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The red-lined portions of the revisions do not include fundamental differences at Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve.

It appears that there is a predetermined outcome of Ballona's restoration that drives the language and titling of Ballona, namely- that an industrial-scale destruction of Ballona's habitat will occur by digging out all that is currently Ballona and turning it into a catch-basin for full tidal exchange. Such creation of a wholly non-historic nature is a business venture that has compromised the public's bond dollars and good faith toward restoration of Ballona.

The LARWQCB trash language should only be directed toward what exists. The ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, LA FLOOD CONTROL created BALLONA CHANNEL (This manmade flood channel is not the historic meanderings of Ballona Creek and in no way resembles the past creek.)

Therefore, the titles assigned for trash should be properly assigned to the Ballona FLOOD CONTROL Channel. The Ballona Channel, unlike the Ballona Creek, is open to the Santa Monica Bay year-round and has created the estuary at its juncture between the end of the Channel and the Santa Monica Bay. Trash needs to be removed/ kept out of the Ballona Channel along its full extent to the Santa Monica Bay.

The land mass that is Ballona Wetlands should not be included as the Ballona Channel and certainly not as pertaining to Ballona Channel trash. Trash that is in Ballona Wetlands, unless driven by excessive winds from the Channel onto the land, is virtually all a result of vehicles that deposit trash along the roadways in and around Ballona. The other main deposit of trash into Ballona Wetlands comes from transients and homeless that are living in or walk-about BALLONA WETLANDS Ecological Reserve--which is illegal and a matter that does not concern the TMDL ...TRASH or otherwise.

The failure to properly identify and, what appears to be a deliberate misrepresentation of Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve, should be rewritten to identify Ballona correctly.

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