



**Surfrider Foundation
Huntington Beach/Seal Beach and Newport Chapters
June 15th General Meeting @ Don the Beachcombers, at 6:30 PM
Presentation by: Professor Connie Boardman and Kim Kolpin**



LAND TRUST ADVOCATES “CPR FOR THE MESA”
(Community Promoted Restoration)

The long awaited restoration plan for the Lower Bench of the Bolsa Chica Mesa is getting closer to becoming a reality. Entitled "CPR For The Mesa" it is an ambitious ten-year \$4.3 million restoration project. Partnering with the California Department of Fish and Game who owns the Lower Bench, the Land Trust has spent the past 4 years planning the best restoration project possible.

The degraded condition of the Lower Bench presents many difficult challenges, and many requirements for the wildlife that must be met. The Project includes the creation of habitat zones, the largest being a 65 acre native coastal prairie native grassland which will provide much needed foraging habitat for raptors and mammals. Additional Southern California Coastal Sage Scrub, seasonal wetlands, and enhanced native plantings around Warner Pond ESHA (Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area), and riparian/herbaceous wetland habitats will one day replace the 118 acres of non-native invasive European grasses which currently choke the land.

The Bolsa Chica Land Trust Board member and former Mayor of Huntington Beach Professor Connie Boardman receives the Environmental Hero Award from Southern California Edison

Professor Boardman is the Chair of the Department of Biology at Cerritos College. The Environmental Hero awards were presented on Friday April 29th at the Southern California Edison corporate headquarters in Rosemead.

The Environmental Hero Award recognizes individuals and organizations in the Southern California region who have demonstrated environmental stewardship. Former Mayor Boardman was selected for her work with the Bolsa Chica Stewards- the Restoration Team of the Bolsa Chica Land Trust. For over 14 years the Stewards have planted over 18,000 native plants with the help of over 10,000 volunteers.



Professor Boardman, Bolsa Chica Land Trust SCE-Environmental Hero Award winner and Jenna Burnett, Edison International

Currently, the Stewards in cooperation with the Department of Fish and Game have launched the CPR (Community Promoted Restoration) for the Bolsa Chica Mesa. This ambitious 10 year Program will restore 118 acres of the Bolsa Chica Mesa with native habitats.

Working to protect, preserve and restore the Bolsa Chica has been Professor Boardman's passion for close to 20 years. The Bolsa Chica Land Trust is delighted that SCE has recognized Connie's years of dedication to the vision of saving all of Bolsa Chica.