims she has little authority to help in the restoration of the wetlands and in helping ensure that the wetlands remain free from prohibited human disturbance. Interestingly, VC Supervisor Kelly Long acknowledges that the Ormond Beach coastline is an asset to her area. Yet she intimates that her hands are rather tied when it comes to getting involved in helping the partners restore the wetlands.</li> <li>4) Julia Brownley and Hanna-Beth Jackson have not been visible at all on the wetlands. They have never once responded to any of my emails. At least Kelly Long has been visible on the wetlands.</li> <li>5) The SCC is too far removed from the wetlands. Mr. Kroll's office is in Oakland. He needs to have his eyes on the ground, but being so far away does not permit him to do so.</li> <li>6) The CA Coastal Commission and its enforcement officers have chosen to give Oxnard full control of the LCP. The city of Oxnard either lacks resources to fully comply with the CA Coastal Commission policy or lacks interest in doing so--recent photos illustrate that human feces and urine have polluted the lagoon. Oxnard homeless advocates Lang Martinez in August went to talk to the vagrants living on Ormond Beach. He took 2 other volunteers with him. He said every one of them had human feces on the bottom of their shoes.</li> </ol>
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7) None of the partners use an UAV (drone) to monitor Ormond Beach and its activity. It took concerned local citizens to use a drone to survey the activity on Ormond Beach. The only measure for surveillance that the city of Oxnard has in place is Walter Fuller--an unpaid environmentalist who manages who accesses Ormond Beach through the Armond Road. Mr. Fuller is but one man and there are multiple access points to the wetlands--McWane, Perkins, and Port Hueneme (lot C). There are no plans in place to monitor these access points.

8) Oxnard has not yet admitted it is unable to manage the Ormond Beach land responsibly. Friends of Ormond Beach have suggested that the city of Oxnard enter into conversations with the Ventura Land Trust. The Ventura Land Trust has expressed interest in managing Ormond Beach but the city of Oxnard so far has not made any overture to move in this direction.

9) Halaco continues to be a problem. Not only is it toxic but now it is compromised as vagrants have begun disturbing the earth. While the EPA has been contacted by several members in my organization, Friends of Ormond Beach, they have not been successful in stopping the vagrants from disturbing the Super Fund Site. The EPA has also said that it has been unable to contact the owners of Halaco to inform them that they need to evict the illegal trespassers.

10) The vagrants are moving back into the wetlands. Recent photos and videos show that while in August some of the vagrants were evicted, many of them moved further east--and they were encouraged to do so by OPD. Now that the mass eviction is over and now that the vagrants know that Ormond Beach will not be consistently be patrolled, they will only continue to rebuild their mini-cities in the sand dunes. They will also continue to set fires, alter sand dunes and vegetation, as well as tamper with signage and fencing. It is astonishing that the three partners are willing to repeat the expensive mistakes of the past. Friends of Ormond Beach pushed very hard this summer to get the city of Oxnard to enforce its city ordinance--2906 and to find a responsible way to manage the lands after the eviction of the vagrants. We failed on both accounts.

11) Lack of transparency. I live in Port Hueneme. So few residents knew about the OBRAP. So few knew about a public comment meeting. While the city of Oxnard does own the property, it has failed to include the city of Port Hueneme in its plans for Ormond Beach. The lot C area on Hueneme Beach is a stepping off point for the wetlands, and yet it seems as if the three partners have overlooked a key player in ensuring the restoration of the wetlands. Port Hueneme has parking lot areas, public bathrooms, and bike paths that would facilitate guided ecotours. It also seems like the three partners have failed to publish timely communiques about what is being done to preserve the wetlands. Some of the Port Hueneme HOA presidents have asked for Friends of Ormond Beach to give mini-resentations about the wetlands at their meetings.

12) Environmental injustice. Ormond Beach is part of South Oxnard--an area that is home to many low-income residents, first-generation immigrants, and impoverished households. Many of these individuals are unable to fight for the preservation of the wetlands because they do not have the time to do so (they are too busy trying to feed their families). Moreover, these same individuals may not know the proper channels to go through to exact change--they may not even have the language skills to express their desires for the wetlands.

13) Lack of historical knowledge and education. Historical knowledge about Ormond Beach is fading fast. The early environmentalists--Ms. Roma Ambrose, for example, are dying and there seems to be little effort to document and record efforts of the Ormond Beach environmentalists of the 70s, 80s, and 90s. Dan Pearson of the Point Mugu Wildlife Center told

me he was unaware of the OBRAP public comment period. He and Al Sanders (also Walter Fuller) spent much time on the wetlands and their contributions to the wetlands should be highlighted in the appendices. Additionally, I reached out to an Oxnard City College Biology Professor Danza the last week in hopes of brainstorming ways Oxnard City College students could get involved in protecting the wetlands. I never heard back from Professor Danza (By the way, was Oxnard City College mentioned as a contributor to the OBRAP?). I do realize the CSU Channel Islands did have a course taught by the President of the Ventura Audubon Society--Cynthia Hartley. The local community colleges, the CSUs, and the UCs should be used to educate students about the Ormond Beach wetlands. Elementary school and middle school students should be invited to learn more about the wetlands as these students will be the custodians of this area in the near future.

Until there is a clear plan in place to keep vagrants off of the wetlands and until there is consistent patrolling of the Ormond Beach property, the OBRAP will fail. Safety is always concern number one. When individuals do not feel safe, they will not go into areas where there is lawlessness. It seems like the politics of Ormond Beach have made progress for this precious wetland preserve to come to a grinding halt. The beach is filthy and the lagoon is full of human waste and other detritus that comes from illegal dumping (all the way from the J Street Canal, I might add). Instead of focusing on the OBRAP, the three partners should work towards securing their separate and jointly owned properties. Going beyond that is like putting the cart before the horse. The OBRAP is a beautiful plan on paper. It is time to get real and to get practical. A 322 page plan is only a plan unless leadership can start implementing the most basic, rudimentary steps--keeping the area free from prohibited human disturbance.

Respectfully,  
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August 21, 2019

City of Oxnard  
Attn: Project Partners & City of Oxnard Planning Commissioners\*  
215 South “A” Street  
Oxnard, CA 93030

RE: Ormond Beach Restoration and Public Access Plan

To Whom It May Concern:

We now know that the comment period on the above-referenced plan is closing as of today. However, we were not informed by email, or by letter, that the Plan was out and was awaiting comment, which would have allowed us to devote the attention to the Plan and comments that it deserves.

We spent years working on the sand dunes at Ormond as part of “Bird Watch,” attended dozens of meetings of the Ormond Beach Task Force and wrote op-eds that appeared in the *Ventura County Star*.

We also helped develop printed educational materials about Ormond’s wildlife. Toward the end of that period, I wrote, produced and edited a 28-minute documentary on Ormond Beach, called *Ormond Wetland Wonderland*. It features an in-depth interview with wildlife biologist Wayne Ferren regarding the features of this complex wetland ecosystem. If you’re reading this letter electronically, you can find *Ormond Wetland Wonderland* at this link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rr5igeVG7vg>

Many copies of the documentary made and sent to teachers throughout Ventura County.

Just last fall, weI submitted a grant proposal to the California Coastal Commission’s Whale’s Tale funding program for a Spanish-language social media campaign regarding Ormond Beach, to be done consecutively over two years

with surveys to test if there was an increase in awareness as a result of the campaign. Unfortunately, the proposal was not funded, but my submission of the proposal verifies our continued status as an “interested” party.

As with others you’ve heard from in the past few days, we urge you to extend the review period on this project for at least 90 days. Thank you.

Janet Bridgers  
President/Co-founder

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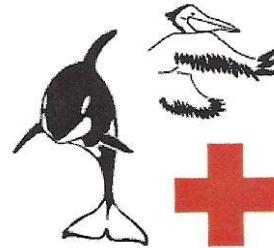
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20 August, 2019

**Planning Commission**

**City of Oxnard**

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RE: Ormond Beach Restoration and Public Access Plan

Dear Project Partners and City of Oxnard Planning Commissioners:

As a long-time resident of Oxnard and Port Hueneme (since 1954) I consider myself and my organization legitimate stakeholders in the restoration of Ormond Beach to the pristine, natural state it was in when I first encountered it as a 7-year old who joyfully spent hours hiking along the beach where I saw pelicans (*Pelecanus occidentalis californicus*) sleeping with their heads tucked back underneath a wing, sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) and harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) sleeping and resting on the beach and thousands upon thousands of nesting Least terns (*Sternula antillarum*) and Snowy plovers (*Charadrius nivosus*) literally covering the upland side of the dunes with their simple, vulnerable nests consisting of nothing more than a scrape in the sand. Every day on that beach was an adventure for me and my siblings. Sadly, the following decades made me witness to the gradual and sometimes brutal degradation of these precious wetlands. Increased intrusive human foot traffic, usually with unleashed dogs,

litter, dirt bikes, sand rail drag races and now homeless encampments with their usual trash and human waste insults. Halaco's toxic, radioactive slag heap didn't help much either. The Least tern's and Snowy plover's attempts to successfully raise chicks and nestlings to full-fledged adults was severely impacted, especially by dirt bikes and dogs. The decreasing populations of these birds made it difficult for them to ward off Western gull (*Larus occidentalis*) and other predator attacks. The increasing human population of Ventura County was methodically turning these unique, beautiful and precious wetlands into a barren wasteland. Endangered plants, like the Salt Marsh Bird's Beak (*Cordylanthus maritimus*) were nearly wiped out.

In the late '80s I joined forces with organizations like the Ormond Beach Observers and the Ormond Beach Task Force and the Western Alliance for Nature whose members and volunteers were passionately dedicated to the protection and restoration of Ormond Beach and its remaining, struggling endangered species. I was fortunate to live in close proximity to the wetlands for 21 years, from 1987 to 2008, before I left to finish my education at Rachel Carson College, UC Santa Cruz (Class of 2012). While living out there, practically on the wetlands, I made myself useful by using my first cell phone to report taggers, vandals, poachers, takers, trash dumpers and thieves to the Oxnard Police Department. I used my video camera to supply photographic proof of offenders to the District Attorney's office to aid in their prosecution of these scofflaws and criminals. I would also assist Al Sanders in his fence-building and sign-posting efforts to keep trespassers and dogs out of the nesting area. Around this time Mr Walter Fuller took it upon himself to spend a lot of time parked at the end of Arnold Road, armed with his camera and some powerful binoculars he deterred intruders by his presence. I began keeping a journal of all the liars, litterbugs, shooters and despoilers that Al, Walter and I encountered on an almost daily basis. I reported so many crimes that the Oxnard Police Department's dispatcher soon recognized my voice and my number.

After some years of persistent testifying to city council and county supervisor meetings, Al and Walter began receiving more civic support in their efforts to preserve what was left of Ormond Beach's biodiversity. You can imagine my pleasure when I returned from school to find that Walter had been supplied a trailer for living quarters, with electricity, two Port-A-Potties for his and the public's use, with supplies, and brand new signs and display boards explaining the wildlife that can be seen there. The nesting area had been cleaned of old tires and junk and was now completely surrounded by a fence adorned with bilingual No Trespassing signs. None of the signs were scratched or defaced with gang graffiti and all were in pristine condition, very readable. Before Walter's near-constant presence at the end of Arnold Road, all the warning and prohibitive signs had been defaced or thrown into the canal, especially the signs stating no dogs on the beach. They only lasted a day or two. Walter's persistent dedication to Ormond Beach had wrought remarkable and long-desired improvements that made it a popular site for people who would not otherwise visit a remote, crime-ridden, blighted shore.

Now, finally, we're approaching a sea change of permanent improvements to the Ormond Beach wetlands but my anticipation of, and enthusiasm for, these longed-for changes has been marred by my late notification of the restoration plans. I am also dismayed by the fact that several other stakeholders have not been apprised of meetings or public comment opportunities. I only learned about this project when a friend e-mailed me a copy of Wendy Leung's article on the restoration project in the Ventura County Star (Early August). I began calling around and discovered that a number of other stakeholder organizations had also not been alerted to the presentations concerning this project where comments could've been provided. This is inexcusable. How could Sara Wan, former head of the California Coastal Commission, not have been notified of these presentations in time to provide an informed comment?

I find it difficult to find the words to express my frustration and disappointment at learning about the 21 August deadline for comments on this seminal project at such a late date. Someone supplied me with the website address of the Final ORMOND BEACH RESTORATION AND PUBLIC ACCESS PLAN. I downloaded this 300+ page report and I can assure you I do not have enough time available to me to absorb all the information in it that would allow me to make informed comments about its provisions. In light of this, I demand that the comment period be extended for another 90 days to allow me and other very interested stakeholders to acquaint ourselves with the proposed developments therein.

My stakeholder status is well known to many Ventura County citizens. My experience of the wetlands in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, when it was a fully-functioning, relatively undisturbed habitat for wildlife, my evolved enlightenment of its critical importance to several species of resident and migratory birds, my several testimonies to city council and county supervisor meetings, as well as two appearances at California Coastal Commission hearings, my dozens of published Letters To The Editor regarding the deteriorating condition of the Ormond Beach wetlands in the Los Angeles Times and the Ventura County Star, my Op-Ed piece in the Santa Barbara News-Press, my years of voluntary enforcement of Federal and state wildlife protection laws and reporting of violations of those laws by scofflaws, poachers and takers at Ormond Beach all go to convincing me and others of my stakeholder *bona fides*. I think, at the very least, the Point Mugu Wildlife Center should have been notified in time to allow me to better understand what is involved in the Final Plan so I could make intelligent, fully-informed suggestions or criticisms. Again, I insist the comment period be extended to allow me and others to get a better understanding of what is planned for Ormond Beach.

