



*The Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation (BLF)*

# The Great Egret

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## Batiquitos Lagoon Resiliency Plan Project Underway

### *Multiyear Effort Will Review Effects of Climate Change*

The Carlsbad City Council recently approved spending \$100,000 to create a ‘resiliency plan’ for the Batiquitos Lagoon. The plan would map out how to protect the lagoon and surrounding habitat from the ill-effects of climate change, including sea-level rise, changing weather and wave patterns, and others.

The first steps toward creating the Batiquitos Lagoon Resiliency Plan were taken in 2008, when the BLF sought and was awarded a grant to help the California Department of Fish and Wildlife develop a plan to manage and monitor the resiliency plan process for Batiquitos Lagoon Ecological Reserve (BLER). The funds supporting this and other associated grants come from Carlsbad’s *Agricultural Conversion Mitigation Fees*, which are paid by developers who build on land formerly used for agriculture.

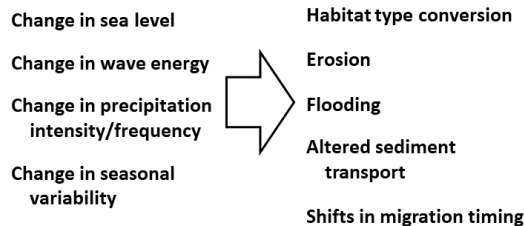
Some of the grant money had already been appropriated, but funds for the management and monitoring portion of the project were withheld pending further review and subsequent City Council action. After years of delay, Carlsbad councilmembers approved the \$100,000 partial appropriation on April 11, clearing the way for the project to proceed.

Under the grant, the BLF will partner with the City of Carlsbad, the state Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Climate Science Alliance-South Coast to research the potential effects of climate change on the lagoon, and then develop ways to prevent or mitigate harm to the ecological reserve. Our resiliency project will use a new protocol and process called *Climate Understanding and Resiliency in the River Valley (CURRV)*, which was developed by the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve. A key component of this is the engagement of land managers, scientists, regulatory agencies and other stakeholders (e.g., the City of Carlsbad, Aviara Master Association, Park Hyatt – Aviara, Leucadia Waste Water District, Caltrans, SANDAG) to evaluate different climate change scenarios and develop appropriate adaptation strategies that address potential impacts on sensitive resources. The pictures below, part of a presentation to the Carlsbad City Council, show examples of climate change effects to consider, and outline how the project will unfold.

Our project is divided into four phases: Phase I: Scenario planning and identification of data needs, including identifying relevant existing data and pinpointing key information gaps; Phase II: Data collection as needed to fill the identified gaps; Phase III: Development of adaptation strategies; and Phase IV: preparation of the final report. Our anticipated date for completing the Phase IV final report is the Summer of 2019. Future newsletter articles and postings on our website will provide more information as our project proceeds.

—Fred Sandquist, BLF president

### Impacts to Local Conditions



### BLRP Scope of Work

- CURRV\* program adapted for Batiquitos Lagoon
- Four phases
  - Phase I – Scenario planning and data needs
  - Phase II – Data collection as needed
  - Phase III – Adaptation strategies
  - Phase IV – Final report
- Anticipated completion by Summer 2019

\*CURRV = Climate Understanding and Resiliency in the River Valley

### Batiquitos Lagoon Resiliency Plan



**About the  
Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center**

**Nature Center:** (760) 931-0800

**Nature Center Location (Not Mailing Address):**

7380 Gabbiano Lane  
Carlsbad, CA 92011

**Nature Center Hours of Operation:**

M-F: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm\*  
Sat-Sun: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm\*

\*Hours are subject to volunteer availability.  
If you plan to visit the Nature Center, please call ahead to verify that day's hours.

