

Newport Bay Conservancy 2024 Annual Meeting



Board of Directors

Cassandra Radcliff, President

Cesar Gallo, Vice President

Ramraghi Fuller, Treasurer

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Peter Bryant, Mario Cuevas, Bettina Eastman, Rubi Garcia,
Susan Jarratt, Saam Shams, Bryan Tsu, Stacey Tutt, Molly Waldram



Our Mission

Protect and preserve the Upper Newport Bay and its watershed through education, restoration, research and advocacy.



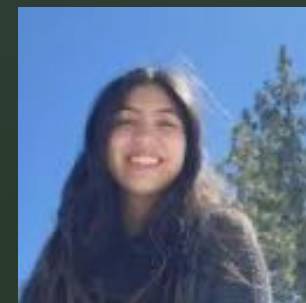
**Newport Bay
Conservancy**

We acknowledge that our work takes place on the ancestral lands of native peoples, original inhabitants and stewards of this territory. We respect their continuing connection to these lands and waters.

Staff



Heather Cieslak, Operations Director
Hilary Cunningham, Education Manager
Alys Arenas, Restoration Manager (until April 2024)
Chris Fabela, Habitat Restoration Coordinator
David Banuelas, Habitat Restoration Technician II
Randall English, Habitat Restoration Technician II (April 2024)
Claire Phillips, Habitat Restoration Technician
Mariah Sabo, Education Specialist
Alex Sasikumar, Outdoor Activity Leader
Isabelle Beltran, Outdoor Activity Leader
Damian Pizano, Outdoor Activity Leader



Volunteers

October 2023 to
September 2024

147 volunteers
submitted hours

49 voting members

6,900+ total
volunteer hours!



Thank You!

Linda Barker, 488
Don Millar, 386
Gwenn Abrams, 320
Ken Yamagata, 252
Arvid Spor, 247

Over 100 Hours

Denise Blocher
Judy Booth
Candy Chapman
Susan Esch
Mary Gartung
Patricia Goheen
John Kueny
Teresa Kueny

Annette McCall
Lori Metherate
Cassandra Radcliff
Jean Savage
Jane Welgan



Volunteers



**Gwenn Abrams - OC Parks
Volunteer of the Year for UNB**

Board Committees

- Bylaws Committee
- Board Development Committee
- Finance Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Education Committee
- Community Outreach Committee
- Research and Advocacy Committee
- Restoration Committee
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

Education: Volunteer and Naturalist Training

Naturalist Training

Fall 2023

16 naturalists graduated

Naturalist Training

Fall 2024

12 trainees



NBC/OC Parks Volunteer
4 trainings onboarding
56 associate volunteers

Education: College Corps

2023/2024
3 UCI Fellows

2024/2025
3 UCI Fellows
2 Vanguard Fellows



Education: New Naturalists in Action

Summer Solstice
Lantern & Meditation



Nature Scavenger Hunt

Education: Muth School Tours & Community Day

27 Grade school field trips
Tuesday mornings, 1,346 students



Community Day at the Back Bay
Science Center
Sundays 10am-2pm
over 2,000 visitors

Education: FiiN Program serving 560 students

Heather Cieslak, Bugs
Hilary Cunningham, Hurricane
Mariah Sabo, Mermaid
Brooke Medina, Pika
Cameron Stairs, Mugwort
Catherine Ishii, Willow
Clarissa Galindo, Clay
Cody Groom, Goby
Daniella Hernandez, Prickly Pear
Denise Blocher, Baleen
Diego Fuentes, Cacti
Eden Britton, Moon Jelly
Eunice Avila, Grizzly
Isabelle McNall, Newt
Jenna Bailey, Coral
Jordan Navarro, Sage
Kaysen Pajarillo, Mulefat
Maddy McDonald, Sunny
Madison Ta, Bobcat

Marina Rice, Blue Shark
Michael Jiang, Turkey Vulture
Nikki Logan, Sea Lavender
Tiffany Sun, Ray
Tin Duc Nguyen, Rail



Education: California Boating & Safety

Grants to provide 700
scholarships for students
as part of the
Environmental Education
Program



