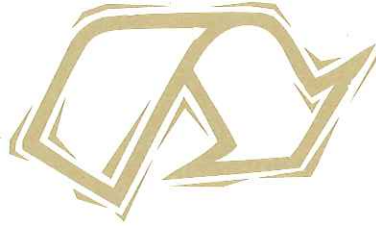


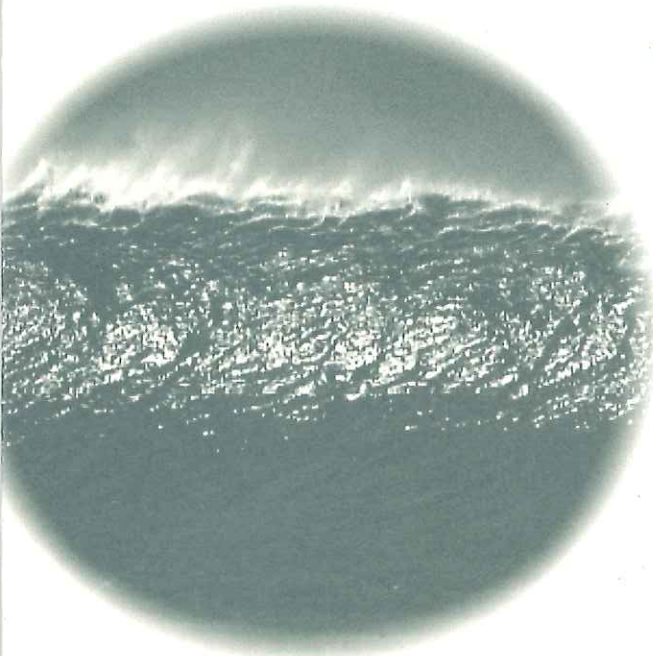
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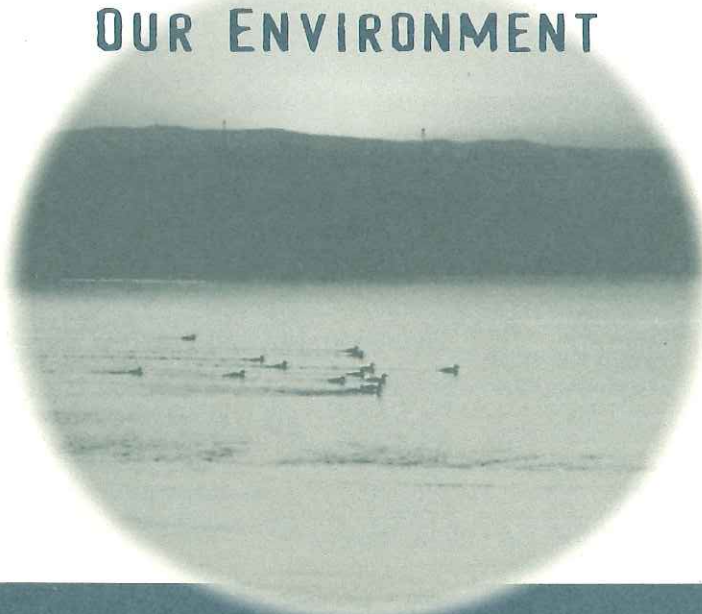
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Surfrider Foundation

The Battle for Bolsa Chica: 930 Acres of Coastal Wetlands Saved!

By Gordon LaBedz, MD

Eleven years ago, when the Surfrider Foundation's national office was in the back of Tom Pratte's bedroom in Huntington Beach, California, our rag tag group did everything we could to save the Bolsa Chica wetlands. Developers hoped to dredge the wetlands and turn it into a yacht marina. We held demonstrations. We went to all the hearings. We lobbied. The developer

went broke. The wetlands were safe, for a while.

In 1990, we thought all was lost. Surfrider Foundation national representatives met with the new, well capitalized and anxious developer of the Bolsa Chica wetlands. A Surfrider chapter not yet formed in the area. The developer faced no organized opposition. The national organization was spread

very thin

financially because of an expensive and prolonged lawsuit in Humboldt County, California.

In 1992 everything changed with the forming of the Bolsa Chica Land Trust. The Land Trust was committed to buying the entire 1700 acre parcel of land along Bolsa Chica State Beach in Huntington Beach. Our newly formed Long Beach/North Orange County chapter held a party and donated the proceeds so that the Land Trust could do a membership mailing. Once again, the battle to save the Bolsa Chica was on. This time, when we win, there will be no new developers, the land will be returned to nature, permanently.