**About the  
Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation**

**Mail:** P.O. Box 130491  
Carlsbad, CA 92013-0491

**Website:** [www.batiquitosfoundation.org](http://www.batiquitosfoundation.org)

**Email:** [info@batiquitosfoundation.org](mailto:info@batiquitosfoundation.org)

**Board of Directors & Officers  
(board terms in parentheses)**

Fred C. Sandquist - President (2016-2019)  
Deborah A. Mossa - Vice President (2016-2019)  
David Hill - Acting Secretary (2014-2017)  
Kevin Kienast - Treasurer (2015-2018)  
Jim Brown (2016-2019)  
Don Omsted (2014-2017)  
Liz Paegel (2014-2017)  
Jeff Regan (2015-2018)  
[Vacant]  
Don Connors (Honorary - Non-voting)

**Volunteering**

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**Newsletter**

Elizabeth Douglass, editor  
**Contact:** [newsletter@batiquitosfoundation.org](mailto:newsletter@batiquitosfoundation.org)

**Other Numbers**

**City of Carlsbad Police Department:**

Emergency: 911  
Non-emergency: (760) 931-2197  
Watch Commander: (760) 937-2115

**Calif. Dept. of Fish & Wildlife:**

Regional Office: (858) 467-4201  
CALTIPS: (888) 334-2258

***Volunteer profile:  
Lara Tanaka***



Lara Tanaka is our host at the Nature Center on Mondays from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Lara has a special connection to nature. She suffered a traumatic brain injury, and as she recovered, the first thing she could relate to was nature. Through walks with her service dog, Dylan, she learned to interact with people again. People are always nice to dogs. They stop to pet and talk to Dylan, and Lara was able to relate to other people through those conversations. She learned to walk, talk and think all over again, and started volunteering at San Elijo Lagoon.

Lara and her husband frequently walked Dylan on the trail at Batiquitos Lagoon. She decided she did not want to drive to San Elijo anymore and joined us as a volunteer at our Nature Center. Lara's specialty is native plants that the Luseno and Kumeyaay people used for food and medicine. Stop by on Monday afternoons to meet Lara — and sometimes Dylan, too.

—*Deb Mossa, BLF vice president*

**Lagoon Foundation Board Election Results**

Board members David Hill and Don Omsted reviewed the voted ballots that were received. They reported that 45 valid ballots had been received, and the 14-ballot valid quorum requirement had been met. Following tabulation, the three incumbents running this year, Jim Brown, Deborah Mossa and Fred Sandquist, were re-elected for new three-year terms.

The board approved the results and then voted to retain the board's current lineup of officers.

—*Fred C. Sandquist, BLF president*

## From the Desk of the President...



Since publishing our November 2016 newsletter, it seems our activities and the tempo have increased exponentially, which is a good thing. For an *all-volunteer* organization, this is truly amazing!

Our new nature center, as expected, has generated a lot of community interest and pride, with a big increase in the number of visitors. We're seeing heightened interest and attendance for our school and public walks and talks, *Speakers Series*, restoration and trail maintenance, and docent-led walks programs.

I am pleased to report the completion of our nature center landscaping, with installation of appropriate native plants. Our seasonal rain events this year have really helped get them established. A special thanks to Don Rideout, who led the plant selection and installation, and to board members Don Omsted, Jeff Regan, and Deb Mossa, who helped with the installation, including the temporary protection fencing.

Thanks to a donation from Addisan Sheet Metal, our new rain gutters, downspouts, and rain barrels have been installed. Don Omsted designed and installed an overflow and drainage system for these rain barrels and also for our inside air conditioning unit.

Thanks to Deb Mossa, the BLF has implemented our *That's My Brick®* dedication program. Under the program, you can order a personalized brick that will be installed on the path leading up to our new nature center. Check out this issue's article and our website, [www.batiquitosfoundation.org](http://www.batiquitosfoundation.org), for more information about this exciting new program to support the BLF!

We are tracking a number of new development projects in the permit approval process for the Ponto Beach area. We are also tracking what we consider a very serious ongoing discharge into San Marcos Creek from the Lake San Marcos Dam. This discharge has been going on for a very long time, and board members Jim Brown and David Hill continue to push regulators to resolve the issue.

Finally, I regret to report that due to work and family commitments, board member and Secretary Donald Chase has resigned. We thank Donald for his service to the foundation! If you would like to be considered for seat on our board, please contact Nominating Committee members Jim Brown and David Hill, who are working to fill the vacancy.

