



Are you interested in becoming a Board Member for the Newport Bay Conservancy?

The Newport Bay Conservancy (NBC) is a volunteer driven, nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and Preserving the Upper Newport Bay and its watershed. NBC has a small but growing staff directing and coordinating multiple activities supporting our mission. Not only does NBC provide volunteer, staff and monetary support to multiple land-owning agencies at the Peter and Mary Muth Interpretive Center, Back Bay Science Center and around the Bay, it also organizes and conducts programs, events and outreach focusing on education, restoration, research and advocacy. This includes public water tours in partnership with the Newport Aquatic Center and student day field trips to hosting an overnight nature camp in partnership with the City of Newport Beach and the Dunes Resort. Additionally NBC is very active in the 154 square mile Newport Bay Watershed, as it is there that most of the problems currently facing Upper Newport Bay must ultimately be solved. We have undertaken several important initiatives to promote and facilitate holistic, adaptive resource management in the watershed.

NBC has a working Board of Directors involved in advocacy, fundraising and policy-setting. It is seeking to strengthen its Board as it takes on an expanding and increasingly sophisticated role both at the Bay and in the watershed. Talented and passionate individuals with an interest/expertise in one or more of the following areas are sought:

- Board, staff and volunteer development
- Fundraising including gala events and major donor cultivation
- Financial planning, money management and legal matters
- Publicity and public relations
- Regulatory compliance and permitting
- Land stewardship and resource management
- Project and/or construction management
- Education and interpretation
- Technical review of life science research data relevant to Bay and Watershed issues
- Information architecture and data management

Our aim is to have a diverse Board that is able to address day-to-day matters such as how best to engage our volunteers and the bigger picture pertaining to working with local government on urban planning issues that impact the long-term health of the Bay.

According to our bylaws, the Board of Directors consists of up to thirteen members. Board Members must attend a one-day Associate Naturalist Training offered January through August. The one-day training provides an important orientation to what we and our partners do at UNB,

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and can be completed within six months of being appointed to the Board. Each NBC Board Member chairs or actively participates in on following committees where discussion of issues, formulation of plans and undertaking of actions occur with the support of staff:

Standing Committees

- Bylaws Committee
- Board Development Committee
- Finance Committee
- Fundraising
- Technical Advisory Committee
- Land Owners Committee

Special Committees

- Education Committee
- Restoration Committee
- Research/Advocacy Committee
- DEI Committee
- Community Outreach

Each Board member is also requested to participate in monthly board meetings and an annual retreat.

The Application Process

Board Members are elected at the NBC's Annual Meeting the first week in November for a two year term. NBC's Board Development Committee reviews applications from prospective new Board Members, then recommends a slate of qualified individuals. Upon approval of the Board of Directors, this slate is presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting for vote. Voting members are volunteers who have contributed over 48 hours of service in the year prior to the Annual meeting. Officers are elected by the Board at the first Board meeting thereafter.

Potential Board members are requested to complete the NBC Board of Directors Application. Qualified applicants will be interviewed by the Board Development Committee.

For more information or to apply, please email our Board Development Chair, Taylor Sais at taylorsais@yahoo.com.

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