

# **SALTWATER ALTERNATIVE BEST FOR BUENA VISTA LAGOON ENHANCEMENT**

The Buena Vista Audubon Society operates the nature center at the lagoon and supports the Saltwater Alternative over the Freshwater Alternative for enhancement of the Buena Vista Lagoon because of the following benefits:

- Maximizes overall species diversity, and increases coastal saltwater wetlands, an endangered habitat;
- Best addresses community goals of mosquito abatement, cattail reduction, reduced flooding, and beach sand replenishment;
- Best reduces water pollution pursuant to the Clean Water Act by allowing tidal flushing and increased water circulation;
- Best meets the objectives for lagoon enhancement as set out at the start of the EIR process; and,
- Offers the best opportunity for enhancement project implementation through mitigation funding.

In addition, we are joined in our support for the Saltwater Alternative by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish & Wildlife, and California Coastal Commission.

The SANDAG Board, within the next few months, will schedule a meeting to decide which alternative to support. If the Freshwater Alternative is selected, private landowners will be allowed to impose their will over the interests of the public. Restoring the lagoon to a saltwater estuary/marsh would be in the public interest.

## **ACT NOW BY CONTACTING ANY OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

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