Thanks to all of you, and to our many volunteers for your service to the BLF and for helping us provide the community with the *Batiquitos Lagoon Experience!* We are truly a service-focused foundation that we all can be proud of!

If you are not a member, please consider joining the BLF family and getting involved.

—Fred C. Sandquist, BLF president

## We Need Your Help!

As with any *all volunteer* organization, the BLF depends on volunteers to fill key foundation positions in support of our programs and operations. We are especially interested in finding volunteers for the key positions listed below. If you're interested or you would like further information, please call our Nature Center at (760) 931-0800, or send an email to: [volunteer@batiquitosfoundation.org](mailto:volunteer@batiquitosfoundation.org).

- Nature Center Hosts
- Docents
- Webmaster/Electronic Media Chair
- Fundraising/Marketing
- Educational & Marketing Materials Maintenance
- Publicity
- Restoration/Trail Maintenance
- Grant Writers

## Special Thanks...

...to some of our key partners for supporting the Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation by providing direct financial support, discounts, critical services, support, and products.

*Aviara Master Assoc. & Aviara Community  
Weyerhaeuser Inc  
AgriService Inc.  
Waste Management  
Park Hyatt, Aviara*

*Leucadia Wastewater District (LWD)  
REI Outdoor School, San Diego, REI - Encinitas  
Breg, Inc.*

*Anderson's La Costa Nursery  
Thermo Fisher Scientific  
Tree of Life Nursery  
FedEx/Office  
Callaway Golf*

*San Diego Horticultural Society  
Palomar Investigative Group, Inc.  
Diamond Environmental Services  
El Camino Rental*

*California Department of Fish & Wildlife  
City of Carlsbad*

*California Coastal Conservancy  
Louise Julig Writing & Editing  
HomeLife Village Realtors  
Archer Johnson Foundation  
Kinane Events*

*The Coastal Community Foundation  
Marstel-Day LLC [conservation consulting]  
LinkSoul*

*North County Advocates  
Living Coast Discovery Center  
Sky Hunters  
Earth Island Institute  
Wild Coast  
Marine Life Coalition*

# Higher Costs & Measure A Defeat = I-5 Project Funding Shortage

## *Planned Trail Extension, Pedestrian Bridge over Batiquitos Lagoon in Limbo*

A major funding shortfall in the region's TransNet program is forcing officials to take away money that was earmarked for several transportation and mitigation projects, including one that would have widened Interstate 5 from San Elijo Lagoon north into Carlsbad, added a pedestrian/bicycle bridge across Batiquitos Lagoon, and connected the new bridge crossing trail to the North Shore trail east of the freeway.

In December, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) disclosed \$8.4 billion in cost increases for major transportation projects already underway and being funded by TransNet, the sales tax-funded regional infrastructure upgrade program. It was approved by voters in 1987 and extended in 2004.

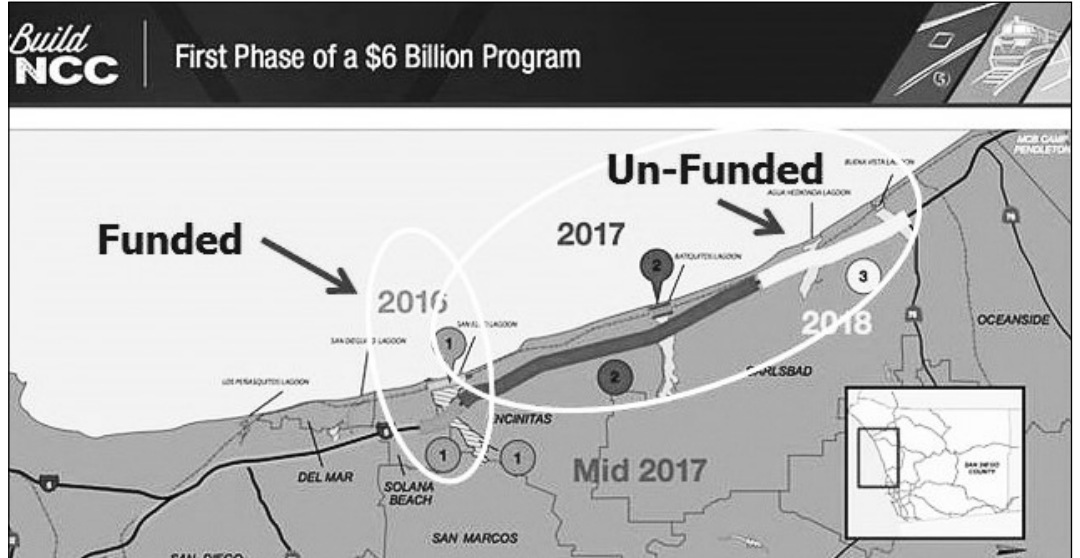
During the November 2016 general election, San Diego voters rejected Measure A, which would have levied an additional half-cent sales tax to pay for a list of additional TransNet projects. TransNet's funding woes were made worse by SANDAG's use of flawed