Community Outreach



OC Marathon



Friends Tour



Heroes Elementary
Fall Festival

Research



Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

- Grant applications
- Earth Day Exit Survey
- Outreach events & school field trips
- Translating materials into Spanish
- Expanding accessibility



Restoration Committee

Board Committee



Big Canyon Restoration



Corporate Group Attendees:

- Clark Construction
- Edison Energy
- JWCE
- AAA
- Fleetguard
- PIMCO



Highlights

- Removed six, 40-yard dumpsters of vegetation from the canyon, estimated to weigh almost 60,000 lbs
- Recorded more than 1,730 hours of support given by volunteers
- Planted 250 native plants throughout the canyon

Board Committee



Board Committee



Monitoring & Maintenance

Bayview Heights Drainage

- Mitigation site to address erosion between two residential homes
- NBC contracted by the City to conduct maintenance and monitoring
- New runoff drainage and erosion into Basin from backyard of residential home



Invasive Species Control Efforts

USFWS/Warne Foundation Grants

Invasive Limonium (1,647 hours spent removing 10,000 lbs plant material)

Algerian Sea Lavender (*Limonium ramosissimum*),
European Sea Lavender (*Limonium duriusculum*),
Asian sea lavender (*Limonium otolepis*)



Desert Knapweed (1,168 plants removed)

Volutaria tubuliflora



Other Restoration Events

- Second Sundays with OC Parks
- Sow & Grow Fridays
- Monthly bird surveys in Big Canyon (all levels welcome)
- Adopt-A-Plot
- Restoration field trips with Sage Hill, Early College High School, Biola University and others
- Added restoration option to outrigger tours



Restoration Outreach

- UCI Networking Event
- CNPS BIPOC Kayak Tour
- San Bernardino Community College Tour
- Teachers Conference Tour
- Santa Ana Art Collective, regular removal of cattails in Big Canyon
- Ecological Society of America Kayak Tour
- California Society for Ecological Restoration Conference
- Kizh Nation, Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians



Major Public Events:

Earth Day
at the Bay
2,800 people



Back Bay Plein Air Art Festival



*10-day exhibition
1,000+ attendees
88 paintings sold from 34 artists
\$22,000 to artists
\$11,000 to NBC programs*



Gourmet By the Bay



*80 people enjoyed an evening at the Bay,
raising roughly \$18,000 for our programs*

Coastal Cleanup Day

Public Events



Over 600 volunteers
12,000 pounds of trash removed
Most interesting find:
Mud Minion



Kayak Tours - 670 kayakers



Thank You to Our Partners

- City of Newport Beach and Newport City Council
- Orange County Parks and OC Board of Supervisors
- California Department of Fish & Wildlife



Treasurer's Report



Treasurer's Report



Newport Bay Naturalists & Friends Unaudited Financial Statements For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2003

BALANCED SHEET				NET ASSET STATEMENT			
	Unaudited	Temporarily Audited	Total		Unaudited	Temporarily Audited	Total
Assets				Revenue			
Current Assets:				Membership and General Contributions	\$5,821	\$2,274	\$7,245
Cash	\$71,715	\$5,488	\$77,203	Membership Sales	\$5,340		\$5,340
Prepaid Expenses				Educational Programs/Books	\$1,880	\$12,181	\$12,261
Receivables		\$84,549	\$84,549	Sponsorship/Donated/Contributed		\$24,280	\$24,280
Inventory	\$13,028		\$13,028	Foundation/Corporate Donations	\$6,174	\$10,068	\$16,031
Total Current Assets	\$84,743	\$90,037	\$94,780	Special Events	\$1,250		\$1,250
				Interest Income	\$81		\$81
				Total Revenue	\$29,756	\$46,503	\$76,278
Total Assets	\$84,743	\$90,037	\$94,780	Expenses			
				Direct Expenses:			
				Membership	\$6,816		\$6,816
				Educational Programs	\$6,671	\$4,404	\$10,279
				Publication Programs		\$12,114	\$12,114
				Refueling/Outreach	\$4,028		\$4,028
				Special Events	\$5,040		\$5,040
				Purchasing/Development	\$6,716		\$6,716
				Total Direct Expenses	\$35,271	\$16,518	\$51,789
				Indirect Expenses:			
				Services & Supplies -Admin	\$1,420	\$16,604	\$18,024
				Insurance	\$40	\$2,254	\$2,294
				Other General & Admin	\$1,380	\$3,624	\$5,004
				Total Indirect Expenses	\$2,840	\$22,482	\$25,322
				Total Expenses	\$38,111	\$38,999	\$77,110
				Net Contribution	\$1,645	\$7,532	\$9,177
Liabilities & Contributions to Funding							
Current Liabilities:							
Accounts Payable	\$1,867	\$18,240	\$20,107				
Prepaid Taxes/Payable	\$4,726		\$4,726				
Notes Due Payable	\$1,788		\$1,788				
Total Current Liabilities	\$8,381	\$18,240	\$26,621				
Contributions to Funding:							
Other Years	\$5,870	\$25,044	\$30,914				
Current Year	\$5,821	\$25,045	\$30,866				
Total Contributions to Funding	\$11,691	\$50,089	\$61,780				
Total Liabilities & Contributions to Funding	\$20,072	\$68,329	\$88,401				

