

HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

- A pipe barrier was built in the 1940s at the mouth of the lagoon, and after it failed, an underwater concrete fence (weir) was installed in 1971.
- The weir blocks the incoming ocean tides, while holding in the fresh water that flows from inland sources.
- Eventually the cattail-choked lagoon will fill with sediment, and form a marshy, mosquito-friendly meadow.

Buena Vista Lagoon is the ONLY California lagoon that has been altered from saltwater to freshwater.

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO CORRECT THIS SITUATION?

- Support SANDAG-conducted studies and Environmental Impact Report on enhancing the lagoon.
- Support SANDAG-recommended removal of the weir in what is called the Saltwater Alternative.
- Saltwater Alternative will reduce mosquitoes and public health issues, improve water quality, and increase wildlife in the lagoon.

SALTWATER ALTERNATIVE cleans the lagoon naturally by allowing the ocean tides to flush the lagoon.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

The SANDAG Board of Directors will make a decision on which Alternative to support in May 2019.

You can find the name of the SANDAG representative for your area at the following Internet link:
www.sandag.org/index.asp?fuseaction=about.board

Please contact your representative prior to the meeting to indicate support for the Saltwater Alternative.

DON'T LET SUPPORTERS OF THE UNDERWATER FENCE DROWN OUT THE VOICE OF THE LARGER COMMUNITY.

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