economic projections that significantly overestimated future income from the existing tax levy (and projected proceeds from the failed Measure A). Revenue from the existing TransNet program is 25% lower than projected, and the program now faces a budget gap of more than \$17 million, according to the **Voice of San Diego**.

Just last year, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) received approval for extending the I-5 transportation corridor to include freeway construction through San Elijo and Batiquitos Lagoons, part of TransNet's North Coast Corridor project. That part of the project included replacing and double tracking the railroad bridge across Batiquitos Lagoon, the lagoon trail connector, and construction of a pedestrian and bike bridge and trail on the west side of I-5 between La Costa Avenue and Poinsettia Lane. Construction of the I-5 corridor beyond the Poinsettia Lane interchange through to Camp Pendleton was contingent on voter approval of Measure A in the November 2016 elections. Unfortunately Measure A fell short of the two-thirds approval needed for passage.

Caltrans and SANDAG now say TransNet can only pay for the I-5 improvements extending through the northern shore of San Elijo Lagoon. There may be funds to complete the railroad bridge replacement and double-tracking across Batiquitos Lagoon, but the rest is on hold. Caltrans, SANDAG, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife are exploring funding options for constructing the I-5 and trail improvements along the Batiquitos Lagoon segment of the freeway. The included picture depicts the current situation at Batiquitos Lagoon. The BLF remains hopeful that funding can be identified, and we update you on the project's status as we receive more information.

—Fred C. Sandquist, BLF president



***Mark Your Calendars!***

**The 2017 Kayak Batiquitos Lagoon Clean-Up Event**

**Will be On October 28 & 29**

**Online Registration Will Open in Late Summer**



# Nature Center Speaker Series

## June 10: Rattlesnake 101 with Vocational Herpetologist

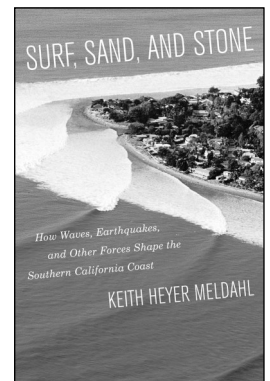
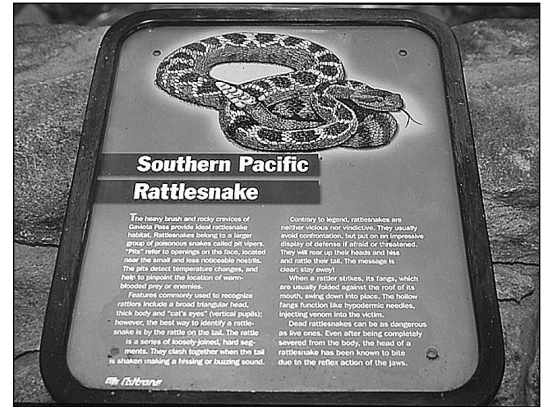
The next speaker appearing at the Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center is Steve Bledsoe, avocational herpetologist and native Californian. The event is on June 10, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. It's free and open to the public.