My desire for more time to acquaint myself with the “Plan” is motivated by my learning of some assertions I take issue with and changes I strenuously object to. For instance,

- In the second sentence of the third paragraph of the Plan’s Executive Summary I do not agree that “Preparation of the Plan included a … [sufficient] stakehold outreach.”
- I, and others, strenuously object to the placement of “Elevated Overlook Platforms” anywhere near the nesting or wetland areas. A Peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) has already been photographed perching on a very tall tower on the Navy’s side of the base fence. Elevated Overlook Platforms will simply provide handy perches for that skillful predator as well as other falcons, buteos, accipiters and harriers who could delay the growth of nesting bird populations. Bad idea. A surrounding boardwalk, which I and others endorse, should be sufficient for excellent birding.
- Minimizing or de-emphasizing the Arnold Road entrance is a very bad idea. Eliminating the presence of a wetland steward, like Walter Fuller, would guarantee the return of the very same scofflaws, gangbangers and vandals who blighted the area with graffiti and vehicular vandalism before his on-site presence prevented those activities. Leaving the Arnold Road Eastern Access to itself, unmonitored, is a very, very bad idea. It won’t work and, at the very least, would be counter-productive to the Restoration Plan’s stated goals.

The few points above are the result of contacting other stakeholders and a preliminary excursion into the voluminous Plan. As I stated before, several stakeholders and other concerned members of the public need more time to study this Plan in detail. I cannot emphasize this strongly enough. A project of this importance and expense, significant to future generations of Americans deserves every consideration, and more time for a more thorough study of the Plan’s proposals by more stakeholders would be a good start. If done correctly now, at the beginning, Ormond Beach could eventually become the Crown Jewel of Ventura County, attracting visitors from all over, especially if it can be restored to its 1950 status. I would very much like future 7-year old boys and girls to marvel at the abundant wildlife I saw so long ago and that is only a distant memory to me now. Please consider allowing more time for informed comment. Thank you for consideration of this urgent request.

## **Daniel Hayes Pearson**

President, Point Mugu Wildlife Center

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	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>As a long-time property owner in Ventura County, I wish to state my concern about the untimely approval of the "Final" Ormond Beach Public Access and Restoration Plan, without the benefit of input from certain past and present stakeholders</p> <p>There would be no plan today if it were not for the joint efforts in the 1990's by the Sierra Club, League for Coastal Protection, Surfside III, Surfside II, Surfrider Foundation, Environmental Coalition, and other concerned "stakeholders" whose residents or members live in Oxnard, Port Hueneme, and neighboring coastal and inland communities.</p> <p>The Sierra Club and the Surfside III were solely responsible for bringing Sara Wan to the fore as a facilitator on the proposed RV Resort in Port Hueneme in the early 1990's, and proposed development in neighboring Ormond Beach, along with various public resource agencies including the California Coastal Commission, California State Fish and Game, and US Fish and Wildlife Services, as well as government officials from Port Hueneme, Oxnard, and the County of Ventura.</p> <p>Roma Armbrust, Jean Harris, and Alan Sanders are due special recognition for their many years of effort reaching out to local homeowners and businesses whose residences or enterprises adjoin or are in close proximity to Ormond Beach. Sara and Roma later helped Sara to organize the Ormond Beach Task Force (OBTF). Representing Surfside III as President, I was among the founding members of the OBTF. Al Sanders joined me in leadership of this fledgling organization. As Conservation Chair, Al represented the Sierra Club who along with Surfside III and others, are absent today from any discussion about the above referenced "final" plan. This lack of engagement on the part of the plan proponents does not serve the best interest of the public.</p> <p>Very few people are aware the territorial boundaries of Ormond Beach include Hueneme Beach. This statement has been independently verified by numerous public resource agencies and university professors who studied local birds, fish, and rare plants for years at Hueneme and Ormond Beach. Both venues comprise a single contiguous environmentally sensitive habitat area, which according to these experts and others is necessary to support the existence of various federal and state listed threatened and endangered species like the California Least Tern and Western Snowy Plover, which make their home in both Ormond and Hueneme Beach.</p> <p>Neighboring industrial businesses such as New-Indy Containerboard and Agromin, family farms, and municipalities such as Oxnard and Port Hueneme, who discharge waste water into drains and canals that feed into the ocean and ponds at Ormond Beach , whose operations adjoin or are nearby Ormond Beach and/or Hueneme Beach, were also not represented in the review of the final plan.</p> <p>There are other leaders such as Russ Baggerly, who succeeded Sara Wan as Chair and Co-Founder of the Ormond Beach Task Force who were excluded as well. As I recall, he was an aide for former County of Ventura Supervisor Maria VanderKolk.</p> <p>Aside from public agencies such as the City of Port Hueneme, local homeowners such as those in Surfside II and Surfside III should have been given seats at the table, before the plan was finalized.</p>
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By the way, why was Ducks Unlimited excluded from commenting on this proposal? They help restore critical habitat throughout the United States.

In conclusion, I believe that the Ormond Beach Public Access and Restoration Plan should be recirculated to all concerned stakeholders, so that everyone who wishes to preserve and enhance Ormond Beach will have a reasonable opportunity and ample time to comment over the next 90 to 120 days.

Respectfully,

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Comments: Ormond Beach Restoration and Public Access Plan

**What's missing:** There is no gateway, no principal entrance, and no welcome center. The plan only has a series of trailheads. The plan assumes that visitors will be primarily pedestrians or bicyclists.

Currently visitors come from various local areas, other areas of California, other states and even foreign countries. It is already a serious problem even finding this Ormond Wetlands Preserve. The only directional sign for the wetlands is on Hueneme Road at Perkins Road. First time visitors are shocked by what they see at the end of Perkins – the Halaco mess, vagrants, and trash. There used to be a homeless man who camped on the sidewalk there who would direct visitors to Arnold Road where it would be safe to visit with Walter Fuller overseeing that entrance.

Visitors are students, bird watchers, fishermen, surfers, families coming for a picnic on the beach, or even people just coming to look at the wetlands or the sunset. Even with better pedestrian access, most will still come by car or school/tour bus. There must be appropriate vehicle parking.

The extreme limit on access and parking at Arnold Road will not work. The solution would be the acquisition of the Agromin waste recycling site near the south end of Arnold Road. The approval process for this facility to move to the Limoneria site near Santa Paula is almost complete. If the Conservancies purchase this property, which is on the west side of Arnold Road, there could be visitor facilities located there which would be farther away from the Point Mugu Navy Base. This should include much needed docent station (kiosk), parking, bus turn around and restroom.

Regardless of the “plan” people will come. Walter Fuller has counted up to 22,000 visitors a year at the Arnold Road entrance. On weekends, there are approximately 60 fishermen and 15 surfers each

day along with the other visitors. On weekends, the present parking lot is full and overflow cars park along Arnold Road. The only way that school buses can turn around now is to use the Agromin driveway. Students leave the bus there and then walk to the end of Arnold Road.

While Arnold may close for a few days after a heavy rain, when the road reopens this is one of the most amazingly beautiful places to visit with the wetlands full of water and the Channel Islands offshore backlit by the sunset.

**Other trailhead issues and opportunities:**

The proposed entrance on Hueneme Road at the railroad crossing is hazardous and likely illegal. The nearest crosswalks with signals, at Saviers Road and Arcturas Ave., are three or more blocks away. Pedestrians might use the railroad crossing to illegally cross Hueneme Road to get to the trailhead. The trail is on the active railroad right of way and crosses the train tracks. Railroad cars are regularly stored on both the mainline tracks and the railroad spur making visitor access there impossible. There is no parking on Hueneme Road and no turnout to drop off or pick up pedestrians.

A safer alternative for pedestrians and bicyclists coming from the neighborhoods to the north, and for bicyclists travelling on Hueneme Road, would be Perkins Road (with a traffic signal) to Magellan Ave. Magellan Ave. is a City road that would provide access to the Rustic Upland Wetland Loop Trail.

An even better point of entry and one that could provide appropriate visitor facilities is on the Hueneme Road property (34 acres) at the southern end of Saviers Road. While this property is now privately owned, the Conservancies could join together with the City of Oxnard to purchase the full 34 acres for public use. The City is already planning to purchase 10 acres of this site for the needed

expansion of the AWPF (recycled water facility), and the Oxnard General Plan designates 8 acres of this property as park land.

Acquisition of the 34 acres would provide many benefits to the City (for treated water storage and treatment wetlands) along with an educational/welcome center for visitors to the wetlands as well as visitors touring the AWPF. That would mean shared parking, meeting space for researchers and school groups, and outdoor wetland demonstration areas. Grants might be available for mitigation for the Oxnard public works industrial uses.

**The overriding issue: Safety and Security**

How can there be public access to the wetlands with the envisioned trails, boardwalks and viewing areas while ensuring the safety of the visitors and protecting the wildlife and sensitive habitat?

The visitors and the entire habitat are being threatened by the numerous vagrants camping/living at Ormond Beach.

Submitted by,

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Ormond Beach Caretakers:

The environment is God's creation. It is our responsibility to take care of it.

Debbie and Walter Fuller  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

I'm writing this letter in response to the restoration plan. Debbie and I like the plan except ~~there~~ ~~for~~ ~~is~~ for the parking, there is none. I get a lot of Fishermen and surfers at Arnold rd. Day by day I'd say about 15 fishermen, and on the weekend it goes way up.

Surfers and fishermen have been coming out here for years.

I hate to see them lose their spot. It would be a long way for them to walk from Perkins to Arnold rd area,

This last week 8/11/19 - 8/17/19 I had a total of 253 visitors.

162 of them were fishermen.

With all

To Whom It May Concern,

As a former President of the Surfside III Condominium Owners' Association in Port Hueneme, and co-founder of the Ormond Beach Task Force, I wish to give a sincere thanks to the "Project Partners" who include The City of Oxnard, The State Coastal Conservancy, and The Nature Conservancy, who commissioned the Ormond Beach Restoration And Public Access Plan. They helped the residents of Oxnard and Port Hueneme to keep the dream alive of protecting and enhancing the Ormond Beach wetlands, and neighboring environmentally sensitive habitat areas that serve as "buffers" in both cities.

These same "partners" reached out to a select group of stakeholders, policymakers, a local neighborhood advocacy group, and scientific experts to make recommendations for their plan. Regrettably, they hastened the process of achieving a broad public consensus on what needs to be done to protect endangered and threatened wildlife at the Ormond Beach wetlands. To compound matters, residents of a large homeless encampment adjacent to the Ormond Beach wetlands are currently destroying critical habitat at Hueneme and Ormond Beaches.

**The Ormond Beach Restoration and Public Access Plan Must Be Recirculated To Include Comments From Past Stakeholders, Scientific Experts, & Local Experts Who Work Daily With "The Homeless"**

I wish to state my profound concern about the untimely approval of the "Final" Ormond Beach Public Access and Restoration Plan, without the benefit of more input and comments from certain past and present stakeholders, local housing and homeless advocates, along with other conservation and scientific experts.

There would be no plan today if it were not for the joint efforts in the 1990's by the Sierra Club, League for Coastal Protection, Surfside III, Surfside II, Surfrider Foundation, Environmental Coalition, and other concerned "stakeholders" whose residents or members live in Oxnard, Port Hueneme, and neighboring coastal and inland communities.

The latest OBRAP "final plan" must be recirculated to the previously uninformed public and policy makers to give them adequate time to identify scientific information, overlooked by ESA and other members of the plan "Consultant Team," which is missing from public documents of critical importance to both Ormond and Hueneme Beach. More comment time is also needed to allow informed input from other prominent stakeholders such as Brian Foster, PhD, Wayne Ferren, formerly of UCSB, and Dr. Pat Baird from CSULB, whose decades of experience advocating on behalf of Ormond and Hueneme Beach, and its associated land use, public access, and human services challenges, are invaluable and were not fully considered by the plan's proponents or their paid consultants.

The Plan Partners, The City of Oxnard, The State Coastal Conservancy, and The Nature Conservancy neglected to seek out certain key stakeholders who helped to organize and were founding members of the Ormond Beach Task Force (OBTF). Luminaries such as Sara Wan, the former Chair of the OBTF and past Chair of the California Coastal Commission, her OBTF successor Russ Baggerly, representatives from Earth Alert, the Ormond Beach Observers, Point Mugu Wildlife Center, League of Women Voters, Sierra Club, Surfside II, and Surfside III, and the Earth Island Institute were recently made aware of the state of the OBRAP and have missed important meetings regarding same.

	<p>It's particularly noteworthy that officials of the Rescue Mission Alliance, headquartered in Oxnard, were not consulted about the OBRAP. For several decades, RMA has provided expert housing and human services to homeless populations in Oxnard and Port Hueneme.</p> <p>Roma Armbrust, Jean Harris, and Alan Sanders are due special recognition for their many years of effort reaching out to local homeowners and businesses whose residences or enterprises adjoin or are in close proximity to Ormond Beach. Sara and Roma later helped Sara to organize the Ormond Beach Task Force (OBTF). Representing Surfside III as President, I was among the founding members of the OBTF. Al Sanders joined me in leadership of this fledgling organization. As the Conservation Chair, Al represented the Los Padres Chapter of the Sierra Club, who along with Surfside III and others, continue to be absent from any formal discussion about the above referenced "final" OBRAP plan. This lack of engagement on the part of the Plan Partners did not and does not serve the best interests of the public or other stakeholders.</p> <p>Neighboring industrial businesses and public agencies such as New-Indy Containerboard® and Agromin®, and the Port Hueneme Water Agency and the Oxnard Waste Water Treatment Plant did not input on the plan, which seems odd considering their operations adjoin or are in close proximity to both Hueneme Beach and Ormond Beach. Together, they discharge waste water into drains and canals that feed into the ocean and the wetlands. Incidentally, why was Ducks Unlimited or other conservation groups not invited by the partners to comment on the OBRAP? They help restore critical habitat throughout the United States.</p> <p><b>Oxnard Coastal Land Use Plan (LCP) is Obsolete</b></p> <p>Oxnard's Coastal Land Use Plan is (LCP) of February 1982 is obsolete. It was last revised in May of 2002, which renders some planning information contained within it either incomplete or obsolete. Much of the new scientific information that has been shared with the cities of Oxnard and Port Hueneme over the past three decades about Ormond Beach, its wetlands, and the Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area and ESHA buffer zones that adjoins it, including Hueneme Beach and Bubbling Springs, is missing from their antiquated LCP and the final plan. This new and updated information would help the public and policymakers to have a greater understanding of the status of threatened and endangered birds, fish, reptiles, and other wildlife that still exists at Ormond Beach, Hueneme Beach, and neighboring Bubbling Springs Park.</p> <p><b>Vehicular and Public Access to the Ormond Beach Wetlands Must Be Limited To Protect Endangered Wildlife</b></p> <p>Due to the sensitive nature of the Ormond Beach wetlands, and the adjoining ESHA and ESHA buffer zones, vehicular and public access to the project site must be restricted and monitored 24/7 by uniformed park staff and volunteers. The Partners should consider the creation of an offsite staging area for tours by appointment, and the establishment of a new visitor's wetlands education center at the former Dorill B. Wright Cultural Center (known today as Oceanview Pavilion). As a practical matter, the staging for all Ormond-centric activity and events should take place at Hueneme Beach. This is due to its proximity and existing coastal infrastructure, where the public has greater access to short-term parking, restrooms, low-cost public bus and shuttle service, informal dining, a fishing pier, and other visitor-serving amenities which are otherwise miles away from the project site.</p>
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If the Project Partners are successful in breaking ground in Ormond Beach, something has to be done to ensure that members of the public are escorted on designated paths or trails, and confine their visits to the project boundaries during daylight hours, otherwise irreparable harm will take place to rare, threatened, and endangered birds, plants, fish, reptiles, and other wildlife.

