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Subject: LA County General Plan Update (GPU) SEA Draft comments by Douglas Fay
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Dear LA County GPU and Planning Representatives,

In addition to my comments submitted in April 2014, I am submitting these draft suggestions:

The current proposed mapping designates the Oxford Basin in Marina Del Rey as Open Space (OS), when in fact it is primarily water, currently tidally influenced, a dedicated Bird Conservation Area (delineated as a BCA in previous County maps), and managed through LACFCD as a flood protection basin. It should be mapped according to its designation and primary setting "BCA - W". Establishing BCA language consistent with similar State, Federal, and California Audubon guidelines is needed.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS IN SEAs (or Countywide - not specific to the Oxford Basin)

Volunteer guidelines and policy appears to be absent from the SEA draft language, and should be exempt from requiring a use permit and/or significant fees.

Volunteer programs in SEAs should include litter removal, invasive weed removal, native plant planting, bird and wildlife counting, and other ecology oriented events under direct supervision of a biologist or qualified person(s).

Volunteer qualification and training guidelines need to be established including, but not limited to, online training, documented experience, internships, etc.

Organization of volunteer programs can be through SEATAC and/or other applicable County Departments.

Liability release forms should be mandatory for all volunteer programs.

Partnering with environmental groups, for example: Project AWARE, Heal The Bay, the Sierra Club, the California Coastal Commission, and others including neighborhood and community groups, should be encouraged.

Respectfully submitted,

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