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Center for Santa Monica Bay Studies Launches *Urban Coast* Website Today

Site's Goal is Timely, Constructive Exchange on Global Urban Coastal Regions Among Science and Policy Leaders

Los Angeles, CA (October 16, 2014) – The Center for Santa Monica Bay Studies today launched UrbanCoast.org, a website that is now the hub for the *Urban Coast* journal. The site hosts all four of the previous issues, accessible in whole or by article, and offers a place for ongoing submissions to encourage current discussions about the fast-changing urban coastal regions around the world.

The peer-reviewed *Urban Coast* multidisciplinary journal is published by the Center for Santa Monica Bay Studies, a partnership of Loyola Marymount University's Seaver College of Science and Engineering and The Bay Foundation. The Journal presents the Center's mission to engage in multidisciplinary research on environmental and social issues affecting Santa Monica Bay, its watershed and other urban coastal areas around the world, and to contribute to policies and actions that improve the environmental condition of these areas.

The Center's directors, John Dorsey, Ph.D., Loyola Marymount University, Seaver College of Science and Engineering, Dept. of Civil Engineering & Environmental Science, and Tom Ford, The Bay Foundation, state: "The environmental challenges of this century will require that we as a global community better understand the interrelatedness of our living planet and the human landscape. Humanity is concentrated along the coastlines of our planet and in its cities and urban areas. The central purpose of *Urban Coast* is the exploration of this dynamic, through the dissemination of science and policy."

Topics covered by *Urban Coast* include, but are not limited to: habitat preservation and restoration, stormwater management, water supply and conservation, monitoring techniques and indicators, emerging contaminants, BMP effectiveness, low impact development, climate change, sustainability, invasive species, resource management, socioeconomics, environmental justice, and other pertinent coastal science and policy topics.

The *Urban Coast* journal website is a forum for researchers, agencies, advocacy groups, and other science and policy leaders to engage in such issues to find common ground and highlight the robust science, analyses, and assessments needed to catalyze good policy, design, and management actions.

Highlights of the new website include:

- First four issues of *Urban Coast*, searchable in whole or by article, for free.

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- Contributor and Reviewer requirements
- Explanations about the Journal, the Editorial Team and the Center for Santa Monica Bay Studies

Past issues have featured articles by experts in their respective fields, such as:

[Revitalized Rivers and Vibrant Communities: The Promise in Los Angeles](#)

[Urban Greening: A Residential Learning Lab](#)

[Achievable Restoration Targets for Urban Wetlands](#)

[Who Will Pay to Clean up Stormwater](#) (editorial)

[Public Perceptions of Coastal Resources in Southern California](#)

[Historical Ecology as a Living Resource for Informing Urban Wetland Restoration](#)

[Responsible Seafood Sourcing: A Distributor's Perspective](#)

[Funding for a Healthy Bay](#)

[Urban Runoff and Stormwater: Strategies and the Need to Use All the Tools in our BMP Toolbox](#)

[Giant Kelp Community Restoration in Santa Monica Bay](#)

The *Urban Coast Journal* can be accessed at <http://urbancoast.org/>.

About The Center for Santa Monica Bay Studies

The [Center for Santa Monica Bay Studies](#) (Center) was established as a joint program of the [Seaver College of Science and Engineering](#) at [Loyola Marymount University](#) and [The Bay Foundation](#) in December 2008. The mission of the Center is to engage in multidisciplinary research on environmental and social issues affecting Santa Monica Bay and its watersheds, and to contribute to policies and actions that improve the environmental conditions of the Bay. The Center is a joint program of the two institutions, whose collaborative efforts provide a regional organizing body connecting research across disciplines, as well as a forum for the dissemination and discussion of results and an opportunity for student participation and engagement.

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