### **CAUSE Survey Was A Sham – It Was Neither Representative or Scientific**

The results from the CAUSE “door-to-door in person oral surveys” are invalid. This anecdotal “door-to-door” survey was based upon 322 low and moderate income households in South Oxnard, which is hardly a scientifically valid sample of all residents in either Oxnard or Port Hueneme. It is particularly noteworthy that residents throughout Oxnard were excluded from this survey, along with over a thousand Surfside-area households in Port Hueneme, people who actually live in closer proximity to Ormond Beach than the “chosen” survey respondents in South Oxnard. Why did The Partners incorporate this flawed and biased survey in their “final” plan?

### **South Oxnard Homeless and Others Should Be Prohibited from Defiling Ormond Beach and In The Neighboring ESHA Buffers in Oxnard and Port Hueneme**

The South Oxnard intransigent homeless have destroyed some of the nesting grounds for threatened and endangered species at Ormond Beach, and are putting themselves and local residents in Oxnard and Port Hueneme in harm’s way. To be specific, they recently dug a deep trench on the neighboring Halaco Superfund Site that exposed dangerous toxins. This same toxic waste site borders the wetlands, and is a stone’s throw from Port Hueneme. As one prominent stakeholder recently said, “Ormond Beach is not a housing option.”

There’s a growing body of evidence that the “homeless” in South Oxnard are actually *squatters*. To complicate matters, these trespassers are actually obstructing public access to the beach and lighting fires, both of which are against the law. They live full-time on environmentally sensitive public and private land that was set aside for endangered birds, plants, fish, reptiles, and other wildlife, at a public cost of millions.

### **Non-Native Trees Must Be Removed from Public and Private Land in Ormond Beach**

Trees that are not indigenous to Ormond Beach must be removed by “The Partners” from land they either own or control this year.

- 1) Tall trees are a magnet for predators that kill endangered birds, their fledglings, and other wildlife;
- 2) Removing these trees will provide needed space for native plants that serve as food and cover for birds, reptiles, and other creatures that live in Ormond Beach;
- 3) The fire danger in Ormond Beach will be reduced when the subject trees and brush are replaced with drought tolerant and fire resistant plants, thus affording greater protection to the environmentally sensitive wetlands, people who have homes nearby, and private property owners;

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|  | <p>4) If there's no trees, the number of homeless encampments will be reduced, once there is a comprehensive site clean-up combined with upgraded law enforcement protection</p> |
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**The Ormond Beach Wetlands and Adjoining ESHA Buffers Are Unique Public Places  
Both Should Be Accorded 24/7 Protection By Wildlife & Law Enforcement Agencies**

Most residents will agree that certain "public spaces" should be restricted or "off-limits," regardless of whether someone is homeless. For instance, the public at large does not have a right to pitch a tent on a local Navy base, wetlands, or Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas (ESHA) in Port Hueneme or Oxnard. The notion that any community member should be accorded special rights to spoil or make their home in a designated "sensitive" public space that should enjoy restricted access like the Ormond Beach wetlands and ESHA buffers, or neighboring military bases, is contrary to law.

The homeless are not the only community members who have desecrated Ormond Beach. Beachgoers have carelessly ridden their ATV's on the dunes, trampled on indigenous plants, flown drones at birds, pitched tents or umbrellas, lit fires, and even allowed their dogs to defecate or run loose in the wetlands. This wrongful conduct must be reported by the public daily and stopped in its tracks by law enforcement.

The public should be made aware that the Ormond Beach wetlands in South Oxnard and neighboring ESHAs are unique public spaces. As such, they should be afforded special protection by the cities of Oxnard and Port Hueneme, along with state and Federal wildlife and law enforcement agencies.

**The Oxnard Restoration and Public Access Plan Should Also Encompass  
Designated ESHA Buffers in Both Hueneme and Ormond Beach**

Very few people are aware that the territorial boundaries of Ormond Beach include Hueneme Beach. This statement has been independently verified by numerous public resource agencies and university professors who studied local birds, fish, and rare plants for years at Hueneme and Ormond Beach. Both venues comprise a single contiguous environmentally sensitive habitat area that, according to these experts and others is necessary to support the existence of various Federal and state listed rare, threatened, and endangered species like the California Least Tern and Western Snowy Plover, who make their home in both Ormond Beach and Hueneme Beach.

**Conclusions (based upon current information)**

Unless the Plan Partners take action now to permanently remove the homeless (*aka* squatters) from public and private land in Ormond Beach, which is "a condition precedent" to ensuring the long-term survival of rare, threatened, and endangered birds, plants, fish, reptiles, and other wildlife, everything that the Partners are trying to conserve and enhance might well be gone by the time their project is fully-funded and breaks ground.

I also believe that the Ormond Beach Public Access and Restoration Plan should be recirculated to all concerned stakeholders and independent experts, so that everyone who wishes to help the homeless, and others who want to preserve and enhance

Ormond Beach, and the ESHA buffers in Hueneme and Ormond Beach, and Bubbling Springs Park, will have ample time to comment about the OBRAP through the end of 2019.

Respectfully,

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September 29, 2019

California Coastal Conservancy, (Conservancy), the Nature Conservancy (TNC) and City of Oxnard, (CO)

Dear Conservancy Members, TNC and Oxnard City Planners: Ormond Beach Task Force, (OBTF), formed in the early 1990s was created by Sara Wan. Wan worked with Russ Baggerly, Roma Armbrust, David Kanter and I directing each of us to perform various tasks. Wan was with us in our first meetings to determine our mission statement and other organizational matters. Wan suggested that I should act as secretary and Armbrust should chair; thus the group elected us as officers. Wan next got the city, county, and Conservancy to agree to participate.

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The City of Oxnard (CO) asked OBTF if we could find consensus in suggesting a planning recommendation to the City. So, in 1998, after a series of meetings, we made our detailed suggestions in what came to be known as Consensus Plan 1998. The Plan calls for the acquisition and protection of all of the Ormond Beach Planning Area with development of a plan for wetlands restoration. Key to all of this had to be protection and enhancement of habitat for the many listed and endangered species, plants, and animals at Ormond.

I believe this is where the communications between Conservancy and OBTF began to break down. The Conservancy had hired Aspen, I believe, to come up with a plan. OBTF members had no access to what was being planned or why various features were being suggested.

The same can be said about the firm which is currently being used by the Conservancy.

Prior to the release of the final plan, several meetings were conducted to inform some members of the public of the plan's various aspects. However, at least five organizations, all having a long history of participation with planning at Ormond, were left out, leaving them uninformed and at a disadvantage in presenting information to decision makers. This disadvantage becomes more apparent when one considers the extra time afforded those chosen to receive this information.

These groups are: 1. The Ormond Beach Task Force; 2. Ormond Beach Observers; 3. The Point Mugu Wildlife Center; 4. Earth Alert; and 5. The Ormond Beach Wildlife Conservancy.

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These groups, along with some members of Environmental Coalition, Surfriders, Surfers Environmental Alliance, Friends of Ormond Beach, and other individuals who signed a sign-up sheet at meetings of the OBTF together constitute a class of persons who have been treated with prejudice and denied their rights as citizens of the State of California.

Peter Brand, a Conservancy representative on many occasions throughout the 1990s and early 2000s would pass out sign-up sheets for all in attendance to sign. Was one of these lists used to conduct public notices? If so, which one(s)? Which lists were excluded and for what reasons?

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I hereby request that, as per the California Freedom of Information Act, all lists of persons in attendance at meetings of the OBTF compiled by any representative of the Conservancy be sent immediately to David Kanter, Sara Wan, and Alan Sanders.

***Since the Conservancy, TNC and CO have failed utterly to conform with California law on public notices, we will attempt to do this ourselves. However, wouldn't it be better if we could all work together to find ways to reach out to all of the Ormond Beach stakeholders? At the very least,***

*the comment period should be extended so that all of the existing commenters are given time equal to that given to the original group. With that time, an attempt to gather a more comprehensive list of stakeholders could be made. Additionally, other important issues might be explored.*

*The Ventura County Flood Control District (VCFCD) could potentially influence the plan. During the early 1990s, I observed that the VCFCD on many occasions breached the berm holding back the Ormond lagoon. This was in violation of many state and federal laws dealing with waters of the United States and Ormond's variety of endangered species.*

*In 1998, the Coastal Commission heard my complaint and ruled that the VCFCD was in violation of the Coastal Act and was required to perform the California Environmental Quality Act before engaging in any further projects. I witnessed that VCFCD had resumed this activity in the early 2000s but never learned if they had complied with the Commission's directive.*

*The Project Partners must investigate this problem so as to find 1. How often between 1998 and today did the VCFCD act to alter the Ormond Lagoon and how did such action alter endangered plants and animals since local ecology was transformed from that of a lagoon system to that of an estuary? and 2. Will the VCFCD continue with its alteration and, if so, what will the effect be?*

*The Southshore Project in Oxnard seemingly provided citizens at long last a final decision on the future of development in South Oxnard. The City Council voted to approve the project. However, a large group of citizens appeared at the hearings arguing that development so close to Ormond Beach would lead to its demise. Citizen after citizen arose to say that it's not enough to save known wetlands. You*

***must also save the associated uplands where pollinators live part of their lives. UCSB botanist and project ecologist Wayne Ferren promoted this theory.***

The issue of what kinds of development were suitable within the Ormond Beach restoration area was settled within the OBTF when we passed the Consensus Plan of 1998. That plan does not conform with the Ormond Beach Wetlands Restoration Plan (OBWRP). We had decided that no development to serve visitors was appropriate within the area. So, rather than building new infrastructure within the Ormond area, we found that existing services and parking in Port Hueneme and along Hueneme Road should suffice. Peter Brand even offered that the Coastal Conservancy might be willing to buy the Dorrill Wright Cultural Center in the city of Port Hueneme which is near food vendors and safe city parking lots.

This idea should be revised as it would prevent needless development of structures within Ormond at great savings to the taxpayer.

Ormond Beach and Hueneme Beach are part of one long beach area. They share water, wildlife, and area ecology. No one lives as close to Ormond as do residents of Surfside I, II, III and IV and Surfside Village in Port Hueneme. My former home at 232 N. Third was also close to Hueneme Beach and therefore closer to Ormond than anyone's within the City of Oxnard.

Another thing shared by the two cities is a problem with homeless people. Friends of Ormond Beach is an Organization that has been trying to get both cities involved with finding a solution—and they, too, must receive formal notice of this project. These people pose a significant threat to the continued existence of all the threatened and endangered plants and animals that exist at Ormond and Hueneme.

The project cannot move forward in any way while these people are present! Among the homeless population are persons who are entirely responsible and who would be willing to move if only they knew of the problems their presence presents. Others, perhaps most, seem not to care. Both cities are unable to find anything which works to decrease the problem. A recent move to have a roundup in the City of Oxnard received much publicity—but the homeless were back within two days. A previous roundup produced 17 persons with outstanding warrants.

This is a serious problem. Citizens may not be safe while trying to enjoy the beach or wetlands. Individual least terns or snowy plovers could be taken or the entire population of either or both could be locally extirpated. What of the plants? Salt

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marsh bird's beak, a variety of which is unique to Ormond Beach, could be lost rendering it extinct.

Unfortunately, the plan suffers from additional problems. Night lighting as planned must be eliminated. There is far too much lighting pollution already. My own personal observations over the course of 40 years where I would often walk the beach was that you never wanted to face toward Oxnard lest you be temporarily blinded, requiring some time to pass to restore your night vision. I found that I could identify many birds at night by staying away from the light.

At present, the amount of night lighting is so prevalent that nocturnal creatures are disadvantaged and may be preyed upon due to their being visible to predators.

Use of predator perches called human lookouts are wholly inappropriate. They need to be eliminated from the plan. The Partners should do everything they can to influence both cities to act to eliminate needless lighting in the area. It should go without saying that anything which threatens endangered animals, like the proposed raised platforms, is absolutely out of the question.

You list Dr. Joy Zedelar as one of your assets on a scientific review committee. I would suggest that she and her students could be useful in this endeavor. Also, Wayne Ferren could help, especially with Salt marsh bird's beak. Dr. Brian Foster could help with his vast experience with least terns.

Lastly, one element of the Consensus Plan 1998 calls for purchase of additional property from Southland Sod. Your plan may preclude some restoration options and possibly may enhance others. It is our hope that the Coastal Conservancy still considers this option.

Informing all members of the public conforms with the goals of the Coastal Conservancy, TNC, the City of Oxnard, and OBTF. We all are still being denied the right to be informed and to comment with an amount of time equal to other commenters. Why not give us the additional time to make comments while we work together to solve some of the outstanding issues?