* Represents contributions made to the Capital Fundraising Campaigns for the New & Old, With Inexpensive Center (NOC) and Old & New Bay Science Center (NBSC) as well as contributions to specific education or restoration programs.

Highlights

2023-24:

- Continue to reconcile high revenues and expenses for 10 ongoing education and restoration grant projects.
- Wrapping up the state funding for the Big Canyon Phase II Restoration but the retainage (withholding 5-10%) makes it hard to manage cash flow which is dipping into our reserves.

2024-2025:

- Look to transition duties from current Treasurer to new Treasurer.
- Still need to build our reserves to \$250,000 or more to maintain our regular programming while taking on larger restoration projects.

In Memoriam - Allan Beek

Celebrating the Life of

Allan Beek

January 23, 1927 - January 11, 2024



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 AT 4:30 PM

Peter & Mary Muth Interpretive Center
Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve
2301 University Dr., Newport Beach, CA 92660



In Memoriam - Andy Lingle



In Memoriam - Dennis Kelly

Celebration of Life
DENNIS KELLY



Horticulture Gardens at
Orange Coast College

NOVEMBER 9, 2024
2:30 to 4:30

Attendance is strongly encouraged
Please to Let Us Remember Him

Orange Coast College "Dennis Kelly" is please help and you will be directed to the correct parking lot. The group drive their tables will provide a map to the gardens.



Tracks

Summer 2014

A Publication of the
Newport Bay Community

Coastal Bottlenose Dolphins Regular Visitors to Upper Newport Bay

By Dennis L. Kelly, President Emeritus, Harbor View Community Center, Orange Coast College and former 1961, Board member



The observation of coastal bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) in Newport Bay has become a common sight in recent years. Sightings are regularly reported at locations including as far upriver as the Harbor View Community Center and as far downriver as the Harbor View Community Center. The dolphins are seen in small groups, usually between 2 and 10 individuals. They are seen in the water, often breaching the surface, and are seen in the water, often breaching the surface. They are seen in the water, often breaching the surface. They are seen in the water, often breaching the surface.

Initially I was very skeptical and somewhat doubtful, but after several sightings along the Harbor View Community Center, I was convinced that the dolphins were indeed regular visitors to the bay.

In Memoriam
A minute for quiet reflection



THANK YOU

to our outgoing Board Members



Ramraghi Fuller

Board Member 2020-2024
Treasurer



Cesar Gallo

Board Member 2022-2024
Vice President, Community
Outreach Committee Chair



Susan Jarratt

Board Member 2020-2024
DEI Committee Chair
Secretary



Cassandra Radcliff

Board Member 2020-2024
President, Vice President, Community
Outreach Committee Chair



Stacey Tutt

Board Member 2022-2024
Board Development
Committee Chair



Saam Shams

Board Member 2022-2024
Restoration Committee Chair

Presentation of Board Candidates

(Approved by voting membership on 11/7/24)

Proposed Candidates for Board of Directors

Peter Bryant (Incumbent)

Lori Metherate

Julie Powers

McKenna Wegner

Yugina Yun

Current Directors whose term ends in 2025

Mario Cuevas

Bettina Eastman

Susie Onate

Rubi Ontiveros (Garcia)

