

**From:** JEFF FINN  
**To:** CSLC CommissionMeetings  
**Subject:** Treasure Island in San francisco bay - breach of the 2014 Trust Exchange Agreement.  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 19, 2022 7:43:09 AM

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Thank You

Jeffrey Finn

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**Subject:** Re: SLC & Ballona Wetlands Conservancy - Playa Vista Entity and Harms Ballona Wetlands Hydrology. How is this sanctioned by SLC?  
**Date:** Friday, April 22, 2022 11:01:11 AM  
**Attachments:** [Screen Shot 2021-06-25 at 1.10.49 PM.png](#)

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Patricia McPherson President  
Jeanette@SaveBallona.org (310) 721-3512

Good morning Ms. Calvo,

Grassroots Coalition appreciates your search for records you are deeming responsive to a Public Record Act Request. We look forward to receiving the materials, if any and to please provide legal reasoning for any/all that are withheld.

However, Grassroots Coalition has requested dialogue with the leadership of the California State Lands Commission, Ms. Lucchessi. Ostensibly, per her email to staff, she had requested staff to be responsive to our queries pertaining to the Ballona Wetlands Conservancy and the Ballona freshwater marsh system (catch basin system). The Freshwater Marsh System at Ballona affects the entire Ballona Wetlands ecosystem therefore, we seek response from SLC in order to promote the health and well being of Ballona Wetlands Ecosystems. There are extreme concerns pertaining to oilfield gas leakage over the poorly abandoned (according to numerous former LA City oil/gas consultants who have studied the Playa Vista/ Ballona area extensively) University City Syndicate oilwell. We continue to seek response to our queries regarding and pertaining to these contamination issues and the oversight that is lacking to attend to this issue. Please also respond to the Ballona Conservancy queries that, in part, are included in this email. We also continue to seek SLC responsiveness to Grassroots Coalition, the public, as pertaining to the freshwater marsh portion of Ballona Wetlands and its ability to be part of the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve. These are all questions we've been posing for many years to only have SLC dodge any meaningful, response while simply using the Public Record Act in its dodge of simple questions that it should be responsive to on behalf of the PUBLIC TRUST PROPERTY THAT IS BALLONA WETLANDS---WHICH THE PUBLIC OWNS. The Freshwater Marsh System has been wasting clean freshwater to the ocean for the past 20 years, rather than allowing the freshwater to be utilized for Ballona Wetlands. This is pretty basic 101 hydrology harm to Ballona Wetlands that SLC ignores. Why is this???

These are very simple questions. If you are unable to field these questions, please forward to whoever is at the State Lands Commission that can openly, with transparency and good faith, actually discuss these issues with us, the public. We have waited patiently for years to have SLC not act as an absentee landlord and to actually become open to addressing the public.

Please respond ASAP, thank you,  
Patricia McPherson, Grassroots Coalition

-----Original Message-----

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Cc: PRARrequest, CSLC@SLC <CSLC.PRARrequest@slc.ca.gov>  
Sent: Thu, Apr 21, 2022 5:24 pm  
Subject: RE: SLC & Ballona Wetlands Conservancy - Playa Vista Entity and Harms Ballona Wetlands Hydrology. How is this sanctioned by SLC?

Dear Ms. McPherson:

Please find a letter attached in response to the records request contained in your April 12 email.

Thank you,

**Lucinda Calvo**  
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**From:** patriciamcpherson1@verizon.net <patriciamcpherson1@verizon.net>

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 12, 2022 10:50 AM

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## Additional Information Significance of the Ballona Wetlands Conservancy IRS Forms 2014 - 2015 - 2016

**Ballona Wetlands Conservancy's actions of drying/draining/dewatering harms the Wetlands, it does not nourish them, a direct contradiction to their Mission**

**Statement to preserve environmentally sensitive wetlands.**

**The B.W. Conservancy is demonstrably not the Committee referenced in the DOJ LETTER**, which includes agency and Council District oversight. The B.W. Conservancy, as is seen in the personal signatures of the board, appears as a wholly private business representing Playa Vista residents, whose oversight of their flood control system/catch basin (aka freshwater marsh system) benefits Playa Vista.

The oversight by the Ballona Conservancy pumps, diverts and throws away Ballona's freshwater resources away from Ballona into either the ocean and/or the sanitary sewer. This we construe as causing harm to Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve which is in direct contradiction to their Mission Statement to preserve environmentally sensitive wetlands.

The Form 990 Part III Field 4a is the BWC Mission Statement: acknowledges Ballona is one of the last large freshwater coastal wetlands and ecosystem in LA County, which contradicts their erroneous and inaccurate description of Ballona as a salt marsh.

[Attachment 1 - 2014 IRS Form 990](#) - 24 page pdf - 1.7 meg

[Attachment 2 - 2015 IRS Form 990](#) - 24 page pdf - 2 meg

[Attachment 2 - 2016 IRS Form 990](#) - 23 page pdf - 2.5 meg

Have you ANY IRS FORMS that demonstrate ANY PARTICIPATION BY BOARD MEMBERS of the Ballona Wetlands Conservancy OTHER THAN Playa Vista executives?

<https://saveballona.org/jvstop-drying-out-ballona-wetlands-ecological-reserve-stop-playa-vistas-confiscation-and-throw-away-ballonas-freshwater-resources.html>

Please provide this to all State Lands Commissioners,  
Patricia McPherson, Grassroots Coalition

**From:** Darren Bass  
**To:** CSLC CommissionMeetings  
**Subject:** April 26th Commission Meeting Comment  
**Date:** Saturday, April 23, 2022 8:07:17 AM

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