

**MINUTES  
TOPANGA LAGOON RESTORATION PROJECT  
SCOPING MEETING**

**11 June 2022**

Meeting was held via zoom starting at 10 am.

Recording of the meeting is available on our website:

<https://www.rcdsmm.org/resources/topanga-lagoon-restoration/>

**Participants: 38 people**

Alison Villalobos
Allen Ma - LA Co Public Works
Amy Bergrud
Annemarie Donkin
anneready
Ben LaBrot (Ben LaBrot)
Bill Hamm
Brody (Brody   CDFW)
camicolbert
Christina Conley Gabrielino Tongva Indians Of Californ
Douglas Fay
Eileen Delehanty Pearkes
George Rosenthal
gilbert dembo
iPhone
IvanCastilloNPS
jp's iPad
JPortugal
Karen's iPad
Karina Alvarez# USC Sea Grant
Lucas Carlow
Marissa Caringella
Matt Benton (Matt Benton)
Melina Watts
michael bedner
Michael McNamara
Michael Sotona
Michael Sotona# Architect
Nancy Helsley
Piyanart
RMS - Natasha Roit
Stephanie Ramer
Steve Levin (Jody Levin)
Susan Orenstein
Tam Taylor
Tessa Charnofsky# Office of Supervisor Kuehl
Tim Pattinson
Tracy Lovric

**Project Team: 19 people**

Craig Sap CDPR
Danielle LeFer CDPR
Jerry West CDPR
John Ota (John Ota) CDPR
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Gena Lasko - CA State Parks
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Rosi Dagit RCDSMM
Jamie King RCDSMM
Steven Johnson   ESA (he/him)
Tom Barnes# ESA
Stephanie Breeden-ESA (Stephanie Breeden)
Daryl Koutnik# ESA
Christina Maxwell - ESA (Christina Maxwell)
Ismael Lopez LACDBH
Kara Kemmler Coastal Conservancy

**COMMENTS FROM THE CHAT:**

10:05:44 From Matt Benton to Everyone:  
mattbentonmb@gmail.com

10:06:04 From Lucas Carlow to Everyone:  
lucas.carlow@gmail.com

10:06:09 From Annemarie Donkin to Everyone:  
Adonkin60@gmail.com

10:06:40 From Marissa Caringella to Steven Johnson | ESA (he/him)(Direct Message):  
Marissa.caringella@waterboards.ca.gov

10:09:11 From Michael McNamara to Everyone:  
mmc18700pch@gmail.com

10:14:02 From Ben LaBrot, Topanga Resident and Marine Biologist to Everyone:  
No one in these sessions cared at all about preserving the historic businesses there, some of which have been part of our lives since we were born?

10:14:25 From Ben LaBrot, Topanga Resident and Marine Biologist to Everyone:  
Ah ha! ok then 😊

10:14:48 From Eileen Delehanty Pearkes to Everyone:  
edpearkes@gmail.com

10:16:59 From Stephanie Ramer to Everyone:

This is the first meeting I've attended, however I read some of the comments made at the previous meetings and there were many there who were concerned about the(ir) businesses.... So it's odd there was no mention just now about any concern on that front.. Just an observation....

10:20:32 From Ben LaBrot, Topanga Resident and Marine Biologist to Everyone:

@Stephanie: Well, according to the 4 options listed on the proposal, ALL the businesses will be removed...except for only one, which allows Reel Inn to continue. But it seems Wylies, Cholada and the others are going to be lost no matter what, which makes me very sad because I've been going to Wylies since I was 4 years old. Learned a lot about fishing from Wylie, and then from her daughter. And I just started taking my 4 year old daughter there, but it look sliek that hstoric tradition will be lost no matter what 😞

10:20:53 From Danielle LeFer to Everyone:

typo in link

10:21:07 From Ben LaBrot, Topanga Resident and Marine Biologist to Everyone:

try this

10:21:08 From Ben LaBrot, Topanga Resident and Marine Biologist to Everyone:

<chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.rcdsmm.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Topanga-NOP-FINAL-20220519.pdf>

10:21:24 From anneready to Everyone:

“Private properties nearby will not be affected!” Let’s explore that!”

10:22:18 From Ben LaBrot, Topanga Resident and Marine Biologist to Everyone:

@Anneready, judging by how it went at Malibu lagoon I;m ghussing it will be a little inconvenient while they;re doing it and then it will be pretty amazing afterwards.

10:22:58 From Ben LaBrot, Topanga Resident and Marine Biologist to Everyone:

I'm surprised that protecting the surf break is a more important priority than the historic businesses

10:23:11 From Ben LaBrot, Topanga Resident and Marine Biologist to Everyone:

that's a little sad

10:34:19 From Ben LaBrot, Topanga Resident and Marine Biologist to Everyone:

Alternative 3, per the NOP, is also the ONLY alternative besides doing nothing that allows ANY business (Reel Inn only) to continue

10:35:08 From Ben LaBrot, Topanga Resident and Marine Biologist to Everyone:

oh excuse me, alternairtve 4 also allows that, my mistake

10:37:52 From Tessa Charnofsky, Office of Supervisor Kuehl to Everyone:

What is the projection for survival of the endangered species in version two vs version four?

