

Bolsa Chica
Conservancy



The Bolsa Chica Conservancy

2024

Annual Report

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of The Bolsa Chica Conservancy is to provide services that inspire and connect all generations through community involvement and leadership in hands-on restoration and education in wetland science, watersheds, coastal ecology, and environmental sustainability.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

On behalf of The Bolsa Chica Conservancy's Board of Directors I am pleased to share our 2024 Annual Report with you. The following pages will demonstrate the many successes we experienced this year as we worked daily to accomplish three primary strategic goals set for the year.

- Diversify and broaden organizational resources and sustainability.
- Increase the organization's footprint through growth and collaborations.
- Increase organizational capabilities by developing strong, engaged board leaders.

We began the year focusing on strengthening our organizational foundation. We hired and trained new talented and engaged staff members ready to educate and share what we love with the community. Every day they share all aspects of our wetland ecology with children and adults; they share the biology and history surrounding Bolsa Chica, opening their eyes, and inspiring the next generation of environmental stewards.

The new Interpretive Center is complete and waiting for you to stop by and take a tour. While you are onsite, you will witness daily buses full of children from local schools learning lessons in coastal ecology that will change the way they view our coast and appreciate nature. Completed this year was our new Wetlands On Wheels, WOW, mobile classroom. The WOW van spent the year bringing the wetlands to students unable to visit in person. Our Bunny Bus, with an updated and expanded curriculum for off-site learning, also visits schools and community events throughout Orange County every week.

To increase our footprint, we focused on working with others in the community to share resources to make everyone's life easier. We expanded our Board of Directors with community leaders that can help The Bolsa Chica Conservancy grow and thrive. Together we became stronger, expanding our ability to be prepared for the next challenge.

Thank you for taking the time to read our Annual Report. We hope you will be inspired enough to share our story. We love what we do, but we could not do it without you.

Sincerely,



Bob Hoxsie, Chairman
The Bolsa Chica Conservancy

EDUCATION

In 2024, we expanded our education programs with a new 8 week summer camp and challenged ourselves to create programs and update lessons that really encouraged a deeper understanding of the wetlands with engaging activities and content.

The Bolsa Chica Conservancy provides expert guided hikes and field labs for students who visit The Bolsa Chica Interpretive Center and public tours to quench the community's curiosity. Every exhibit, event, camp, and program sets the stage to connect the visitor with the legacy of the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve.

28,519

Students & visitors were taught about the Bolsa Chica wetlands in 2024.



WETLANDS ON WHEELS- WOW

With our WOW van completed for Earth Day 2024, we rolled out our entirely new traveling aquarium and educational program to schools and community events throughout Southern California.

Focusing on the wildlife found at Bolsa Chica, the WOW van features hands-on learning about mammals, fish, and birds here in the Bolsa Chica wetlands.

Thanks to AES and Simple Green, The BCC is able to provide an accessible opportunity for the neighborhoods in our community with limited resources and who need us the most.

8,284

Total participants experienced WOW events in 2024

73%

of WOW events were provided in disadvantaged communities or on Title 1 campuses.



RESTORATION & RESEARCH



Restoring the wetlands following impacts from trash and invasive species is a critical part of the work that we do in the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve (BCER) and our major restoration site near Harriett Wieder Regional Park. Through community science programs and relationships with local universities, The Bolsa Chica Conservancy strives to understand the complexities of the wetland ecosystem so that we can make informed decisions about how best to protect it.

In 2024, we continued our Eyes on Nest Sites (EONS) program to monitor endangered and threatened bird species that nest in the BCER every spring. A new wildlife monitoring program was developed to similarly track sea turtles that frequent Bolsa Chica. Habitat restoration work near Harriett Wieder Regional Park continues with ambitious goals to improve trails, signage, and programming in 2025.

28,628

Pounds of invasive plants removed

1,629

Pounds of trash collected & removed

1,585

Volunteers helped at 121 restoration events

VOLUNTEER & OUTREACH

Volunteer engagement is the backbone to accomplishing the work that we do. Interns and volunteers help complete projects for education, habitat restoration, and animal husbandry every day. Our interns shadow staff and assist The Bolsa Chica Conservancy on all programs, projects, events, and daily operations. Without their dedication and loyalty to our mission, we wouldn't be able to accomplish a fraction of our work.

In 2024 The Bolsa Chica Conservancy accepted 37 interns from local universities and benefited from their knowledge and experience.

6,319

Hours donated by interns and certified volunteers in 2024

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Earth Day

500 attendees including staff and volunteers.



Coastal Cleanup Day

200 volunteers collected 278 pounds of trash.



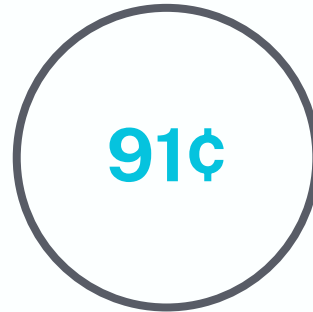
Boo @ Bolsa

40 + youth enjoyed games, activities, and treats.

ACCOUNTING

Where Our Funding Comes From

Program Related Revenue	\$ 74,861
Grants & Donations	\$226,291
Events & Fundraisers	\$235,337
Other Income	\$ 67,410
Total Revenue	\$603,899



**of every dollar
donated goes to
programs**

How We Use Our Resources

Program Related Services	\$525,074
Management & General Operating	\$ 59,191
Improvements & Repairs	\$ 18,918
Special Events & Fundraising	\$ 62,062
Total Expense	\$665,245

* Unaudited and without depreciation

UPCOMING 2025 EVENTS- Mark Your Calendar

Earth Day Fair

Sunday, April 27th - The Bolsa Chica Interpretive Center

4th of July Brunch

Friday, July 4th - Fred's Mexican Cafe, 300 PCH, HB

12th Annual Barefoot Ball

Friday, August 22th - The Waterfront Beach Resort, A Hilton Hotel, HB

Coastal Cleanup Day

Saturday, September 20th - Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve and Bolsa Chica State Beach

Giving Tuesday

Tuesday, December 2nd - Online Giving Campaign

OUR LEADERSHIP

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Professional Staff

Carissa Macias, Executive Director

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Brooke Anderson, Sr. Education Coordinator

Mara Salisbury, Sr. Restoration & Research Coordinator

Jo Ann Canty, Education Coordinator

Jess Roberts, Restoration and Research Coordinator

Steven Bell, Administrative Services

David Pryor, Senior Scientist (consultant)



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**We apologize for any errors or omissions.*



COME VISIT THE BOLSA CHICA ECOLOGICAL RESERVE INTERPRETIVE CENTER

Business Hours:

Monday: 9am - 1pm

Tuesday-Sunday: 9am - 4pm

Trails & Parking are open from Sunrise to Sunset every day

Interpretive Center and Parking are always FREE to visit!



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