



East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Study

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Progress to Date

- City Reconnaissance Study
- Army Corps Reconnaissance Study
- Finding of Federal Interest
- Signed Federal Cost Share Agreement
- Identified local-sponsor funding
 - ✓ \$3.243 million in Tidelands funds reserved
 - ✓ \$825,000 in in-kind service credit



New Army Corps Feasibility Study Strategy

“3 x 3 x 3” Guidelines

- 3 years to complete the study
- Cost no more than \$3 million
- Report to be of a reasonable size (3” binder)



Re-scoping Goals

Evaluate projects and explore opportunities that will:

- Promote ecosystem restoration
- Improve water quality
- Increase recreational activity opportunities
- Protect existing infrastructure



Funding from the President's Budget

- Competitive funding environment
- Investigation Funds cut year after year

Fiscal Year	Reduction
FY 10 to FY 11	21% cut
FY 11 to FY 12	<i>*Continuing resolution. No new projects</i>
FY 13	18% cut

- Must demonstrate Connectivity and Habitat Scarcity



Connectivity

- **What is Connectivity?**
 - The extent to which a project facilitates the movement of native species by contributing to the connection of other important habitat pockets within the ecosystem.
- **How do we demonstrate Connectivity?**
 - Identify academic studies that show a critical direct physical connection between the East San Pedro Bay and Los Angeles River; or East San Pedro Bay and greater Pacific Ocean.
 - Identify species that benefit from a connection between the two water bodies.



Habitat Scarcity

- **What is Habitat Scarcity?**
 - Project that will restore nationally scarce habitat that has experienced major historic losses.
- **How do we demonstrate Habitat Scarcity?**
 - Identify academic studies that have experienced major historic losses as demonstrated by a published academic study, Federal, regional, or State/Tribal report specific to the East San Pedro Bay.



Next Steps

- Determine how to re-scope the feasibility study
- Renegotiate the Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement
 - ✓ 6 to 9 months to execute the agreement
- Continue to seek funding from the President's Budget
 - ✓ Rescoping costs (\$50,000 - \$75,000)
 - ✓ Federal share of Feasibility Study (\$1.5 million)
- Request City Council direction tonight to start negotiating the revised agreement to begin the study, and return to Council with a recommendation



Questions and Comments

- Please email breakwater@longbeach.gov
- You may also visit our East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration website at:
www.longbeach.gov/citymanager

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