10:40:43 From Tim Pattinson to Everyone:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,PLEASE INCLUDE ME ON NOTIFICATIONS

.THANKS

10:42:00 From Christina Conley Gabrielino Tongva Indians Of California to Everyone:

Thank you for providing exceptionally well thought out alternatives to this restoration - The Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California

10:42:58 From camicolbert to Everyone:

Will pedestrian access be maintained and enhanced to ensure continued access and safety crossing PCH?

10:47:45 From Ben LaBrot, Topanga Resident and Marine Biologist to Everyone:

I mean the footprint for Wylie's shack is tiny 😊

10:47:53 From Ben LaBrot, Topanga Resident and Marine Biologist to Everyone:

+1 Michael!!

10:49:49 From Ben LaBrot, Topanga Resident and Marine Biologist to Everyone:

That's not true. The parking is used by surfers and LOTS of other folks like me and my daughter. Re: a surf break., river mouths normally have great break options. It didn't seem to negatively impact the malibu lagoon break and I can imagine it would be likely to create a sandbar break along with the existing point and reef break

10:50:54 From Ben LaBrot, Topanga Resident and Marine Biologist to Everyone:

woop woop Eileen 😊

10:54:36 From Ben LaBrot, Topanga Resident and Marine Biologist to Everyone:

Free parking should remain because it's outrageous that people have to pay to park at a public beach...I work in a very low income neighborhood and over the years I've heard lots of people complain that they can't afford to take their kids to the beach and pay \$25 to park like they have to at so many other beaches now. Always thought it was really discriminatory and disproportionately impacts low-income families.

10:56:24 From Ben LaBrot, Topanga Resident and Marine Biologist to Everyone:

would be so sad to lose this: <http://kenjonesfishing.com/articles/wylie%E2%80%99s-%E2%80%94-a-malibu-tradition/>

10:59:02 From Stephanie Ramer to Everyone:

Thank you for those verbal comments Ann. I also want it on the record that I do not want to see Topanga developed into a tourist or resort area.. No busses please!

10:59:53 From Eileen Delehanty Pearkes to Everyone:

Thank you! I use the pedestrian crossing and agree that some better signage would guide people to the safe crossing.

11:02:04 From Michael McNamara to Everyone:

Agree re the pedestrian crossing.

11:04:37 From Ben LaBrot, Topanga Resident and Marine Biologist to Everyone:

Thank you so, so much for making this opportunity to be heard available. We really appreciate it.

11:08:31 From Michael McNamara to Everyone:

Many thanks for this opportunity to learn about the plan(s) and to comment.

11:08:34 From anneready to Everyone:

Please include all of the Topanga Beach residents, as previously noted, on your future correspondence!

11:09:21 From Melina Watts to Everyone:

melinawatts@gmail.com

11:09:32 From camicolbert to Everyone:

camicolbert@gmail.com

11:09:38 From Steve Levin to Everyone:

steve.levin123@gmail.com

11:09:47 From Michael McNamara to Everyone:

Would like to get a copy of the slide deck. Thanks!

11:10:00 From camicolbert to Everyone:

michaelbedner1@gmail.com

11:10:02 From Stephanie Ramer to Everyone:  
yes send me future notices: [sramer@verizon.net](mailto:sramer@verizon.net)

11:10:02 From Melina Watts to Everyone:  
Slide deck would be wonderful

11:10:48 From Rosi Dagit, RCDSMM to Everyone:  
Slides and comments will be found on RCD website

11:10:57 From Rosi Dagit, RCDSMM to Everyone:  
<https://www.rcdsmm.org/resources/topanga-lagoon-restoration/>

11:11:05 From George Rosenthal to Everyone:  
would like a copy of he meeting today or place to review on line thank you, George I Rosenthal

11:11:09 From Barbara Tejada - CA State Parks to Everyone:  
[https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=25956](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=25956)

11:12:04 From Rosi Dagit, RCDSMM to Everyone:  
If you forget just google Topanga Lagoon Restoration

11:12:34 From clark stevens, RCDSMM to Everyone:  
thank you very much for your time and thoughtful input- please feel free to provide additional comments in writing-

11:12:41 From Matt Benton, Surfrider Coastal Preservation Committee to Everyone:  
Thank you everyone!

NOTE: ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED EITHER VERBALLY OR IN THE CHAT WILL BE USED TO INFORM THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS.

Additional Comments are welcome before the close of the NOP period on 22 June 2022 via email to:

[TopangaLagoonRestorationProject@esassoc.com](mailto:TopangaLagoonRestorationProject@esassoc.com)

The Project Team greatly appreciated all the input.