

## PARTICIPANTS

### SIERRA CLUB DIALOGUE UPPER BALLONA WATERSHED

## SPEAKERS

### Bev-Sue Powers, Moderator

**David McNeill**, Host Executive Director of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy.

**Margot Griswold, Ph.D.**, Restoration Ecologist and former owner of EARTHWORKS Restoration, Inc.

**Lan Weber, Ph.D., P.E., Hydrologist**, WRC Consulting Services, Inc.

**Rex Frankel**, President, Ballona Ecosystem Education Project.

**Lore Pekrul**, Chair, Geographic Information System (GIS) Angeles Chapter, Sierra Club

**Will McWhinney**, Central Group, Hike Leader, Upper B

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### Art Community

Christian Kasperkovitz (Elk Pen) Public Artist, McGill University

Lucy Blake-Elahi, Art History Assistant Professors, West LA College; Public Artist

### Baldwin Hills Conservancy

Gail Krippner, Grant Program Manager

### California Greenworks

Mike Meador / Nangy Ngugi

### California Native Plant Society

Betsy Landis, Vice-President LA-Santa Monica Mountains Native Plant Society

Arlene Hopkins, Retired Architect, LA City Schools

### Coalition to Preserve LA

Jill Stewart

Ileana Wachtel

### LA Audubon Society

Cindy Hardin, LA Audubon Outdoor Education Director

Brad Rumble - LA Audubon Board Member, Principal at Esperanza Elementary School

### Sierra Club

Chuck Gooley, Member GIS Committee Angeles Chapter

Will McWhinney, Member Central Group, Hike Leader Upper Ballona Watershed

Elizabeth Gray Bayne, Member Central Group, GrayBayne Film/Media

Charming Evelyn, Chair Angeles Chapter Water Committee, Co-Chair Diversity

Jeanette Vosburg, Chair Airport Marina Group

Kathy Knight, Chair Airport Marina Group Conservation

Lauren Gottlieb, Airport Marina Group Ex-Com

Miriam Faugno, Airport Marina Group Ex-Com, Narrator Ballona Fly-Over

Suzu Goodman, Airport Marina Group Ex-Com

Kathy Gooley, Member

Brittany Ford, Member

### The River Project

Melanie Winter

### Webmaster

Peter Benjamin



**SIERRA CLUB**  
ANGELES CHAPTER

## BALLONA CREEK WATERSHED TWO-DAY VISIONING WORKSHOP

*From pipe shed to watershed.* Setting set a higher standard for urban planning by envisioning ways to restore the historic Ballona Creek Watershed to a vibrant, natural habitat that invites wildlife, captures stormwater and beautifies our neighborhoods and public places.



**Margot Griswold**  
President  
LA Audubon



**Bev-Sue Powers**  
Naturalist &  
Dialogue Facilitator



**David McNeill**  
Executive Director  
Baldwin Hills Conservancy



**Rex Frankel**  
Environmentalist  
LA Creek Parks



**Lan Weber, Ph.D., P.E.**  
Hydrologist  
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Stoneview Nature Center  
5950 Stoneview Drive  
Culver City, CA

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018**  
10:00AM - 4:00PM - Dialogue

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018**  
10:00AM - 12:30PM - Bus Tour

**SIERRA CLUB PROGRAM**  
**DIALOGUE & MAPPING UPPER BALLONA WATERSHED**

“Anything the mind of man can see and believe, it can achieve.”  
 William James

**Saturday 10-4 pm DIALOGUE & MAPPING UPPER BALLONA WATERSHED**

<b>10:00 am OPENING REMARKS</b>	Bev-Sue Powers, Moderator. <i>Note taker/reporter/time keeper/easel</i>
<b>10:05 am WELCOME to STONEVIEW</b>	David McNeill, Host, Executive Director of Baldwin Hills Conservancy.
<b>10:15 am WHY RESTORATION?</b>	Margot Griswold, Ph.D., Restoration Ecologist Former owner EARTHWORKS Restoration, Inc.
<b>ENGINEERING’S ROLE</b>	Lan Weber, Ph.D., P.E., Hydrologist, WRC Consulting Services, Inc.
<b>10:25 am DAYLIGHTING STREAMS</b>	Rex Frankel, President of Ballona Ecosystem Education Project.
<b>10:35 am MAPPING WITH GIS</b>	Lore Pekrul, Chair GIS Committee Angeles Chapter Sierra Club
<b>10:40 am UPPER BALLONA</b>	Will McWhinney, Central Group Historian, Hike Leader
<b>10:50 am BREAK</b>	
<b>11:00 am 100 &amp; 200 YEARS AGO</b>	Eric Dugdale, Pacific Palisades Historical Society
<b>11:10 am MORNING – Summary</b>	Reporter
<b>11:15 am DIALOGUE/BREAKOUTS</b>	Bev-Sue, Facilitator. Four groups.
<b>11:45 am DIALOGUE - Summary</b>	Reporters
<b>12:00 pm LUNCH / Restrooms</b>	
<b>12:45 pm MAPPING</b>	<i>4 Groups – Each has note taker/reporter/time keeper/easel. Each group will have a 2 mile detailed street/storm drain map with tissue paper overlays to write on.</i>
<b>1:30 pm MAPPING – Summary</b>	Reporters
<b>1:40 pm BREAK</b>	
<b>1:50 pm MORE MAPPING</b>	<i>4 Groups – Each has note taker/reporter/time keeper/easel. Each group refines their 2-mile street /storm drain map.</i>
<b>2:50 pm MAPPING – Summary</b>	Reporters
<b>3:00 pm PANEL DISCUSSION PATH FORWARD / Q &amp; A</b>	Reassemble Morning Speakers
<b>3:50 pm CLOSING REMARKS</b>	Bev-Sue Powers
<b>4:00 pm Adjourn</b>	

