



Public Comment Form

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Meeting: Central Santa Monica Bay WASC Date: October 6, 2026

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See attached public comment, page 2.
Agenda item 7(c)(i): Ballona-Venice Tidal Project.

I request to speak during public comment and ask that my written statement be included in the official record.

Submitted October 5, 2026, after the advance deadline.
No photographs attached.

Public Comment: Ballona-Venice Tidal Project

AJ Peralta | Central Santa Monica Bay WASC | October 6, 2026 | Item 7(c)(i)

My name is AJ Peralta. I have lived at the corner of Sherman and Eastern Canal for nearly 20 years, and my family has owned this property for nearly 50 years.

Over roughly the last four or five years, I have seen a noticeable decline in canal conditions, with more algae and moss, floating garbage, and persistent foul odors. These problems accumulate around my corner and along Eastern Canal. I have documented them with photographs, though no photographs accompany this submission.

I support funding the Ballona-Venice Tidal Project feasibility study. But residents also need better routine maintenance now.

I previously observed crews using a raft to remove material throughout the canals. More recently, the cleaning I observe appears concentrated on occasional removal from the banks using a truck. I cannot speak to every task performed or whether contractual requirements are being met, but the results have clearly deteriorated where I live.

I ask the City to review Mariposa's cleaning frequency, equipment, and coverage, including removal of algae and floating debris from the middle of the canals, and establish a clear improvement plan with public reporting.

Please move the study forward while addressing these existing maintenance needs now. Thank you.



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Meeting: CSMB WASC 10/06/26 Date: 10/5/2026

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I support the Ballona-Venice Tidal Project and urge the WASC to support funding its feasibility study.



Public Comment Form

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Comments

I am concerned and support the Ballona–Venice Tidal Project and urge the WASC to support funding its feasibility study.

Thank you,
Debra Blocker



Public Comment Form

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Meeting: Oct 6, 2026 Central SM Bay Watershed Area Ste Date: 9/28/2026

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I have lived in the Venice Canals area for 33 years. The recent harmful algae blooms have gotten worse. They are unsightly, they smell, and they are harmful to the local ecosystem. I hope that we can find a way to improve the water quality of the Venice Canals for the residents and wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration,
Frank Nemiroff



Public Comment Form

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Meeting: October 6 WASC meeting Date: 10/6/2026

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Dear5 Commisioners,

My name is Lothar Schmitz, living at 422 Linnie Canal in Venice, CA, and I'm supporting the Ballona – Venice Tidal Project and funding for its feasibility study. This is an important opportunity to improve water quality, tidal circulation, habitat, flood resilience, and public access throughout the connected Ballona – Venice tidal system and the Santa Monica Bay.

Please support moving this project forward.

Thank you,

Lothar Schmitz



Public Comment Form

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Meeting: Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Steering

Date: October 6th - 1PM to 3PM

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My name is Ramón J. Goñi, and I am a Venice Canals resident and surfer. I urge the committee to support funding for the Ballona–Venice Clean Tidal Waters Project feasibility study.

Living beside the canals and surfing from Malibu and Ventura County to San Onofre State Park and San Diego County, I see migrating birds and marine animals that remind me how interconnected our coastal environment is. The health of the ocean where we surf is inseparable from the creeks, lagoons, wetlands, and watersheds upstream, including Ballona Creek. These are not separate places to protect, but parts of a living system.

I have previously submitted public comments supporting offshore drilling bans. My support for this project comes from the same conviction: protecting our coast cannot stop at the shoreline. We also need to invest in understanding and improving the waters that reach it.

This study is an important step toward identifying practical ways to improve water quality and tidal circulation, restore habitat, and strengthen flood resilience. For those of us who live beside and spend time in these waters, this is about the health of our community and the wildlife with whom we share this coast.

Please fund the feasibility study and move this project forward. Thank you.



Public Comment Form

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I support the Ballona - Venice Tidal Project and urge the committee to support full funding for its feasibility study of the unique and interconnected waterway system of the North Venice Canals, Grand Canal Lagoon, and Ballona Lagoon Marine Preserve.

The study will investigate the use of nature-based solutions to improve water quality, tidal circulation, wildlife habitat, flood resilience, and public access to an important area of the Central Santa Monica Bay watershed. This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to address water-quality and infrastructure issues that have been observed and documented in a water source that comes from and returns to the Pacific Ocean.

Southern California is facing significant effects of ocean warming and climate change overall. We are now facing the coming winter's El Nino weather system and the inevitable flooding and ocean level increases. This project is more relevant and needed than ever.

As a 30-year resident of the Venice Canals, I have observed the deterioration of water quality, including the development of frequent harmful algae blooms and their impacts on wildlife, domestic animals and people. This study is crucial for local habitat and will serve as a model for remediation for other ocean-connected waterways in the State.

Thank you for considering this important project.