Bledsoe will present an enlightening talk on *Rattlesnakes*. He made his living as a machinist, design engineer and business owner, but he has had a lifelong interest in biology and zoology. Today, he's active with Southwest Field Herping Associates, and has given safety and educational talks about snakes throughout the region. Special treat: Bledsoe will bring along some live snakes.

On May 13, the speaker series featured Richard Halsey, a chaparral researcher and director of the nonprofit California Chaparral Institute, which is dedicated to preserving and protecting the shrubs and sage that dominate the Southern California landscape. His topic was "Nature Around the Lagoon," and included a discussion of California's extensive varieties of chaparral and the aromatic California Sage Scrub. Halsey is a former biology teacher and an expert in chaparral ecology. He's also trained as a wildland firefighter and has written a book on wildfire called, *Fire, Chaparral and Survival in Southern California*.

The monthly speaker series is organized by BLF Board member Liz Paegel. Other speakers this year have included local author and geology professor Keith Meldahl (Batiquitos Lagoon geology, marine terraces, and how this land shifted north); State Park Ranger Cory Hawkins (Least terns); and ornithologist Dena Emmerson, who spoke about our nature trail and about Carlsbad's Habitat Management Plan, its Preserve System, and its trail plans. Meldahl's book, *Surf, Sand and Stone*, is in the Nature Center library now for your perusal.

—Liz Paegel, BLF board member and Elizabeth Douglass, newsletter editor



**Above**, Steve Bledsoe, avocational herpetologist, will be the guest speaker on June 10 at the BLF Nature Center. **Above-right**, Richard Halsey, a chaparral researcher and director of the nonprofit California Chaparral Institute. **Right**, Flowering chaparral, Humboldt's Lily (*Lilium humboldtii*), photographed at the base of Viejas Mountain.

Photo credits: Snake sign, CaliforniaHerps.com; Above, Southwestern Field Herping Associates; Above-right and Right, courtesy of California Chaparral Institute.

# 119 Kayakers Help with 2016 Lagoon Clean-Up Event

## *Trail Walkers Enjoy Concurrent Ice Cream Social at Nature Center*

We held our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Kayak Clean-Up event on November 5 and 6. We had a great turnout, and we want to thank everyone who joined us to volunteer, assist and clean Batiquitos Lagoon. Thanks also to our 2016 sponsors: REI Outdoor School; Park Hyatt, Aviara; North County Advocates, and Leucadia Waste Water District. There was a steady stream of colorful kayaks on the lagoon over the two-day event, and the 119 kayakers collected a lot of trash, plastic debris, a tire and many other items. Those items and others are a danger to the birds, plants and animals that live in the lagoon and its habitat. Our partners at REI provided the kayaks and water safety instructors. Sunday featured the 'Dos Bandidos' food truck, and we enjoyed having lunch conveniently on site at the park-and-ride lot. The weather was clear and held up throughout the weekend.

For the first time, we held an ice cream social outside the Nature Center at the same time as the kayak event to treat trail walkers and Nature Center visitors. People enjoyed the free ice cream and cake to help celebrate our new nature center opening. The annual kayak event is our largest fundraiser and the only time the general public is allowed on the lagoon. Mark your calendars and join in the next kayak clean-up event on Oct. 28-29, 2017. Registration through our website will be available in late summer.

—Deb Mossa, BLF vice president



**Above-left**, Kayakers prepare to launch. **Above-right**, Lindsey Sparacino and daughter Lenore at the ice cream social. **Left**, The Wozniak family, L-R, John, Matt, Rachel and Blake, stopped for ice cream. **Bottom-left**, Kayaker sets out to find trash. **Bottom-right**, Kayakers with a tire they removed from the lagoon.

Photos: Above-left, by Gila Hanks; above-right, by Jim Brown; left, by Jim Brown; bottom-left by Gila Hanks; bottom-right, by Gila Hanks.



