

An aerial photograph of Chula Vista, California, showing a mix of industrial and natural landscapes. In the upper left, there are several large industrial buildings and parking lots. To the right, a body of water (likely San Diego Bay) is visible with a pier and some boats. The foreground and middle ground feature a large area of green wetlands with winding water channels, adjacent to a brown, undeveloped area. The sky is clear and blue.

**Approval of Chula Vista  
Natural Resources Management Plan  
City Council June 14, 2016**



# Settlement Agreement

- City of Chula Vista
- Bayfront Coalition
  - Environmental Health Coalition
  - San Diego Coastkeeper
  - San Diego Audubon Society
  - Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation
  - Southwest Wetlands Interpretive Association
  - Surfrider Foundation – San Diego Chapter
  - Empower San Diego



# Settlement Agreement

- To obtain the Bayfront Coalition's support of the Chula Vista Bayfront Master Plan
- The Coalition requested additional environmental protection measures.
  - Creation of a Natural Resources Management Plan for the Chula Vista Bayfront.
  - Formation of a Wildlife Advisory Group



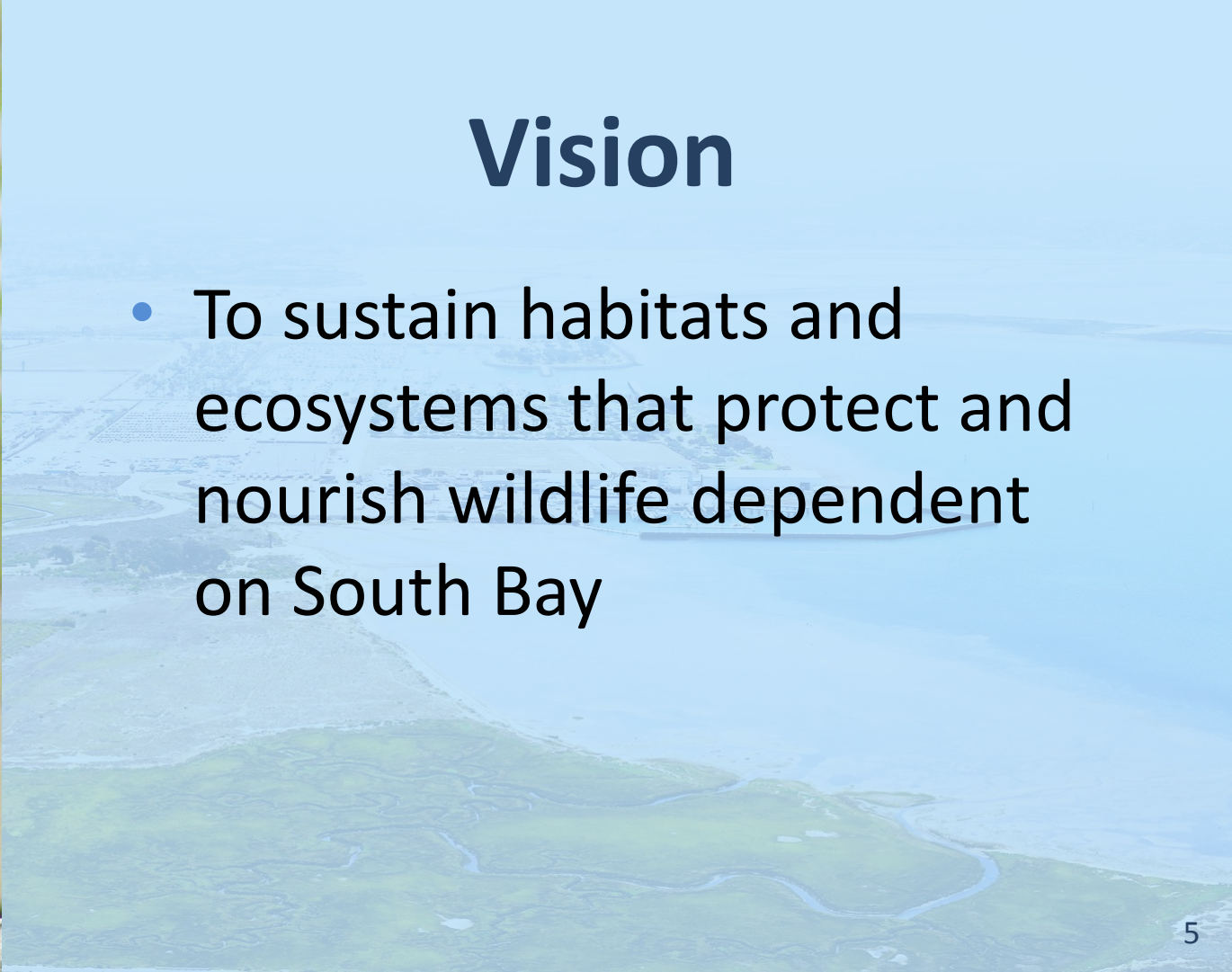
# Wildlife Advisory Group

- 26 members
  - Bayfront Coalition
  - Living Coast Discovery Center
  - Chula Vista Developer
  - Chula Vista Resource Conservation Commission
  - Chula Vista Residents
  - Resource Agencies



# Vision

- To sustain habitats and ecosystems that protect and nourish wildlife dependent on South Bay





# Chula Vista

## Natural Resources Management Plan

- Management objectives from the Settlement Agreement.
  - To protect and enhance fish & wildlife populations and habitats of the Chula Vista Bayfront.
  - Long term protection, conservation, monitoring and enhancement of
    - Wetlands, coastal sage scrub, buffers, wildlife, and water quality.



# Chula Vista

## Natural Resources Management Plan

- Plan organization
  - Sustainable and Improved habitats
  - Minimize harm to wetlands
  - Wildlife friendly urban interface
  - Maximum ecosystem services in built environment
  - Education to promote human experience of nature
  - Implementation of plan, monitoring for adaptive management, addressing sea level rise and future funding.



# Chula Vista

## Natural Resources Management Plan

- Controlling documents
  - Settlement Agreement
  - Mitigation Reporting & Monitoring Plan
  - Coastal Commission Development Policy
- Color Coding
  - Blue box
  - Green line





# Chula Vista

## Natural Resources Management Plan

- This plan will serve as an environmental guidance and implementation document, applicable to all development within the Chula Vista Bayfront.
- All projects, both public and private, will be evaluated by the Port and City relative to furthering the goals, objectives, standards, and strategies of the plan.



# Public Review of Chula Vista Natural Resources Management Plan

- Public Review period
  - First draft - July 2013
    - 300 comments
  - Wildlife Advisory Group ad-hoc committee
    - Weekly meetings to revise plan
  - Second draft - November 2015
    - 177 comments



# Public Review of Chula Vista Natural Resources Management Plan

- May 5, 2016 Wildlife Advisory Group  
Unanimously approved
- May 10, 2016 Port of San Diego  
Unanimously approved
- June 13, 2016 RCC  
Unanimously approved





# Future Review

- The Wildlife Advisory Group
  - To determine Chula Vista Natural Resources Management Plan effectiveness
    - Wildlife Advisory Group to provide recommendations on updates
      - Every 6 months until 2026
      - Annual review after 2026
  - Board of Port Commissioners and City of Chula Vista City Council
    - review future changes

# Staff Recommendation

- City Council Approval of Chula Vista Natural Resources Management Plan

# Approval of Chula Vista Natural Resources Management Plan