Thank you.

Alan Sanders

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Cc: Shirley & Larry Godwin

Subject: Additional comments Ormond Beach Public Access Plan

Addendum to August 17, 2019 written comments by Shirley and Larry Godwin

RE: Public access to the Ormond Beach Wetlands - proposed access from Hueneme Road using the active railroad right of way

The attached is September 2, 2019 photo showing railroad cars on the two tracks at the proposed entrance to Ormond Beach on Hueneme Road at the railroad crossing.

The railroad splits with the main line track going west to the Port of Hueneme and the spur track going South to the Ormond power plant.

The railroad cars are moved and stored on both tracks.



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Sept. 15, 2019

Chris Kroll

Ormond Beach Restoration Plan

The plan has no specifics regarding the use of night lighting. It implies there will be some but does not specify how much or where. I have concerns about the use of any night lighting in a sensitive area. Night lighting has well known adverse effects on the habitat, both on the flora and the fauna. There should be no night lighting. That is the time to allow the natural processes to take place with minimal interference. Lighting should not be needed if the area is closed after dark. This is the limit in many natural areas and in fact, it should be closed for security reasons as well. Allowing use at night will only invite all sorts of problems. Rules cannot and will not be enforced. There is no legitimate reason to allow 24/7 use of the area.

Sincerely,

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**Date:** Wednesday, August 21, 2019 10:51:24 AM

**Attachments:** Image7395.png

Thanks Irene! It's very sad and unfortunate that this area was so heavily commercialized and industrialized in the past; especially as a scrap metal dump of all things (Halaco). We had a true gem here. But it still has great potential and we need to jump on that.

Aaron Greer

-----Original Message-----

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PS, Attachment, a 2009 comment letter to the City on the same subject... found online.

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Thanks Irene! It's very sad and unfortunate that this area was so heavily commercialized and industrialized in the past; especially as a scrap metal dump of all things (Halaco). We had a true gem here. But it still has great potential and we need to jump on that.

Aaron Greer

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Addendum to August 17, 2019 written comments by Shirley and Larry Godwin

RE: Public access to the Ormond Beach Wetlands - proposed access from Hueneme Road using the active railroad right of way

The attached is September 2, 2019 photo showing railroad cars on the two tracks at the proposed entrance to Ormond Beach on Hueneme Road at the railroad crossing.

The railroad splits with the main line track going west to the Port of Hueneme and the spur track going South to the Ormond power plant.

The railroad cars are moved and stored on both tracks.



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## Comments Regarding the Proposed Ormond Beach Restoration and Access Plan

Many of us attended the Public Hearing on the plan on July 31, 2019 in Oxnard. We came away with the sense that the plan, as written, proposes to create a “park” that would attract many visitors. Multiple access points, boardwalks, bike paths picnic tables and a bridge over the lagoon are designed to attract crowds. Crowds will bring food, balls, frisbees and, inevitably, dogs for a day at the beach!

Our vision has always been that Ormond Beach should be a nature reserve first with limited and tightly controlled public access, especially during nesting season. We recognize that public access is among the priorities of the Coastal Conservancy but, we strongly believe that, in a wildlife sanctuary, protection of wildlife including rare and endangered plants must come first.

The plan must include hiring a management organization early in the process so the rules protecting wildlife can be enforced 24/7 during and after construction. This will be especially critical given the current issues with homeless encampments. Without strong, early and consistent enforcement, restoration work will be for naught.

Crowds spell disaster for western snowy plovers and California least terns, especially during the nesting season (March 15 until September 15). As written, the plan provides for fences to designate the nesting areas; however, as we all know, the birds do not always nest inside the fenced areas. Moreover, plover chicks must feed themselves and to do that must walk to the beach, especially the wrack line to find food. Least terns often nest by the lagoon and parents dive for fish in the lagoon to feed the chicks.

For nearly thirty years, Ventura Audubon has worked to protect nesting birds at Ormond Beach. Ormond Beach is considered to be one of the most important wetland restoration projects in southern California. It has been designated critical habitat by USFWS, an Important Bird Area by Audubon and it is a major migratory stopover for dozens of species. The protection enjoyed today by Ormond Beach would not have been possible without the presence of a 24/7 volunteer, Walter Fuller and the support of the Oxnard City Council in passing the Ormond Beach Ordinance. None of these considerations were mentioned in the presentation at the public hearing nor are they apparent in the materials made available to the public.

We urge that the focus of the Ormond Beach plan be redirected to, first and foremost, recognize its importance as a nature reserve.

Sincerely,

  
Sandy Hedrick  
Chair, Conservation Committee

Bruce E. Schoppe, VAS Vice President  
James Susha, Conservation Committee

Ormond Beach Caretakers:

The environment is God's creation. It is our responsibility to take care of it.

Debbie and Walter Fuller  
(805)889-2013

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

I'm writing this letter in response to the restoration plan. Debbie and I like the plan except ~~there~~ ~~is~~ ~~a~~ for the parking, there is none. I get a lot of Fishermen and surfers at Arnold rd. Day by day I'd say about 15 fishermen, and on the weekend it goes way up.

Surfers and fishermen have been coming out here for years,

I hate to see them lose their spot. It would be a long way for them to walk from Perkins to Arnold rd area,

This last week 8/11/19 - 8/17/19 I had a total of 253 visitors.

162 of them were fishermen.

Walter Fuller

September 25, 2019

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**County of Ventura Environmental Health Division Comments on Ormond Beach Preliminary Restoration Plan**

The Ventura County Environmental Health Division (Division) is the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) and is responsible for enforcing laws and regulations pertaining to solid waste disposal sites in Ventura County. The Division has reviewed the Ormond Beach Restoration and Public Access Project, Preliminary Restoration Plan (Plan) and provides the following comments.

The above referenced restoration project is located on two recognized closed solid waste disposal sites. These areas were not identified as closed solid waste sites in the Plan. The Division is responsible for ensuring compliance with post-closure land use activities and is required to review and approve land-use development projects on or near these sites. According to Division records, the proposed restoration area project includes two closed, inactive, pre-regulation solid waste facilities identified as:

- Arnold Road Dump (SWIS# 56-CR-0056) located at the end of Arnold Road and the Pacific Ocean, Oxnard
- Oxnard 1962 (SWIS# 56-CR-0032) located at Perkins Road and Ormond Beach Wildlife, Oxnard

As referenced in Title 27, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 21190(c):

*"all proposed post closure land uses, other than non-irrigated open space, on sites implementing closure or on closed sites shall be submitted to the LEA, Regional Water Quality Control Board, local air district and local land use authority. The LEA shall review and approve proposed post closure land uses if the project involves structures within 1000 feet of the disposal area, structures on top of waste, modification of the low permeability layer, or irrigation over waste."*

In accordance with the above section, the applicant is required to submit the proposed post-closure land use activities along with a post-closure monitoring plan to comply with the requirements and conditions specified in Title 27 CCR, Chapter 3, Subchapter 5, Article 2. Closure and Post-Closure Maintenance Standards for Disposal Sites and Landfills A site assessment is required, and remediation activities may be necessary.

Guidelines and guidance documents prepared by California's Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) for disposal site post-closure land-use further describes the Division's authority and responsibilities related to the review and approval of land use projects located on or near solid waste disposal sites. Please see the following website to review this information: <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/LEA/Advisories/51/>

If you have any questions about this site or the LEA review process, please contact Gina Libby at [Gina.Libby@ventura.org](mailto:Gina.Libby@ventura.org) or (805) 654-2859.



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Supervising Environmental Health Specialist  
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on  
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**Public Forum of OBRAP**

**Who really owns OBRAP property?**

**COMMENT 1: Who really owns OBRAP property? 'Not the City of Oxnard, SCC or TNC; per ancient title description, entitlements and 1938 to August 2019 parcel maps, illegally unchanged, to the Public-Eye, NEPA, and include PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165' as mutual stakeholders excluded as a OBRAP Alternative.**

The City of Oxnard with California State Coastal Conservatory (SCC) & The Nature Conservatory / Nature Conservatory (TNC); somewhat assisted in many illegal occurrences with the EPA Region 9 later somewhat illegally supported that the City of Oxnard extinguished a paper subdivision. Unfortunately, the City of Oxnard extinguished a paper subdivision by and with mistake and fraud. The City of Oxnard extinguished a paper subdivision is really an activity called "TAKE" and/or inverse condemnation. The municipalities excluded several required Alternatives and significantly excluded facts for Alternatives for Ormond Beach Restoration and Public Access Project (OBRAP) and removed consideration of the facts and Alternatives for OBRAP. The NEPA; new significant circumstances of the matter are the partners of OBRAP Alternative claims of municipal property ownership is actually PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165. The municipal partners of OBRAP have cleverly used their staff to overreach in processing, documents and recording by themselves and others above the Public-Eye and plainly is FRAUD in the municipal activity of "TAKE" and inverse condemnation. The PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 are in a state of IN-DEM Jurisdiction and oppressed with a blind eye of OBRAP partners. Here is our COMMENTS & QUESTIONS and worst of all the municipalities whom are federal, state and local governmental agencies who are sworn to help, protect and do the right thing but have not. The PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND maybe 231-0-032-165 would like to have a public forum with all the OBRAP partners and public present together and let us present the facts to you/ the Public / Public-Eye on Ormand Beach. Let's do it! I and my wife sat in the Public Forum of OBRAP July 31, 2019 and participated in a respectful, orderly and courteous manner. I was glad that my fellow OBRAP table participants were kind, inquisitive, accepting, welcoming to us. We want you want for Halaco: to be completed and completely cleaned NOW. We have more help, opportunity and money to bring to the local Oxnard community in education, revenue, fees, environment, citizens, and hundreds of jobs.

The NEPA "new significant circumstances" may somewhat void any and all current OBRAP Alternatives because the facts of OBRAP Alternatives are incomplete, incorrect, mistaken, misspoke, defective, and fraudulent to NEPA, the Public-Eye, private property owners. The current OBRAP Alternative should include the facts that PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 should be an OBRAP Alternative with PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS without illegal documents processing, recordings and illegal inverse condemnation upon PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS and as mutual stakeholders.

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**COMMENT 2:** "Ormond Beach is located along the southern coast of Ventura County, California. It falls within the jurisdictional boundaries of both the City of Oxnard and Ventura County, and is between the City of Port Hueneme and Naval Base Ventura County Point Mugu".

"None-the-less , **urban discharge** supports an existing habitat beach lagoon", "and a limited foredune community extends along the beach area itself" aka condominiums. "Due to these attributes federal, state, and local agencies, as well as public and private organizations and interest groups, recognize Ormond Beach as an area of immense biological significance and high habitation restoration potential". The OBRAP is to FUND & SERVICE new regional and city Wastewater, Stormwater and clean those 31 million gallons of effluents dumped into OBRAP Alternative by OWTP to open economic opportunities for the municipalities with development fees, revenues and US Bonds by diverting ownership, entitlements and/or Subdivision 84 from PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 illegally to City of Oxnard because of "**urban discharge**" of City of Oxnard wastewater & stormwater intersects at that point and ponds.

"To this end, the California State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) is pursuing, at a scale unprecedented within the State, to restore as much **LOST** habitat as possible within Ormond Beach area." The current OBRAP should include the facts **LOST** to the PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 should be an OBRAP Alternative to include the facts that PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS currently own OBRAP **LOST** entitlements and OBRAP Alternative should lawfully proceed forward with PRIVATE PROPERTY / OWNERS as mutual stakeholders without inverse condemnation because of "**urban discharge**" of the City of Oxnard wastewater & stormwater intersects at that point and ponds. Additionally; PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 somewhat understand that the future "taking" of the Channel Islands is the true and real focus of what is meant by SCC as; environmental habitat restoration and etc. from the US Federal Government real estate holdings and jurisdiction for economic revenues and fees. The current OBRAP Alternative should include the facts that PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 should be an OBRAP Alternative with PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS without illegal document processing, recording and illegal inverse condemnation upon PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS and as mutual stakeholders.

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**COMMENT 3:** Under the Title Description, Grant Deed and Historical parcel map(s) since 1938 the Assessor Parcel Numbers 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 and the beach area parcels (aka Subdivision 84) and other parcels (aka Ormand Beach) that the City of Oxnard "targeted" grossly, defectively and fraudulently titles ownership. That City of Oxnard claim to ownership is defectively and fraudulently documents, processing and recordings by City of Oxnard, California State Coastal Conservatory (SCC) & The Nature Conservatory / Nature Conservatory (TNC) illegally and outside the standard National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) & municipal criteria. NEPA regulations shall not support this illegal overreaching and excluded facts with governmental /public / municipal / CEQA criteria. The current OBRAP Alternative should include the facts that PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 should be an OBRAP Alternative with PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS without illegal document processing, recording and illegal inverse condemnation upon PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS and as mutual stakeholders.

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**COMMENT 4:** The NEPA "New and Significant Circumstances" should amend this OBRAP Alternative to include PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 of Ormand Beach aka SUB-D 84 and OBRAP other parcels. In addition to that and/or include owners as mutual stakeholders with City of Oxnard, California State Coastal Conservatory (SCC) & The Nature Conservatory / Nature Conservatory (TNC) too. The current OBRAP Alternative should include the facts that PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 should be an OBRAP Alternative with PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS without illegal document processing, recording and illegal inverse condemnation upon PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS and as mutual stakeholders.

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**QUESTION 1:** Is the OBRAP Alternative under PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS or OBRAP ownership; why and how?

**QUESTION 2:** Is OBRAP Alternative said land and/or area described by what particular primary property partner(s) ownership or easement Grant Deed legal description (with partly ancient title detail described as Lot 8) prior to January 1980; why and how?

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**QUESTION 3:** Is there an OBRAP Alternative financial or economic opportunity(s) to OBRAP by diverting Oxnard Industrial Drain (OID) to flow through and/or pond upon the OBRAP partner's property known as The Nature Conservatory (TNC) and/or Nature Conservatory parcels; why and how?

**QUESTION 4:** Could the OBRAP Alternative land site exist with under both Anacapa Municipal Water District and Oxnard Drainage District No. 3 prior to December 22, 1983 too; why and how?