# Grand Opening Events Celebrate Expanded Nature Center

## *Ribbon-Cutting, Cake, Live Music, Construction Stories...and Joy*

We held our first official grand opening and ribbon cutting event for our new nature center on Friday, Dec. 9, 2016. This initial event was a big ‘Thank You’ for government officials and others who were involved in permitting, grants, construction efforts, and other key phases of our eight-year-long endeavor to replace and expand the Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center. We celebrated with wine, beer and snacks along with an official ribbon cutting. Attendees saw a short video on the removal of the old and installation of the new facility. BLF President Fred Sandquist provided remarks and acknowledged all the people who helped bring to our new Nature Center to life. Participants enjoyed viewing our diverse educational nature collection, slides of the plankton from Batiquitos Lagoon, the new kids play area and our beautiful new deck that looks out on the lagoon.

We’ve held one other Nature Center celebration since the December kickoff party, and several others are planned. We had to postpone one of them because of storms —our apologies to everyone who planned to attend on those dates. We will be hosting our next grand opening celebration on Friday, May 26, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. We hope our members and community friends can all join us!

—*Deb Mossa, BLF vice president*



**Below,** Greg and Donna Kulbacki provided music at one of the Nature Center celebrations.

**Right,** The official ribbon-cutting, with L-R, Carlsbad City Councilman Keith Blackburn; Jeffrey Clave, Weyerhaeuser; Eric Larson, San Diego Farm Bureau; BLF President Fred Sandquist; BLF Treasurer Kevin Kienast; and Kasia Trojanowska, trails manager, Carlsbad Parks & Recreation. David & Kathleen Billings, directors at the Buena Vista Audubon Society, applaud the ribbon-cutting.



**Above,** BLF Board Member Don Omsted, BLF Vice President Deb Mossa, Christina Ortiz, and Ann Omsted, enjoying the Nature Center gathering. **Above-right,** Nature Center celebrants socializing and enjoying the food.



Photos: Top-left, by Elizabeth Douglass; top-right, by Jim Brown; above-left, by Gila Hanks; above-right by Elizabeth Douglass. Cake picture by Liz Paegel.

# Board Gives to Family through Carlsbad's Christmas Bureau

The Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation Board of Directors adopted a family through the Carlsbad Christmas Bureau in late 2016. Each year, the Carlsbad Christmas Bureau sends out an appeal for support of needy families during the holidays. Our family included a mom, dad and three boys, aged 12, nine and seven. Our Board members donated cash and gift cards to make the holiday special for our family.

The family submits a wish list with requests from each member. Based on the list, we purchased two bicycles, a razor scooter along with helmets for the boys as well as some Lego brick sets and a soccer ball. Each boy also received a bag of treats. The parents received some warm slippers and gift certificates. We also provided a non perishable holiday dinner of cheese and crackers, canned ham, sweet potatoes, macaroni and cheese, beans, apple sauce, cookies and sparkling apple juice. The gifts were delivered to the Carlsbad Boys & Girls Club, where volunteers readied the gifts for distribution to the families. Our thanks to the BLF board members for donating their time and effort to Batiquitos Lagoon all year, and for their generosity in making the holidays special for three little boys and their parents.

—Deb Mossa, BLF vice president



## New! Personalized BLF Commemorative Bricks Now Available

We are excited to offer you a chance to support your lagoon and commemorate a loved one. By donating a brick, you can help sponsor our efforts. All funds are used for our educational programs and the preservation, restoration and maintenance of our Nature Center, trails and habitat. Help us build a brick path to the Nature Center and pay tribute to someone at the same time. There is more information about this new program on our website, and the next newsletter will elaborate on it as well. In the meantime, you can contact Deb Mossa at [info@batiquitosfoundation.org](mailto:info@batiquitosfoundation.org)

### 4x8 Bricks

- 3 lines of 10 character personalization with graphic
- 3 lines of 18 characters personalization without graphic



**\$55**

### 8x8 Bricks

- 6 lines of 18 character personalization without graphic
- 3 lines of 18 characters personalization with graphic



**\$105**



# Signs of 'Wasting' Disease During 2017 King Tide

A "wasting" disease brought on by the continual warming of our ocean water has decimated the collection of starfish and urchins we used to see at the Ponto jetties and along the bridge supports by the coast highway. This has been noticed over the last four years during our annual visits to the jetty area during the extreme high and low "King" tides of January and February. There were no starfish or urchins, there were very few clams and oysters, and the barnacles were down 60% to 70%.