Bryan Tsu

Proposed Representative appointed by OC Parks per our MOU

Molly Waldram

Proposed Non-Board Members of the Board Development Committee

Nancy Gardner

Taylor Sais

Proposed Bylaws Changes

(Approved by voting membership on 11/7/24)

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 3. Term. The term of service for Board members shall be ~~two~~ **three** years, and shall start upon election at the annual meeting. ~~The terms of half plus one of the Board members shall commence in even numbered years and the terms of the remaining members shall commence in odd numbered years.~~ **Board terms shall be staggered to have 1/3 of the Board members terms commencing at the annual meeting.** No more than ~~two~~ **three** terms shall be served consecutively.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

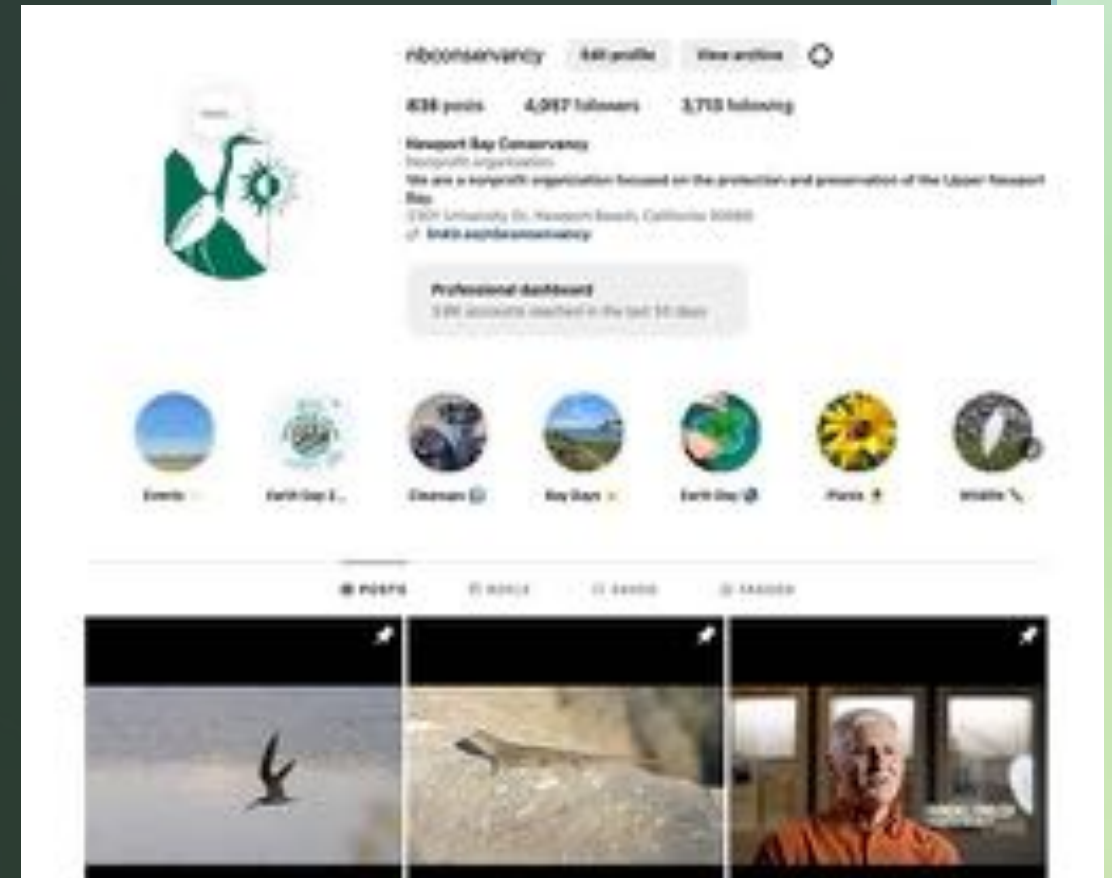
Section 4. Term. Officers shall serve a one-year term beginning immediately upon their election at the November meeting. No member may hold more than one office at a time. **No member may be elected to office if their board term expires at the same time as their officer term. Board members are not precluded from serving as an officer during the last year of their board term contingent upon the officer committing to an additional board term.**

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Adjourned



**Thank
you for
coming!**