**QUESTION 5:** How many major errors in parcel maps with civil engineer criteria would be allowable in OBRAP Alternative; why and how?

**QUESTION 6:** At what elementary grade reading level is OBRAP Alternative presentation given to the Public and/or Public-Eye; why and how?

**QUESTION 7:** Is OBRAP Alternative covering all facts with information released to regarding OBRAP Alternative and what information is excluded or superficial given to Public and/or to Public-Eye; why and how?

**QUESTION 8:** What date and year did OBRAP Alternative partner(s) land ownership start, why and how?

**QUESTION 9:** Is OBRAP Alternative land site able to bring local and/or state municipal bonding entitlements in August 2019 attractive to bond buyers, why and how?

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**City of Oxnard Wastewater Treatment Plant's Effluent Issues of wastewater & stormwater of OBRAP**

**COMMENT 5:** Is the Oxnard Wastewater Treatment Plant (OWTP) built on a Landfill aka CalRecycle Closed-Illegal-Abandon Landfill (CIA) #56-CR-0032 and Halaco is somewhat a Landfill too. On maps Perkins Road is denoted as an invisible line of separation between OWTP& Halaco. Perkins Road name denotes somewhat open and/or "removed /closed" on parcel maps for future OBRAP Alternative options with partner(s) US Bonding and OBRAP Alternative accommodations. The current OBRAP Alternative should include the facts that PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 are EPA Region 9 'scapegoats' to their land hold back land use for OBRAP Alternative partners and somewhat fund OBRAP Alternative partner(s) outdated and/or fund new OWTP and connect with Oxnard Advanced Water Purification Facility (OAWPF) with EPA Superfund monies for OBRAP Alternative partner(s). The current OBRAP Alternative should include the facts that PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 should be an OBRAP Alternative with PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS without illegal document processing, recording and illegal inverse condemnation upon PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS and as mutual stakeholders.

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**QUESTION 10:** Is the OBRAP Alternative handling the past-present-future “percolates” in wastewater and/or stormwater effluents; why and how?

**QUESTION 11:** Is the OBRAP Alternative handling the past-present-future “dissolves” in wastewater and/or stormwater effluents; why and how?

**QUESTION 12:** Is the OBRAP Alternative handling the past-present-future “entrains” in wastewater and/or stormwater effluents; why and how?

**QUESTION 13:** Is the OBRAP Alternative handling the past-present-future “nasty cocktail of contaminants” in wastewater and/or stormwater effluents; why and how?

**QUESTION 14:** Is the OBRAP Alternative handling the past-present-future “accumulation” in wastewater and/or stormwater effluents; why and how?

**QUESTION 15:** Is the OBRAP Alternative handling the past-present-future “constant changes of primary or secondary effluent” in wastewater and/or stormwater effluents; why and how?

**QUESTION 16:** Is the OBRAP Alternative handling the past-present-future “outsource” in wastewater and/or stormwater effluents; why and how?

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**Effluent Issues of wastewater and/or stormwater OBRAP & Three Major Issues for OBRAP**

**QUESTION 17:** Is the OBRAP Alternative handling the past-present-future “Contaminates of Emerging Concern” in wastewater and/or stormwater effluents; why and how?

**QUESTION 18:** Is the OBRAP Alternative handling past-present-future “Nutrient Loading” in wastewater and/or stormwater effluents; why and how?

**QUESTION 19:** Is the OBRAP Alternative handling past-present-future “Negative Impact on Ultraviolet (UV) Disinfection” in wastewater and/or stormwater effluents; why and how?

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**Oxnard Wastewater Treatment Plant (OWTP) & Oxnard Advanced Water Purification Facility (OAWPF)**

**QUESTION 20:** Does the OBRAP Alternative connect and function with the OWTP & OAWTF and all Regional /City of Oxnard Stormwater drainage(s) systems flowing, intersecting and/or ponding at Oxnard Industrial Drain (OID) ; why and how?

**QUESTION 21:** Does the OBRAP Alternative connect and function with the OWTP and connect OWTP Waste Management Unit (WMU) pond on site too; why and how?

**QUESTION 22:** Does the OBRAP Alternative past-present-future effluent known and/or described as leachate/wastewater/recycle water/ graywater flow, drain and/or pond at the Oxnard Industrial Drain at any point like proposed in the OBRAP Alternative; why and how?

**QUESTION 23:** Does the OBRAP Alternative connect and function with the EPA REGION 9 “coordination & collaboration” and EPA Region 9 funding; why and how?

**QUESTION 24:** Is it true that the OBRAP Alternative is not under any regulations at this time; why and how?

**QUESTION 25:** Is the OBRAP Alternative connected to priority critical State of California (or maybe US Federal) anaerobic digestion AB & SB laws; why and how?

**QUESTION 26:** Is the OBRAP Alternative anticipating including compliance to the “CalRecycle Short-lived Climate Pollutants (SLCP): Organic Waste Reductions Second Formal Draft; aka SB 1383-Proposed Regulations June 17, 2019”; why & how?

**QUESTION 27:** Is the OBRAP Alternative connected to any CalRecycle “Closed-Illegal-Abandon” Landfills and etc; why and how?

**QUESTION 28:** Where does the wastewater and/or stormwater effluents go to be process if either the Oxnard Industrial Drain and the OBRAP Alternative; system, flow, pond, is overloaded in some past-present-future situation; why and how?

**QUESTION 29:** What if contaminates are found in the drinking water source or recycle water source from OBRAP Alternative wastewater and/or stormwater effluents; why and how?

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**QUESTION 30:** Does the OBRAP Alternative have an official (which local, county, state, federal) "Maximum Contaminant Levels" (MCLs) established for "Per-and-Polyfluoroalkyl Substances" (PFAs) wastewater and/or stormwater effluents; why and how?

**QUESTION 31:** Does the OBRAP Alternative have the past-present-future "challenges" for "Total Nitrogen" in wastewater and/or stormwater effluents; why and how?

**QUESTION 32:** Does the OBRAP Alternative have past-present-future "interference challenges" for wastewater and/or stormwater effluents with "volumetric contributions" as low as 0.1 percent; why and how?

**QUESTION 33:** Is the OBRAP Alternative handling past-present-future "challenges" for "Total Nitrogen" in wastewater and/or stormwater effluents when OBRAP Alternative is overloaded; why and how?

**QUESTION 34:** Is the OBRAP Alternative handling past-present-future "interference challenges" for wastewater and/or stormwater effluents with "volumetric contributions" as low as 0.1 percent when OBRAP is overloaded; why and how?

**QUESTION 35:** Does the OBRAP Alternative effect any bodies of water within 5-mile radius; why and how?

**QUESTION 36:** Could the OBRAP Alternative stop taking wastewater and/or stormwater effluents anytime if contaminates like humic & fulvic acids exceeds any limit whatsoever for 1 day; 1 week; 1 month; 60 days; 90 days and 120 days with OWTP & OAWPF overload failure too; why and how?

**QUESTION 37:** If the OBRAP Alternative had "no warning or little warning" of potential wastewater and/or stormwater effluents overload; What is the determined OBRAP Alternative "safe" plan for a new wastewater and/or stormwater effluents strategy; why and how?

**QUESTION 38:** Is the OBRAP Alternative handling the rejects of contaminants; why and how?

**QUESTION 39:** What is additional equipment or plant or facility the OBRAP Alternative is depending upon and what are the additional equipment priority critical elements OBRAP Alternative is depending upon too; why and how?

**QUESTION 40:** Is the OBRAP Alternative using other locations and/or facilities like wastewater, stormwater, water purification to import and/or export waste and/or stormwater too; why and how?

**QUESTION 41:** Does the OBRAP Alternative guarantee a consistent cost for taxpayers with OBRAP typical, overloaded and/or condition and/or contaminate level which maybe underestimated or unknown; why and how?

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**QUESTION 42:** Do the three parties partnering in the OBRAP Alternative have the Public-Eye fully informed; why and how?

**QUESTION 43:** What is the risk to the OBRAP Alternative that is not proven or understood or unregulated to date; why and how?

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**SEA LEVEL RISING (SLR)**

**QUESTION 44:** Does both the OBRAP Alternative with SLR included stormwater run-off from upper inland local, regional, county, state locations using stormwater drainage data of inundation ditch and/or channel flows ALSO merging with SLR from the Coastal Pacific Ocean at low, high and storm water tide marks too; why and how?

**QUESTION 45:** Does the OBRAP Alternative with SLR use their engineering consultant's data mixed and used with Hypothetical data too; why and how?

**QUESTION 46:** Does the OBRAP Alternative with SLR use United States Geological Survey (USGS) data show coastal upheaval in OBRAP Alternative as shown of USGS maps too; why or how?

**QUESTION 47:** Is the OBRAP Alternative with SLR is an imposed engineering consultant's data that's mixed and used with Hypothetical data and without it the OBRAP Alternative analysis would be a what type of Alternative ; why and how?

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**MAPS at PUBLIC FORUM JULY 31, 2019**

**COMMENT 6:** The OBRAP maps used at the July 31, 2019 Public Forum should include civil engineering to be somewhat incorrect and inaccurate and not-vetted by NEPA criteria and Public-Eye and with the "new significant circumstances" by PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 develop an OBRAP Alternative that does not exclude PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165. The current OBRAP Alternative should include the facts that PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 should be an OBRAP Alternative with PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS without illegal document processing, recording and illegal inverse condemnation upon PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS and as mutual stakeholders.

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**COMMENT 7:** The EPA Region 9 has used “Illegal Suit & Settle by a third party” and illegal inverse condemnation and in an EPA Directive to stop as of October 24, 2017 and somewhat denotes all Halaco properties to meet Federal cleanup criteria too but does not post that signage fact at Halaco site. The current OBRAP should include the facts that PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 should be an OBRAP Alternative with PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS without EPA Region 9 “Illegal Suit & Settle by a third party” and illegal inverse condemnation and make amends to PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 and Public-Eye. The EPA Region 9 should immediately clear the PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS and also the Public-Eye is notified that the Halaco, meets federal cleaned up criteria and no longer delaying documentation to PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 and the Public-Eye. The current OBRAP Alternative should include the facts that PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 should be an OBRAP Alternative with PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS without illegal document processing, recording and illegal inverse condemnation upon PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS and as mutual stakeholders.

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**QUESTION 48:** Are the three partnering entities of OBRAP Alternative informing the Public-Eye and the EPA Region 9 to continue to somewhat designate the Halaco properties as a National Priority List: EPA Superfund site when Halaco meets federal cleaned up criteria; why and how?

**COMMENT 8:** The national signage of EPA is not correct with Halaco because EPA Region 9 has somewhat cleaned up Halaco and the designation of that cleaned up Halaco meets the federal cleaned up criteria (EPA Region 9 OSC-removal of Halaco habitation-EPA 2013 update). The current OBRAP Alternative should include the facts that PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 should be not posted as an EPA Superfund site. The current OBRAP Alternative should include the facts that PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 should be an OBRAP Alternative with PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS without illegal document processing, recording and illegal inverse condemnation upon PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS and as mutual stakeholders.

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**COMMENT 9:** The Halaco 11-acre site & 27-acre WMU sites are both somewhat clean. The radioactive thorium on the 11 acre site should be removed (per OBRAP Alternative immediately) by the EPA Region 9 and although the thorium of 11 acres poses no threat to air, water, humans, fish, or birds it beneficial for OBRAP Alternative partners to somewhat use Halaco connected to words that the Public and/or Public-Eye may fear as OBRAP Alternative funding propaganda. The current OBRAP Alternative should include the facts that PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 should be an OBRAP Alternative with PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS without illegal document processing, recording and illegal inverse condemnation upon PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS and as mutual stakeholders.

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**COMMENT 10:** The 11-acre & 27-acre WMU & the OBRAP Alternative both has metals somewhat in the sand which can be somewhat removed by Lagoon Logistics LLC with EPA Superfund monies now. Both properties may have no threat to air, water, humans, fish, or birds in the EPA Region 9 cleaned up condition now but the OBRAP Alternative has financial funding support for OBRAP Alternative staff partners, consultants and contractors at the expense, waste, sacrifice of Halaco and PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 for the good of the public or whom? The OBRAP should include the facts that PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 should be cleaned up of metals by Lagoon Logistics LLC, financial funding support for OBRAP Alternative staff partners, consultants and contractors at the expense, waste, sacrifice of Halaco and PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 should understand PEAK Financial format with exponential financial components for the good of the public. The current OBRAP Alternative should include the facts that PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 should be an OBRAP Alternative with PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS without illegal document processing, recording and illegal inverse condemnation upon PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS and as mutual stakeholders.

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**COMMENT 11:** When the City of Oxnard, California State Coastal Conservatory (SCC) & The Nature Conservatory / Nature Conservatory (TNC) makes and/or adds future OBRAP Alternative improvements for the City of Oxnard, California State Coastal Conservatory (SCC) & The Nature Conservatory / Nature Conservatory (TNC). Then it can be said the “metals in the improvements maybe equal to Halaco property sites”.

The EPA Region 9 has somewhat “coordinated & collaborated” with OBRAP Alternative partners to allow a mistaken “TAKE” of LOT 8 and Subdivision 84 (aka Ormond Beach) from PRIVATE PROPERTY / OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 and EPA Region 9 should do the right thing for the PRIVATE PROPERTY / OWNERS, NEPA and Public-Eye to amend Halaco cleaned up issues & concern. The current OBRAP Alternative should include the facts that PRIVATE PROPERTY / OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 should be an OBRAP Alternative with PRIVATE PROPERTY / OWNERS without illegal document processing, recording and illegal inverse condemnation upon PRIVATE PROPERTY / OWNERS and as mutual stakeholders.

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**QUESTION 49:** Is it true the OBRAP Alternative and Public-Eye could understand the true facts of Halaco thorium no one could ingest by carrying, holding, storing, eating or injecting thorium in the state the present solid thorium form which is like at Halaco sites (in the 20+ foot deep water in the Oxnard Industrial Drain at the 11-acre Halaco property site) that could lead to harm and/or death of air, water, humans, fish, or birds; explain why and how?