**Sunday 10 am – 12:30 pm BUS TOUR**

**UPPER BALLONA WATERSHED:** Augustus Hawking Park – 8.5 acre wild life park at the corner of Slauson and Compton Avenues Esperanza Elementary – LA Audubon Native Garden - Principal Brad Rumble – 680 Little St. Queen Anne Recreation Center – Between 1240 West Boulevard and Queen Anne Place Day-lighted Ballona Creek – Venice Boulevard and Cochran

**SPEAKERS**

**Bev-Sue Powers**, Moderator, is a Ballona Wildlife Photographer and Blogger as well as a consultant/project leader of corporate change for companies like General Electric where she helped 13 different corporations under the GE umbrella embrace one Legal Department for the whole corporation. Bev-Sue is currently working at the Rand Corporation to enliven their 350-page written project reports using today’s flexible, newsworthy technologies.

**David McNeill**, Host Executive Director of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy. David will give us an overview of how the Conservancy functions and it's vision for a wildlife and pedestrian corridor "Park to Play" from the Baldwin Hills to the Santa Monica Bay. Currently the Conservancy has jurisdiction from the center of Ballona Creek south to the southern edge of the Ballona Watershed and west to 90 Freeway. David has overseen the construction of the buildings, gardens and hiking trails at the 8.5-acre Stoneview Nature Center, the 40-acre Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook which attracts thousands of hikers every week, the newly dedicated 2-acre Milton Green Street project along Ballona Creek in Marina del Rey and is currently working to create a land bridge from Stoneview Nature Park to Kenneth Hahn State Park.

**Margot Griswold**, Ph.D., Restoration Ecologist and former owner of EARTHWORKS Restoration, Inc. has done restorations for the West Bluffs Slopes and Bluff Trail in Playa del Rey, California. She and Lan Weber of WRC designed and implemented walking trails and riparian corridor, adjacent to Bonita Creek, an urban stream restoration for three endangered species in Newport Beach, California. They also worked in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Santa Ana habitat restoration. Margot is President of Los Angeles Audubon Society, has worked with Baldwin Hills Conservancy on the planting and maintenance of the 40-acre Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook, and spoken out for natural freshwater wetlands at Ballona that preserve saltpan, and 12 other habitats that currently exist at Ballona. ESRI

**Lan Weber**, Ph.D., P.E., Hydrologist, WRC Consulting Services, Inc. Dr. Weber has over 25 years of experience in wetlands and river restoration projects, with strong expertise in hydrology, hydraulics, river erosion and sedimentation, flood control and drainage system design and analysis. She has been involved in over 300 multi-disciplinary wetlands, river, coastal and watershed management projects and has successfully managed design and planning for both public and private agency projects ranging from \$5,000 to over \$5 million.

**Rex Frankel** is President of Ballona Ecosystem Education Project. Rex envisions opening 10 miles of natural, day-lighted streams from Los Feliz to Venice Boulevard that will complete a 50-mile-contiguous hiking trail around LA. Rex has devoted his adult life to our greater Los Angeles urban and outlying wilderness. He is an avid hike leader, has achieved a life long goal of owning 120-acre Mount Rexmore in Chatsworth, California where he is creating hiking trails. He has highlighted his favorite parts of the *Seeking Streams* report for you.

**Lore Pekrul**, Chair, Geographic Information System (GIS) Committee Angeles Chapter, Sierra Club will give a short overview of GIS and ESRI, a GIS mapping software we are using today.

**Will McWhinney**, Member Central Group, Hike Leader, Historical Upper Ballona Watershed. Where did all the water go?

**Eric Dugdale**, President, Pacific Palisades Historical Society, will share historical maps and photos to look back on what life was like 100 and 200 years ago before storm drains replaced Cienegas (Swamps and Marshes) in the Ballona Watershed. 5-minute power point.