The kelp beds, starting about four years ago, have all but vanished as well. Fortunately, this was not a complete die-off. The kelp plants retained small growth at the ocean's bottom, but lost their long strands of growth. The kelp beds have now returned, as seen by the piles of seaweed that dot our beaches after a storm.

A year earlier, we saw the trickle-down effect of climate change on sea lions. There were three starving and listless sea lion pups under one of the coast highway bridges. When we reported their location to the nearest lifeguard station, the lifeguard commented, "They are dying of starvation all over the county beaches. Their food supply of anchovies and other bait fish have migrated north to cooler waters." It's clear that ocean warming and climate change is upon us, and other changes are in store. Our job is to be aware of it and to help where we can.

—Jim Brown, BLF board member



A selection of views from the 2017 King Tides.

Photos by Jim Brown.



## BLF Lagoon Needs Financial, Administrative Volunteer Experts

We need finance and administration assistance. We hope to recruit a volunteer who has finance experience and a background in budgets, profit and loss, and general financial statements. The position includes help with reviewing the foundation's monthly statements and managing the monthly budget. We have a bookkeeper who maintains BLF financial records. The post would require about five to 10 hours a month, and includes reporting to the board at monthly meetings. **NOTE: The next board meeting is on June 21 at 4:30 p.m. at the Nature Center, but beginning in July, the meetings will be held at 4:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month.**

The volunteer administration position would consist of handling correspondence, maintaining a calendar of BLF activities, and maintaining our membership database. This would entail about two to four hours per week. If you are interested please contact Deb Mossa at [deborahmossa@gmail.com](mailto:deborahmossa@gmail.com)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## May 2017

Wed., May 24 — Thermo-Fisher Scientific Event, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Fri., May 26 – Nature Center Celebration and Open House. From 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Enjoy food and beverages. Everyone welcome.

Mon., May 30—*Memorial Day*. The Nature Center will be open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## June 2017

Sat., June 3 – Restoration & Trail Maintenance, 9 a.m. - noon, BLF Nature Center. Everyone Welcome.

Wed., June 7 - Docent corps, Nature Center Hosts, & Volunteers meeting, 4 p.m., BLF Nature Center. People interested in volunteering are also welcome!

Fri., June 9 – Bird Count. 7:30 a.m. Meet at Gabbiano Lane Trailhead. Public welcome. Bring binoculars.

Sat. June 10 - Spring Speaker Series, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., BLF Nature Center. Speaker Steve Bledsoe will present an enlightening talk on *Rattlesnakes*. Steve, a local herpetologist, will bring us some live snakes for his talk.

Sat., June 17 – Restoration & Trail Maintenance, 9 a.m. - noon, BLF Nature Center. Everyone Welcome.

Mon – Fri, June 19 – 23, City of Carlsbad's Arts Council 2017 *Club Pelican* Class, ages seven to nine, from 9 a.m. to noon, BLF Nature Center. Registration is open through the City of Carlsbad's website, [www.carlsbadca.gov](http://www.carlsbadca.gov).

Wed., June 21 – BLF Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m. BLF Nature Center. Public Welcome.

Mon – Fri, June 26 – 30, City of Carlsbad's Arts Council 2017 *Club Pelican* Class, ages seven to nine, from 9 a.m. to noon, BLF Nature Center. Registration is open through the City of Carlsbad's website, [www.carlsbadca.gov](http://www.carlsbadca.gov).

## July 2017

Sat., July 1 - Restoration & Trail Maintenance, 9 a.m. - noon, BLF Nature Center. Everyone Welcome.

Tue., July 4 - *Independence Day*. The Nature Center will be open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Wed., July 5 - Docent corps, Nature Center Hosts, & Volunteers meeting, 4 p.m., BLF Nature Center. People interested in volunteering are also welcome!