**COMMENT 12:** If the OBRAP Alternative facts regarding and including the following; if Halaco thorium was in a permanent building and/or container and properly labeled, contained and stored like in a dentist office and/or EPA posted & EPA compliant hazardous storage building or case or container; the Halaco thorium would be referred to and/or addressed as safe for air, water, humans, fish, or birds. The current OBRAP Alternative should include the facts that Halaco thorium should be “safely stored” per EPA criteria for Hazardous materials like paint, glue, oils and thorium for PRIVATE PROPERTY / OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165. The current OBRAP Alternative should include the facts that PRIVATE PROPERTY / OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 should be an OBRAP Alternative with PRIVATE PROPERTY / OWNERS without illegal document processing, recording and illegal inverse condemnation upon PRIVATE PROPERTY / OWNERS and as mutual stakeholders.

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**COMMENT 13:** If the OBRAP Alternative understood that the Halaco thorium is somewhat not toxic and thorium cannot somewhat NOT hurt, damage or severely harm air, water, humans, fish, or birds does not much affects to air and water. But unless used as a weight to strike as a weapon to inflict blunt force trauma effects upon humans, fish, or birds is that somewhat correct with Halaco. The current OBRAP Alternative does not include the facts that PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 is the true owners of Ormond Beach. The current OBRAP Alternative should include the facts that PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 should be an OBRAP Alternative with PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS without illegal document processing, recording and illegal inverse condemnation upon PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS and as mutual stakeholders.

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**COMMENT 14:** Final Thoughts to my discussion group table members with Chris Kroll with SCC and OBRAP Alternative partner regarding NEPA and OBRAP Alternative(s) map facts told to us by Chris Kroll on July 31, 2019 at Public Forum, displayed to us and quickly discussed among our table.

There's a citizens guide which was developed to explain the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and how environmental reports, CEQ, CEQA and OBRAP Alternative is to implemented, addressed, contain facts, without deception, and how the Public, Public-Eye, people like you and I outside the Federal, State and Local government laws, regulations and OBRAP Alternative Public Forum presentation is a presented to us as individual citizens, private property owners, private sector applicants, members of organized groups, or representatives of Tribal, State, or local government agencies AND homeless. The NEPA has no tolerance Federal, State and Local government overreach or OBRAP Alternative errors, mistakes, misinformation, exclusions, fraud, deception upon us as individual citizens, private property owners, private sector applicants, members of organized groups, or representatives of Tribal, State, or local government agencies. We must and can better participate in the OBRAP Alternative with our honest assessment of environmental impacts conducted by Federal, State and Local government agencies. There's a better OBRAP Alternative not included in the OBRAP.

To learn more about CEQ and NEPA, visit the web site at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/ceq> and <http://www.nepa.gov> or contact the CEQ Associate Director for NEPA Oversight at (202) 395-5750. Your thoughts and comments on improving OBRAP Alternative(s) for the future are told to me are welcomed and can be addressed to: CEQ NEPA Citizen's Guide: 722 Jackson Place, NW Washington DC, 20503 for your copy to read.

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**COMMENT 15:** The EPA Region 9 is somewhat allowing it's officers, employees, contractors, representatives, to enter property to conduct activities as part of the remedial investigation and feasibility study and also includes; access authorization of the City of Oxnard, SCC & TNC to the OBRAP Alternative for inspections, making of samples locations, and other planning activities; field measurements, collection of WASTE, soil, water, air samples; temporary storage of equipment and investigation-derived waste to accomplish the above OBRAP Alternative activities. In a nutshell; the EPA Region 9 somewhat is a partner with OBRAP too. The EPA Region 9 is blinded and/or willing to sacrifice person like PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 for the good of the public but not without due process of the law & court and misplaced government IN-DEM Jurisdiction.

I recognize with EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler the important role that the Office of Inspector General serves in preventing and identifying fraud, waste, and abuse in the EPA programs and operations like EPA Region 9. There must be accountability with the OBRAP partners & EPA Region 9 to perform as a body either as an individual, person, family; and/or as a nation, state, local body and lawfully do, keep, and hold the laws of them regardless of challenges to us. The PUBLIC-Eye and trust is very important and is not blind or deaf unless we do not speak up and do the right thing. The current OBRAP Alternative should include the facts that PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 should be an OBRAP Alternative with PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS without illegal document processing, recording and illegal inverse condemnation upon PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS and as mutual stakeholders.

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**Native American Component with OBRAP**

**COMMENT 16:** It is understood that the State of California has included the Native Americans to participate in all areas of environmental and economic opportunities in discussion, participation, revenue & fees throughout the state, county & cities in a lawful manner. The Gabrielino Tongva-Tribe (GTT) and the Chumash Tribe both co-habituated the State of California and the OBRAP Alternative area. The state recognized Gabrielino Tongva-Tribe of Los Angeles territorial area overlaps a portion of

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Ventura County, all of City of Oxnard, Riverside County, San Bernardino, a portion of San Diego and coastal Pacific Ocean (including Channel Islands). The OBRAP Alternative including the Gabrielino Tongva-Tribe would be beneficial and more transparent for the Public-Eye and OBRAP Alternative partners. The current OBRAP Alternative should include the facts that PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 should NOT be EXCLUDED to be an OBRAP Alternative with Gabrielino Tongva-Tribe and both parties with agreeable, suitable and reasonable compact terms & conditions within the California State tribal laws may so without inverse condemnation and as mutual stakeholders. The current OBRAP Alternative should include the facts that PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS of APNs 231-0-032-125, 135, 155 & 175 AND 231-0-032-165 should be an OBRAP Alternative with PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS without illegal document processing, recording and illegal inverse condemnation upon PRIVATE PROPERTY /OWNERS and as mutual stakeholders.

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**QUESTION 50:** If the partners of the OBRAP Alternative each explained in written detail to the Gabrielino Tongva-Tribe the current role of Oxnard Industrial Drain (OID) and Halaco issues / concerns / property /Ormond Beach with and without the EPA Region 9; why and how is the OID important to each partner?

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**EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT of OBRAP ALTERNATIVE: UCLA**

**COMMENT 17:** The OBRAP Alternative is able to open educational and higher learning potentials. From elementary to college. UCLA higher learning campus within an Ecopark is a must. The Ecopark shall be a

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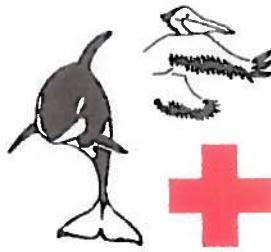
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### The State Coastal Conservancy

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RE: Ormond Beach Restoration and Public Access Plan, Public Comment

Dear Mr Kroll:

I would like my voice to join the chorus of other Public Commenters who would like to see the Ormond Beach wetlands initially restored as a preserve rather than a public park/preserve. Having been acquainted with Ormond Beach since I was a child, aged 7 in 1954, my perspective of Ormond Beach is unique among its supporters – I have actually seen and experienced what Ormond Beach, with proper care and protection, can once again become – a viable, self-sustaining nature preserve with abundant wildlife, both *flora* and *fauna*, that will be the environmental crown jewel of Ventura County. I have actually seen thousands of birds nesting among its dunes, I have actually seen California sea lions and Harbor seals sleeping on its beaches with sleeping pelicans intermingled among them. All of these animals were asleep, confident in never being disturbed by any human presence. I have the most treasured, vivid memories of my days spent at Ormond Beach as a child.

The ensuing decades have not been kind to this pristine section of the coast. Marine mammals no longer haul out on Ormond Beach, unless they are extremely distressed, and the nesting areas have been intensely and regularly violated by dirt bikes, 4WD vehicles, unleashed dogs, poachers, vandals, taggers and various criminals breaking into surfer's cars and trucks. What was once a serene, peaceful, pastoral area has become a crime-ridden blight where, unbelievably, two endangered species, the California Least terns (*Sternula antillarum*) and Snowy plovers (*Charadrius nivosus*) still struggle to raise their young on vulnerable nests consisting of eggs laid directly on the sand.

The Earth's human population has doubled since Neil Armstrong walked on the moon 50 years ago. If extant tracts of environmentally sensitive land along the coast are going to be set aside and restored to their original state, steps must be taken in an effectively logical order for that to happen. My initial investigation of the voluminous, and expensive, Ormond Beach Restoration and Public Access Plan (OBRAP) made it clear to me that several options for public access are on the table. I understand the desire for more public parks in a county with a burgeoning population, but if laws passed to protect endangered species are to be effective, the public access or public park portion of the restoration must be delayed for at least 5 years, preferably 10 years. This would allow the Least terns and Snowy plovers time to restore their former population levels to when they were able to defend their nests and chicks from

natural predators. Al Sanders of the Ormond Beach Observers, and myself, have been trying to protect Ormond's nesting sites from human intrusion since the early '80s and, despite our best efforts, we have not seen a significant increase in the number of birds attempting to raise their young there. The intense, unrelenting pressure of trespassers, both intentional and accidental, have kept nest numbers low. What is needed is better fencing, bilingual signage and the permanent presence of law enforcement personnel to ensure that nesting birds are not disturbed. A seasonal effort needs to be made consecutively, if not year round, to allow the nesting bird population an opportunity to increase its numbers.

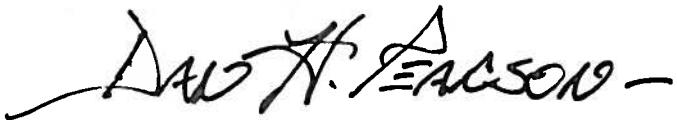
I am not unaware of the problems facing the OBRAP. Though complicated (and made more so by the current pandemic situation), requiring money that is not available and commitment from principals who are distracted by other duties and responsibilities, these obstacles are, nevertheless, not insurmountable. The homeless situation on the beach and the growing population on the toxic slag heap on the former Halaco site need investigations and assertive actions against the registered owner. It has become clear to all involved that no agency or community is capable of solving these problems alone so a coalition of principals will have to agree on a long-term maintenance plan for the Ormond Beach wetlands, something along the order of having the Department of The Interior, through its National Park Service System, take over management of Ormond Beach, either making it a National Monument or annexing it to the Channel Islands National Park. There are precedents for this.

Now, finally, we're approaching a sea change of permanent improvements to the Ormond Beach wetlands. My stakeholder status is well known to many Ventura County citizens. My experience of the wetlands in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, when it was a fully-functioning, relatively undisturbed habitat for wildlife, my evolved enlightenment of its critical importance to several species of resident and migratory birds, my several testimonies to city council and county supervisor meetings, as well as two appearances at California Coastal Commission hearings, my dozens of published Letters To The Editors of the Los Angeles Times, the Ventura County Star and my OpEd piece in the Santa Barbara News-Press regarding the deteriorating condition of the Ormond Beach wetlands, my years of voluntary enforcement of Federal and state wildlife protection laws by reporting and videotaping violations of those laws by scofflaws, poachers and takers at Ormond Beach all serve to convince others of my stakeholder *bona fides*. I believe I am qualified to make intelligent, fully-informed suggestions or criticisms regarding the OBRAP.

To wit, I take issue with and strenuously object to:

- The placement of "Elevated Overlook Platforms" anywhere near the nesting or wetland areas. A Peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) has already been photographed perching on a very tall tower on the Navy's side of the base fence. Elevated Overlook Platforms will simply provide handy perches for that skillful predator as well as other falcons, buteos, accipiters and harriers who could negatively impact the growth of nesting bird populations. No fence will deter them. Bad idea. An adjacent boardwalk to accommodate observers/visitors, accompanied by a guide/docent to ensure non-disturbance of nesting birds, should suffice until an adjoining park can be considered and established.
- Minimizing or de-emphasizing the Arnold Road entrance. I can assure you that eliminating the presence of a wetland steward, like Walter Fuller, would guarantee the return of the very same scofflaws, gangbangers and vandals who blighted the area with graffiti and vehicular vandalism before his on-site presence prevented those activities. Leaving the Arnold Road Eastern Access to itself, unmonitored, is a very, very bad idea. It won't work and, at the very least, would be counter-productive to the Restoration Plan's stated goals.

The two points above are the result of contacting other stakeholders and a preliminary excursion into the voluminous Plan. A project of this importance and expense, significant to future generations of nature lovers and international eco-tourists following the Pacific Flyway, deserves every consideration. If done correctly now, at the beginning, Ormond Beach will eventually become the Crown Jewel of Ventura County, attracting visitors from all over, especially if it can be restored to its 1950 status. I would very much like future boys and girls to marvel at the abundant wildlife I saw so long ago. Thank you for considering my suggestions.



## Daniel Hayes Pearson

President, Point Mugu Wildlife Center

*cc:* This letter will be attached as a Word document to e-mails to the following -

- \*Ms Dierdre Frank – Chair, Oxnard Planning Commission
- \*Mr Wilfredo Chua – Vice-Chair, Oxnard Planning Commission
- \*Mr Jeremy Meyer – Planning Commissioner
- \*Mr Orlando Dozier – Planning Commissioner
- \*Mr Robert V. Sanchez – Planning Commissioner
- \*Mr Jim Fuhring – Planning Commissioner
- \*Mr Daniel Chavez, Jr. – Planning Commissioner
- \*Mr Tim Flynn, Mayor, City of Oxnard
- \*Ms Carmen Ramirez, Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Oxnard
- \*Mr Isidro Figueroa, City of Oxnard
- \*Ms Karen Krause, City of Oxnard

I will personally *cc*:

Mr Alan Sanders, Ormond Beach Observers

Mr John McMullen

Ms Sara Wan, Western Alliance for Nature, Former Chair of the California Coastal Commission

Ms Janet Bridgers, Ormond Beach Observers

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Least tern with chicks



Snowy plover with chicks

**From:** Karen Kraus karen@pollinateideas.com  
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Susan,

This message was sent to PPs after the formal OBRAP comment period but pertains to "site area" category in the framework you have been working on for the 11/12 meeting. I think it may be useful to identify there.