Two and a half years of hearings, literature tables, demonstrations, lawsuits, TV and radio shows and constant one-to-one education has given us a massive victory—the property owner has decided to sell.

The wetland part of the property will be purchased and restored by the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. The ports have set aside funds for local environmental mitigation to make up for they damage they have done by expanding their harbors.

The developer still hopes



for a zoning change that will allow him to build 2,500 houses surrounding the wetlands. We are working with the Land Trust on finding ways to acquire the mesa that overlooks the wetlands. This is an important wetland buffer, not only for wildlife, but also to filter water before it runs into the wetlands and to the beach.

There is a proposal to destroy four acres of Bolsa Chica Beach. We are opposed to an expensive and destructive proposed new opening to the wetlands. We favor wetland restoration that will allow polluted land run off to stay in the wetlands longer. Bolsa Chica Beach is one of the cleanest in North Orange County because the wetlands filter run off before it reaches the surf. Our goal is a healthy wetland and a healthy beach.

Honorary deeds to Bolsa Chica are being sold to help the rest of the Bolsa Chica, one square foot for ten dollars, one square yard for ninety dollars. Send your check to: Bolsa Chica Foot Buy Foot, 207 21st St. Huntington Beach, CA 92648.



VICTORIES

The Surfrider Foundation, represented by the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, scored a major victory in Kailua Bay, Hawaii against the City and County of Honolulu for deliberate by-passing of the Kailua wastewater treatment plant, resulting in raw sewage discharge into Kailua Bay.

The citizen's suit filed on May 5, 1992 by the Surfrider

Club Legal Defense Fund and to be able to assist the surfers and citizens of Hawaii in keeping the ocean clean for all ocean users." said Terrence McCann, Surfrider Foundation President.

Kailua Bay is a world-renowned recreational beach, perhaps most famous for its great windsurfing conditions. However, due to the city's sewage outfall and non-point

almost a year over what civil penalties would be assessed. Due to the high number of violations, the penalty would be quite substantial.

The landmark agreement that the parties finally agreed to is precedent setting in its accomplishments. The agreement provides for the following programs:



SF Settles with City of Honolulu:

City Penalized for Over 13,000 Clean Water Act Violations!

By Michelle C. Kremer

Foundation, Save Our Bays and Beaches, Hawaii's Thousand Friends, and the Sierra Club, against the City and County of Honolulu, the court held, among other things, that the City had violated the Clean Water Act a total of 13,792 times! This may be the highest ever recorded number of Clean Water Act violations in the country in such a case.

"We are very happy to have aligned ourselves with the Sierra

source pollution from nearby streams that run into both ends of the bay, water quality in the bay chronically exceeds State standards for enterococcus at nearshore stations about 40% of the year.

The Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund's attorneys, Denise Antolini, Paul Achitoff and Lea Hong, represented Surfrider Foundation et al, in this case. SCLDF attorneys negotiated with the City and County for

Facilities Plan, Kailua Regional Plant

The purpose of this plan is to determine the future wastewater needs of the Kailua/ Kane-ohe area and what modifications/upgrades to the Regional plant, pump stations, and collection system are needed.

Ultraviolet Light ("UV") Disinfection

The city is to retain a consultant to undertake preliminary engineering (including a pilot project) work for the implementation of the permanent, routine UV disinfection facility at the Kailua Regional plant and if technically feasible, the design and construction of the UV disinfection facility.

Kailua Bay Advisory Council

The purpose of the Council shall be: 1) study the non-point sources of pollution in the Kailua/Kane ohe/Waimanalo

watershed areas and some point sources; 2) determine effective measures to mitigate such pollution to the maximum extent practicable; 3) to oversee the implementation of measures to mitigate such pollution. 4) to oversee the volunteer water quality monitoring project to be implemented.

The Council will oversee generally three programs: 1) The Technical Program, which will result in a report recommending measures to improve water quality. 2) the Implementation Program, to implement the mitigation measures adopted by the Council; and 3) the Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program.

"This case of protecting Hawaii's beaches depended on strong Clean Water Act regulations. It is ironic that the Clean Water Act is now threatened in Congress by substantial revisions like H.R. 961." said Dr. Pierce Flynn, Surfrider Foundation Executive Director.