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Public Scoping Report - 2011

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**Public Scoping Meetings held on December 6, 2011
at 1:30 P.M., and 6:00 P.M**

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Scoping Comments from Scoping Meetings of December 6, 2011

Flip Chart Comments

- Will any of the excavated fill go to Pond 20?
- Bird watching opportunities included with restoration project
- Public access
- Concern about how the Carlsbad project is connected with the Otay restoration project (transfer of materials)
- Allow some freshwater storm flow from the river through the project to benefit marsh vegetation
- Limit the deepest water depth to something like the lowest tide level (-2 or so) as it might have been previously – include the historic T map in the EIR as background information
- Build trash trap at outflow from Nestor Creek
- Provide benign public view point
- Consider a retention system in project design
- Include some small areas in the midst of the project that are above the water elevation during storm flows for high water refuge and for nesting
- Require maintenance and monitoring for as long as the desal plant is in operation
- Include a trash trap at Nestor Creek
- Attempt a trash trap where Otay River comes under the freeway
- Attempt to strategically add sediments through inflow water to offset wetlands loss resulting from sea level rise
- What/where will the Otay freshwater influence connect to the proposed estuary?
- Make an additional connection with Otay to allow for freshwater flow into marsh – to create balance and support healthy cordgrass pop.
- Need for non-vegetated tidal mudflats for shorebirds
- Need to maintain some upland grassland for gull-billed tern foraging
- Work with Port and City of San Diego to comprehensively plan habitat restoration for all undeveloped parcels, including Pond 20A and City Park land

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- Sediment testing for toxicity and disposal
- How will the project be influenced by sea level rise? Where will buffers be?
- Include measures so project values will survive sea level rise
- Public access included?
- Wildlife viewing platform possibilities?
- If get another 1916 event – what will be the effect?
- If there is any dredging of the Otay River channel, what will be the effect on existing mudflats that are currently exposed (and used) during low tides?
- Has sea level rise been considered?
- Soil disposal – if any?
- What are we doing to prevent siltation of our new area from sediment coming down the Otay River?
- Integrated with other efforts to enhance the south bay area
- Resource restoration with public access for wildlife enjoyment, recreation, and open space

Comment Card

Consider an alternative that has freshwater from Otay River feed into restoration site to provide estuarine transition (i.e., freshwater to saltwater) and freshwater to promote growth of cordgrass.

Work with Port and City (aka adjacent landowners) to comprehensively plan restoration for the entire Pond 20A and parklands to south of the restoration

Attendees at the Otay River Estuary Restoration Project Scoping Meetings: December 6, 2011

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