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## Malibu Lagoon Restoration Project Website restoremalibulagoon.com

## **FACTS** on the Malibu Lagoon Restoration

The Malibu Lagoon Restoration Project partners announced today that a new project web site is available to allow all members of the public and the press to have access to all scientific facts regarding the restoration of the Malibu Lagoon. The address is listed above.

This is a story about how this important lagoon restoration will significantly improve the health of all plants, wildlife and aquatic organisms. That is the position that all major permitting agencies and a lengthy list of Malibu Lagoon Task Force organizations, technical advisors and review agencies all strongly support because it is based in scientific evidence collected for many years.

It is an uncontested fact that the lagoon is not healthy and continues in a state of decline. However, the carefully thought out science of what is needed for restoration is being drowned-out and lost in the misinformed message of the opposition.

Without significant intervention as proposed, Malibu Lagoon is doomed to become a stagnant waterway, a dead zone, devoid of the kind of wetland aquatic organisms that historically thrived there.

It is a body of water that remains in a state of decline, with low oxygen levels that are slowly destroying the aquatic organisms within the lagoon. You will hear comments that it looks fine now, that it is green and beautiful with birds throughout the area. If you could look at the real problem, you would be looking below the water's surface, where declining oxygen levels are slowly smothering and killing the aquatic plants and animals at the bottom of the food chain. That fact has been clearly documented and shows that Malibu lagoon is on a downward slide toward stagnation.

Please go to the web site and research the facts. Then come to the lagoon and see for yourself how carefully planned restoration work can save our precious coastal resources at Malibu Lagoon.

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