Karen

Begin forwarded message:

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**Cc:** Karen Krause <karen@pollinateideas.com>  
**Subject: RE: Need for Ormond Power Plant in Restoration Plan**

Shirley –

A decision was made by the project partners at the start of the planning process that, unlike the 2009 restoration feasibility study, we would only include properties that the PPs already own in the project area as that is the land that the PPs control. Properties, like the Southland Sod Farm and Ormond Beach Generating Station, are mentioned in the report as areas that may be included in the ultimate preserve when/if they can be acquired. It doesn't make sense to me to plan for trails over property we do not (and may never) own.

Chris

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**From:** Larry and Shirley Godwin <godwinc@earthlink.net>  
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**Cc:** godwinc@earthlink.net  
**Subject: Need for Ormond Power Plant in Restoration Plan**

Chris, Peter, Isidro:

This week two of the officials attending a meeting at the Ormond Power Plant came over to talk to Walter Fuller. They asked him about the birds there. But also, they said that since the Power Plant area was not included in the Restoration Plan area that there was no problem with the Power Plant remaining at Ormond. They said the Plant's presence would not affect the restoration.

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The Restoration Plan must clearly state the importance of this property to the restoration of the wetlands and dunes and show how this site will be included when the Power Plant is removed. It should also show how the public access trails will eventually connect with trails and viewing areas at this site.

Shirley Godwin



Monday, December 16, 2019

Ormond Beach Project Partners,

Enclosed please find revised comments and recommendations from the Ventura Audubon Society pertaining to the Ormond Beach Public Access Plan, as presented to the public in July of 2019.

We thank the Project Partners for inviting Ventura Audubon to contribute to this process. We appreciate the consideration you have given our past feedback and have noted that many of our suggestions have been incorporated into the preferred alternative plan described in Sections 3.2 and 5.2.1-3 (e.g. bird fencing, bird blinds, raised boardwalks that allow for animal movement, maintenance of adequate distances between public access features and sensitive habitats).

There are still some outstanding concerns we have with the preferred plan. We feel that some of the features displayed on the map in Figure 6-17 do not sufficiently achieve the goal of protecting nesting birds from disturbance and could be improved. We also note there is language in the plan which describe measures that lessen impacts to sensitive species (specifically bird blinds); however, these measures are not reflected in the plan map as shown in Figure 6-17. Our comments address these concerns and provide suggestions for improvements.

Furthermore, since our recommendations to the draft plan alternatives were submitted in June of 2018, we have experienced 2 additional nesting seasons. During the intervening time we have collected additional data that further informs our feedback. This includes the following:

1. During the last two nesting seasons (2018-2019) there has been an increase in the numbers of snowy plover and least tern nests compared to previous years. There has been a corresponding expansion of nesting area, in particular by least terns. This may represent future habitat use by these species and should be accommodated by the plan.
2. In 2019 we had an increase of homeless encampments near nesting areas, to a degree we have never encountered before on Ormond Beach. Although we hope this will not be a problem in the future, it has been a sobering lesson and we believe this should be addressed in restoration planning.

Enclosed are georeferenced maps of the preferred alternative plan overlaid with nesting and chick data. On map legends "CLT" = Ca least tern and "WSP" = western snowy plover. This will help to illustrate how current nesting patterns could be impacted by the plan.

Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions or discussion relevant to our recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cynthia Hartley".

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The mission of the Ventura Audubon Society (VAS) is to protect our native bird populations and their habitats, and to facilitate recovery of declining species. The best way of protecting bird species, pushed to the brink of extinction due to human disturbance, is to eliminate disturbance by completely restricting public access. This occurs on military installations, and these locations typically have the largest nesting colonies. We acknowledge this is not a realistic management strategy for the Project Partners and that it contradicts the mission of the Ormond Beach Restoration and Access plan. Therefore, our following comments outline proposed compromises.

## Area 7

Our concerns with this location are: 1) A dune trail that bisects nesting habitat, and 2) The trail along the dunes inland of the nesting area.

1. **The dune trail** shown on the preferred alternative plan map cuts through nesting areas. It also impacts habitat used by flightless chicks. See the map in Figure 1A below which shows 2019 nesting overlaid on the proposed restoration. **Our recommendations:**
  - i. No trail through this area is the best option to protect birds
  - ii. Close this trail seasonally during nesting from March-Sept.
  - iii. Relocate this trail south to avoid prime nesting areas. Alternative plans 1 and 3 have a dune trail better placed to avoid nesting areas, further to the south (see inset map 1B)
  - iv. If the trail is not closed seasonally, provide a contingency that it will be closed if nests occur on or near the trail. Include construction of a gate at the end of the board walk to facilitate closure.

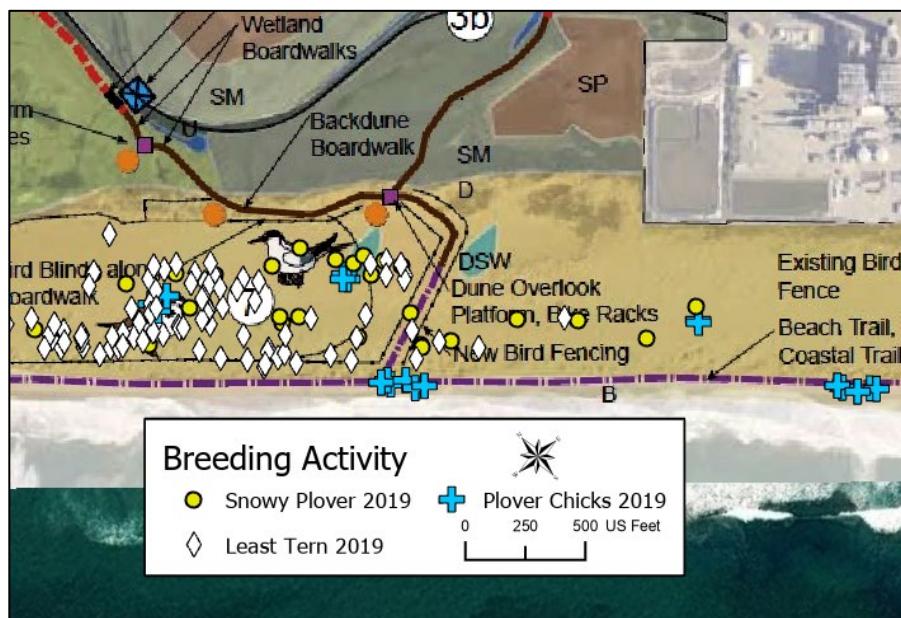


Figure 1A. Dune trail by area 7 bisects sensitive breeding habitat



Figure 1B. Preferred location for dune trail near area 7, from alternative plans 1 and 3

2. **Boardwalk trail on the dunes behind the nesting area (Figure 2A below):** The proposed location for the boardwalk is ill advised. It is shown on top of dunes overlooking the nesting area, which we know to be high and to have complex topography. Construction will be difficult, especially if it is to

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be elevated. Even a primitive trail here would damage the dunes. The text description calls for "bird blinds as necessary" (page 6-92), but on the map there is no mention of this feature. The only way to mitigate disturbance to nesting birds would be to construct a bird blind the entire length of the board walk (red circled area on map 2A). There are three overlook areas, one of which has a platform with bike racks; however, bird blinds are not called out. There are two picnic areas in this location which we feel strongly will attract predators and increased human activity. Bike racks in this location would further encourage human traffic. These features are very close to active nesting, less than 100 feet. We know that snowy plovers typically flush from nests if a human approaches 200 feet away, and some birds are even more sensitive than this. Nesting birds should not see human heads and bodies standing out above dunes. A boardwalk overlooking this area would be very disruptive.

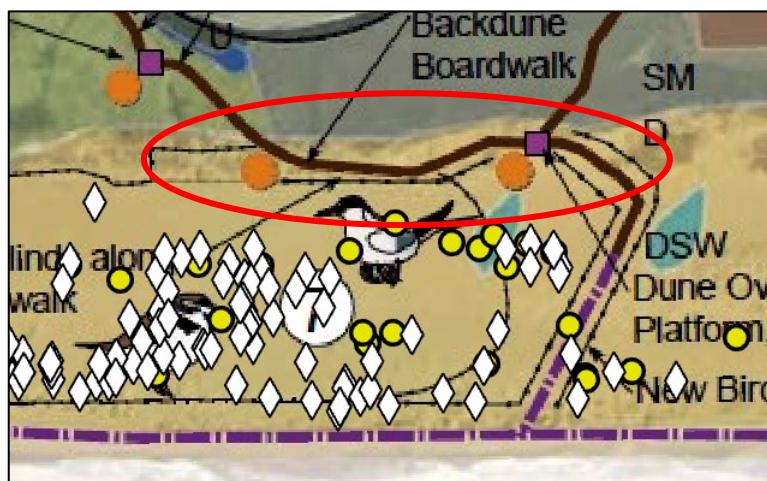


Figure 2A. Board walk trail inland of nesting area

**Recommendations. See Figure 2B, right:**

- i. Retreat this trail further inland so that it is A) not on top of the dunes, and B) not so close to nesting areas (red arrow ↑).
- ii. Move all picnic areas, trash cans and bike lockers at least 1,000 feet inland, away from the nesting area. A good location would be at the end of the ADA trail (pink circle ●). This is 1000 feet from the nesting area. Include control language to include tightly sealed trash cans.
- iii. Overlooks need to have bird blinds.

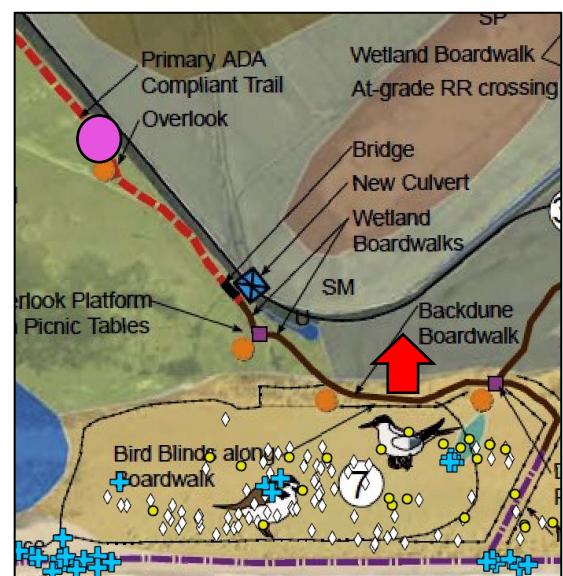


Figure 2B. Recommended changes to area 7 board walk trail and amenities

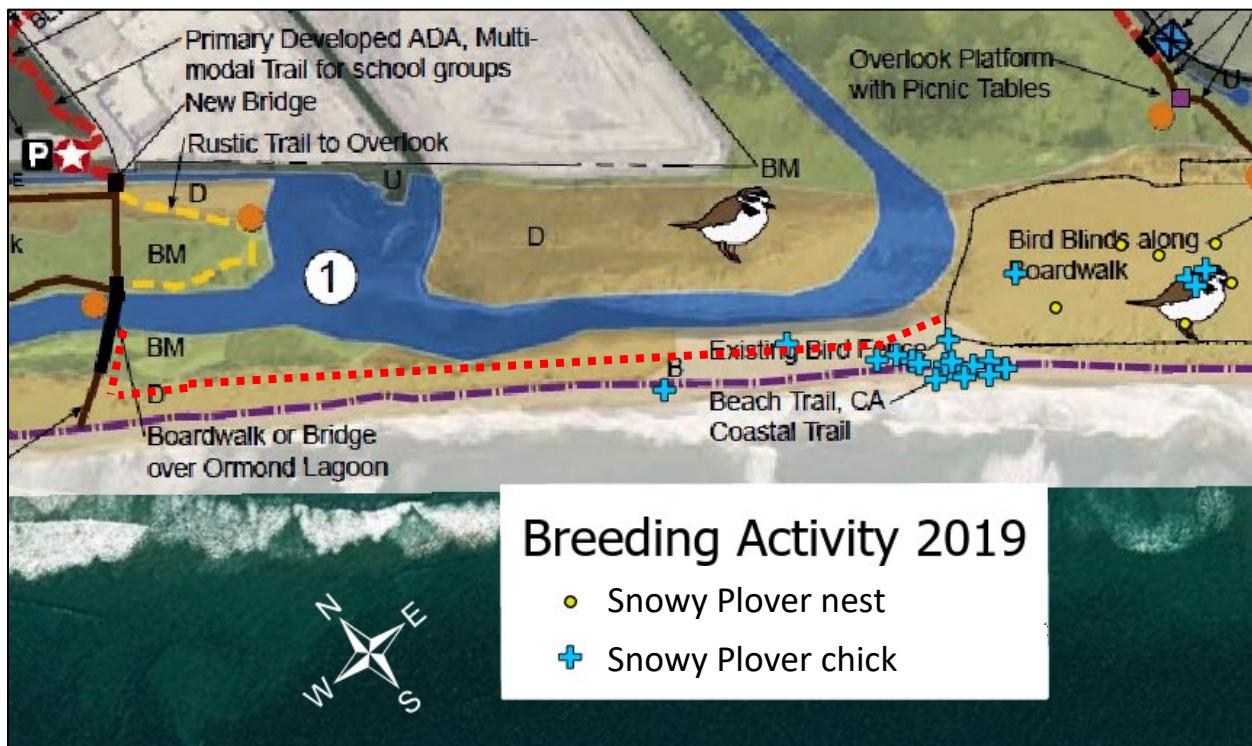


## Area 1 Trail

The trail that leads through the dunes from the bridge over Ormond Lagoon at Perkins Rd and goes south towards the nesting area will undoubtedly experience much higher human foot traffic than it currently does. This will impact nesting least terns and snowy plovers. The young of these species naturally gravitate to the tideline to forage and learn to fly, we document chicks in this location every year (blue crosses in Figure 3 below). In past years we have had nests of both species in the same location as the proposed trail, see figure 3B which shows all years of nesting overlaid on the preferred plan.

