



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
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**ACTION REQUESTED: INFORMATION**

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**BUENA VISTA LAGOON ENHANCEMENT PLAN:  
AVAILABILITY OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

File Number 1200201

**Introduction**

The Buena Vista Lagoon, located in northern San Diego County, is bisected by the cities of Oceanside and Carlsbad. It encompasses approximately 220 acres, extending to the coastline from just east of Interstate 5. The Lagoon is in a state of decline, and during the past decade numerous federal, state, and local agencies and organizations have attempted to reach consensus on how to reverse this decline through a large-scale enhancement effort.

In July 2012, SANDAG agreed to take over as the lead agency for the environmental review process from the State of California. SANDAG was asked to complete an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which analyzed all alternatives equally, and to make a recommendation for the Lagoon's enhancement. SANDAG involvement stems from its need to provide biological mitigation to offset impacts from transportation projects included in the North Coast Corridor Public Works Plan and future State Route 78 improvements.

SANDAG has completed the EIR for the Buena Vista Lagoon Enhancement Plan. The final EIR, which includes responses to comments received from the public, will be posted on the SANDAG [KeepSanDiegoMoving.com](http://KeepSanDiegoMoving.com) website for review. Notifications of its availability will be completed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

**Next Steps**

The final EIR for the Buena Vista Lagoon Enhancement Plan is expected to be brought to the SANDAG Board of Directors for consideration and certification in December 2017 or January 2018.

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