

2017 Candidates for Airport Marina Group Executive Committee
3 Candidates (Listed in random ballot order)
3 Open Positions

Jeanette Vosburg

My involvement with the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club began in the late 1990's. I support protecting our great wilderness places across the planet as well as the bio-diversity of wildlife, people and pets that inhabit it. I think diversity should be celebrated and that we should be good stewards of the earth.

Currently, I am chair of the Sierra Club Airport Marina Group (AMG) and by virtue of that sit on the Angeles Chapter Ex-Com that has monthly meetings at the Sierra Club offices. The Airport Marina Group meets monthly in Marina del Rey at Burton Chace Park. Our programs are oriented toward the Ballona Wetlands, Ballona Flood Control Channel and the Ballona Watershed. We favor a slow, careful restoration of Wetlands, protecting endangered species, and oppose proposed dredging of the Wetlands.

At our home we treat rainwater like gold and capture and reuse every drop that come down on our land. We use cisterns, catchments basins, permeable pavers, mulch and drought tolerant plants. We also water fruit trees with gray water.

I would like to be elected so I can continue to be involved and to contribute to thoughtful management of our environmental resources.

Jack Neff

I joined the Sierra Club Airport Marina group executive committee in 2017. Between 2014 and 2009 I was the vice president and executive administrator of the Gabrielino Tongva Springs Foundation.

For over 20 years I have worked to save the Ballona Wetlands as habitat for wildlife and open space with the Ballona Ecosystem Education Project, Wetlands Action Network, and the Grassroot Coalition.

My interests are in changing the cycle of freshwater from designed waste and pollution into groundwater percolation, wetlands recharge and rainwater recovery.

I believe Los Angeles is a naturally forested habitat with adequate freshwater for humans and wildlife if we can just change the cycle of freshwater waste caused by poor human design.

Patricia McPherson

In 1989 Patricia McPherson started a Wetlands Committee for Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter. In 1990 she produced Wetlands 90, a 3 day, multi-interactive, educational event that drew 10,000 people to the Ballona Wetlands. During her advocacy for the purchase of the Ballona Wetlands, she discovered that

SoCalGas in Playa del Rey, California, was importing and storing imported natural gas in caverns in the oilfield below the Playa del Rey Bluffs. Since 1993, when she formed Grassroots Coalition she has fought for transparent, accountable government, and full disclosure of environmental public health and safety issues including gas and oil field operations and to preserve and restore our precious Local Ballona Watershed. In 2003-4 640 acres of Ballona Wetlands were purchased by the State of California. They are known as the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve.

Patricia continues to support a slow, careful restoration of the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve and to oppose bulldozing and removing 25 to 30 feet of the soil to invite salt water into the wetlands. She wants to remain on the Sierra Club Airport Marina Group Ex-Com.