**Recommendations.** See Figure 3, below:

1. Close this part of the trail during nesting season. If the trail is not closed in nesting season, close the trail if nests are found in the area.
  2. Establish a line of post and cable symbolic fencing along the lagoon. This will provide a place of refuge for chicks where they can have a safe place to retreat. This can be taken down outside of nesting season. See the dotted line red line (  ) in Figure 3 below.
  3. Construct temporary fencing around nests and areas where chicks are found.



*Figure 3A. Tideline adjacent to Ormond Lagoon*

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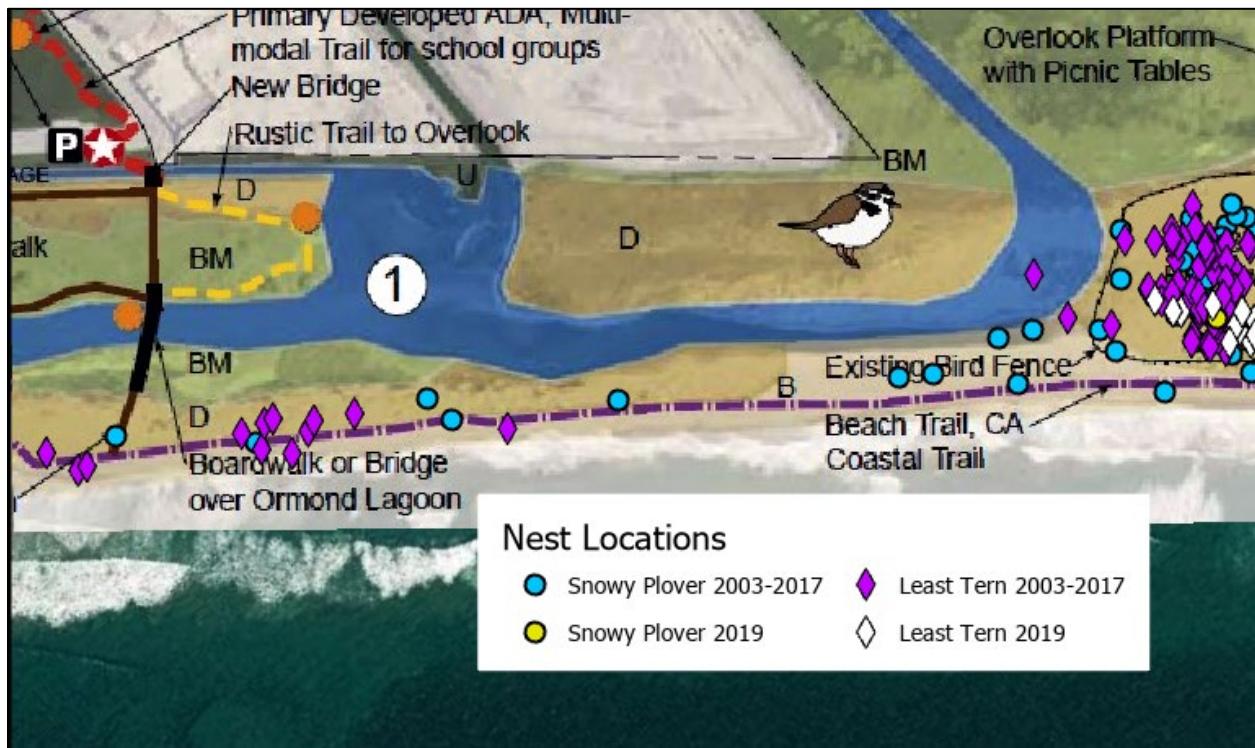


Figure 3B. Area 1 with all years of plover and tern nesting displayed

## Areas 6 and 9

Because this area has reduced access compared to the northern end of Ormond Beach, we see fewer conflicts with nesting birds. Seasonal closures need clarification and perhaps reconfigured.

1. **Dune trail between the beach and primitive trail along Oxnard Drainage Ditch #3.** Although this area has been a secondary access since the habitat fencing was established 10 years ago and conflicts with nesting birds have been few, once there is less foot traffic snowy plovers, and possibly least terns, will nest in the dunes in this area. We maintain the best way to protect birds is to have no trails through dunes during nesting season.

### Our recommendation hierarchy is as follows:

- i. Close trail during nesting season
  - ii. Make this trail subject to closure if a nest is found on or near it (within 100-200 feet, depending on how sensitive the bird is to disturbance). Construct a gate to facilitate closure.
  - iii. Install temporary fencing that can be moved to route foot traffic around any nests as they occur
2. **Primitive Trail from Arnold road parking lot along drainage ditch #3.** This is shown as seasonally closed. This is a less sensitive area for nesting birds than the tide line. We recommend leaving this open during nesting season as an alternative exit route vs. the trail along the Point Mugu fence line.

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3. **Overlooks.** Include bird blinds, especially for the elevated overlook platform at the end of Arnold Rd.

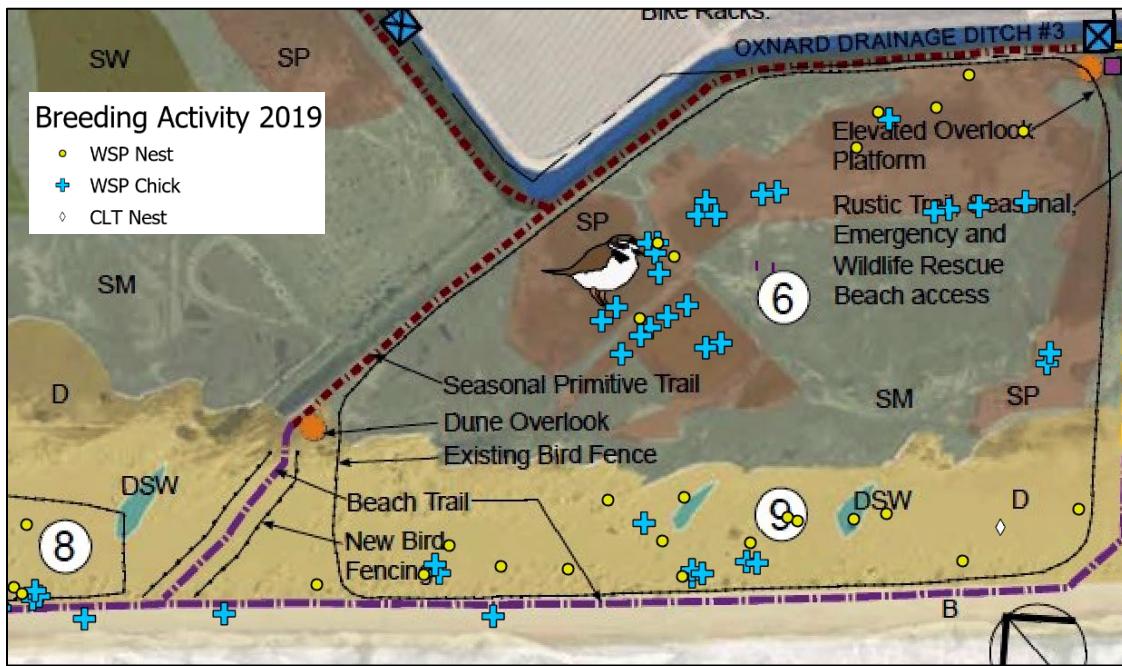


Figure 4. Areas 9 and 6

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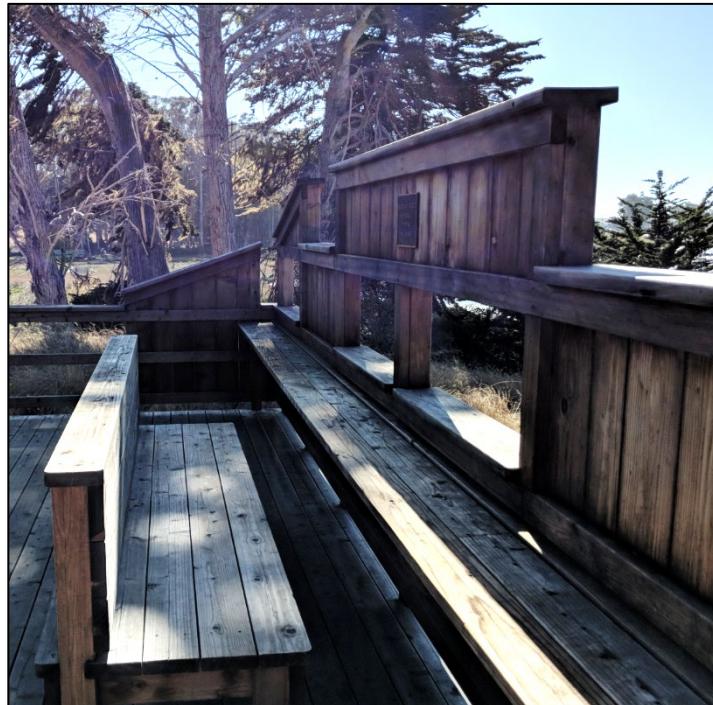
We recognize the Project Partners are creating a restoration plan that will be managed by a future and as yet undetermined land management entity, and have therefore been focused on restoration planning not management guidelines. Nonetheless we feel that it is important to include management recommendations based on the many years of experience we have accumulated. In particular, we have seen an explosion of the homeless population living in the dunes of Ormond Beach in the past couple years and experienced difficulties enforcing city ordinances. We may not know how to achieve these ends at this time, but it is important to draw attention to important management considerations. Language that acknowledges these problems would help guide a future land management entity and reassure the public that there has been thought and consideration put into these issues.

1. Ormond Beach needs an enforcement presence with the ability to write tickets or make arrests. This should include regular patrolling of trails.
2. There needs to be a constant presence at the access points to the Ormond Beach. Either a "camp host" situation such as Walter Fuller's presence at the Arnold Rd entrance, or offices that are occupied daily.
3. A volunteer hub should be established at the entrances to the beach. This could fill the gap to working offices not staffed on holidays and weekends.
4. Currently nest monitoring and habitat protection is conducted by Ventura Audubon Society. Once the OBRAP vision becomes a reality, balancing public access with protection of sensitive

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species will become a much more labor intensive and expensive project. Long term provisions for monitoring of endangered species on the property should be considered and incorporated into a management plan.

Following is one example of a bird blind. These photos were taken at the Audubon Sweet Springs Nature Reserve in Los Osos California:



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Question/Comment / Pregunta/comentario: ① PLEASE MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE  
THE ENTIRE 1100 ACRES IN THE RESTORATION PLAN.  
② REMOVE THE POWER PLANT. ③ REMOVE THE SOD FARM.  
④ REMOVE THE RECYCLING FACILITY, ⑤ AND CLEAN UP THE DUNGS.

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Question/Comment / Pregunta/comentario:

Important to include the total 1100 Acres  
in Talis, Power Plant, Sod Farm to McWayne Rd  
in Planning - including Science studies and  
Environmental Reviews (CEQA, EIR, etc)  
The 2009 preferred alternative 24 was supported  
& adopted by community & City of Oxnard &  
Local officials. It was included in General Plan  
and to be in the LCP update.  
Important to include all in planning, Science & EIR  
as efforts to acquire the 3 properties is ongoing  
and may occur before any work is started.  
including changes in Washington DC by 2021 to  
include Talis and 2020 Bond Issue in California  
to inc. \$ for SCC and acquire the properties

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Question/Comment / Pregunta/comentario: Oxnard has no money  
for enforcement of the area: what's  
the plan to get and keep illegal  
encampments & activity out of the  
area?

How does Oxnard pay for any  
part they are responsible for? (BLANK)

What's the enforcement plan to keep  
encampments out of the Power  
plant when that is completely  
shuttered?

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Lots of "No Dogs or Horses" signs will be needed.  
Question/Comment / Pregunta/comentario: Be aware that the visitors are waiting and we already have over 100 a week most weeks, coming to get a tour with Walter. The Oxnard Convention & Visitors Bureau is already wanting to promote Ormond and we are trying not to bring in all the out-of-state and out-of-area visitors until we are ready so - why we all start the promotion it will be very busy and lots & lots of cars and buses to deal with. So be prepared.

We will need more large parking areas and trails for everyone including handicapped. We will need a "Visitors Center" and educational facility for all ages with exhibits, maps of the [cover]

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- visitor/educational center should be close/accessible  
to south oxnard resident, specially southwind residents  
in perkins road.

- Make sure there are crosswalks and sidewalks at  
access points

- Making new project visible so residents know of this  
- benches and shade on trails

- Making things in Spanish and mixeço

- Making sure bike routes safe and big enough

- less visibility of industrialization & train

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Question/Comment / Pregunta/comentario: Mis Comentarios son:  
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Y, No dejar que otras compañías de negocios se instalen sobre todo las fábricas, que son las que van ser que se desaparezca, las flores y las aves. Espero que cuenten con mis puntos de vista y por última agradeczo a todos los personales que hacen lo posible de invitarnos a la juntas y contar con nuestras comentarios.

En Verdad Muchas gracias!

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Please don't overdevelop parcels. It is  
a refuge for wildlife so focus on habitat  
restoration and less about people and  
making a city park. Less access, not  
more.

Thank you.

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Question/Comment / Pregunta/comentario: picnic tables. Visitor center  
with murals painted by local artists / youth.  
Large bird statues that kids can play on and people  
can take pictures with. Disability accessibility.

wheelchair  
boardwalk

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threat to wildlife dog feces can have a negative effect on wildlife and water quality.

- trash receptacles and having them throughout the trail so that litter is not left along the trails (to walkways)
- Partnership with educational efforts involving the Advanced Water Purification Facility's demonstration wetland (under Oxnard Water Department)
- Bike Paths for Access is very favorable

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• Educational signs of stormwater runoff, plastic pollution especially. Perhaps include maps of T1t drain + Industrial drain to show stormwater conveyance system to the area. Include information about impacts of trash on wildlife.

• Funding → Donation boxes? perhaps entrance fees due not discourage surrounding low income families (example - southwinds area) from visiting the areas. Free days that are heavily advertised in spanish media could be a great way to not discourage visitors if entrance fees are charged.

• Educational signs about dogs & wildlife. Besides being a direct

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