Fri., July 14 – Bird Count. 7:30 a.m. Meet at Gabbiano Lane Trailhead. Public welcome. Bring binoculars.

Sat., July 15 – Restoration & Trail Maintenance, 9 a.m. - noon, BLF Nature Center. Everyone Welcome.



*We'd love to print your favorite photos of Batiquitos Lagoon and the trail!*

*Send them to us at*  
[newsletter@batiquitosfoundation.org](mailto:newsletter@batiquitosfoundation.org)

Tues., July 18 – BLF Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m., BLF Nature Center. Public Welcome.

Mon - Fri, July 24 - 28, City of Carlsbad's Arts Council 2017 *Club Pelican* Class, ages seven to nine, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, BLF Nature Center. Registration is open through the City of Carlsbad's website, [www.carlsbadca.gov](http://www.carlsbadca.gov).

Mon - Fri, July 31 - August 4, City of Carlsbad's Arts Council 2017 *Club Pelican* Class, ages nine to 12, from 9 a.m. to noon, BLF Nature Center. Registration is open through the City of Carlsbad's website, [www.carlsbadca.gov](http://www.carlsbadca.gov).

## August 2017

Wed., August 2 – Docent corps, Nature Center Hosts, & Volunteers meeting, 3 p.m., BLF Nature Center. People interested in volunteering are also welcome!

Sat., August 5 – Restoration & Trail Maintenance, 9 a.m. - noon, BLF Nature Center. Everyone Welcome.

Fri., August 11 – Bird Count. 7:30 a.m. Meet at Gabbiano Lane Trailhead. Public welcome. Bring binoculars.

Tues., August 15 – BLF Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m., BLF Nature Center. Public Welcome.

Sat., August 19– Restoration & Trail Maintenance, 9 a.m. - noon, BLF Nature Center. Everyone Welcome.

NOTE: Unless otherwise noted, the location and/or meeting place for all events is the BLF Nature Center, 7380 Gabbiano Lane, Carlsbad, CA 92011.



# Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation Membership/Donation Form

*The foundation needs your financial support to continue its valuable work protecting Batiquitos Lagoon and its surrounding habitat  
~ It's a precious resource for North County residents! ~*

Membership (check only one box)  New Member  Renewal  Address Change  
(If you prefer, you may join, renew or donate online at [www.batiquitosfoundation.org](http://www.batiquitosfoundation.org))

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Level (check one)

Annual Membership Dues (check one)

- Kestral \$250
- White Tailed Hawk \$500
- Red Tailed Hawk \$1,000
- Great Egret \$2,000
- Great Blue Heron \$3,000
- Osprey \$5,000
- Additional donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Student/Senior Citizen \$20
- Individual \$25
- Family \$45
- Sponsor \$100
- Patron \$175
- Sustaining \$500

TOTAL AMOUNT (sum of all the above) \_\_\_\_\_

Paid by:  Check (payable to BLF)  
 Credit Card \_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_ MasterCard  
 Account No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Security code\* \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_ / \_\_\_  
 \* (three- or four-digit code on the back of your card)  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send this form & payment to:**  
 Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation  
 P.O. Box 130491  
 Carlsbad, CA 92013-0491

**Thank you for your support!**

*The Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit. Your contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law*

~ For BLF Administration Only ~

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**NATURE CENTER HOURS**

**Monday - Friday: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm\***

**Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm\***

*\*Subject to availability of volunteers. Please call ahead to verify*

**For more information:**

Visit our Website: [www.batiquitosfoundation.org](http://www.batiquitosfoundation.org)

Call: (760) 931-0800 or Email: [info@batiquitosfoundation.org](mailto:info@batiquitosfoundation.org)



**Membership**

Membership in Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation is a great way to support our efforts to maintain and improve this beautiful natural resource.

Categories for annual membership are:

<b>Student/Senior Citizen</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b>Individual</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>Family</b>	<b>\$45</b>
<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>\$100</b>
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Join & pay via bank debit or major credit card through our website:

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Memberships and donations are tax deductible.

**REMINDER TO MEMBERS**

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