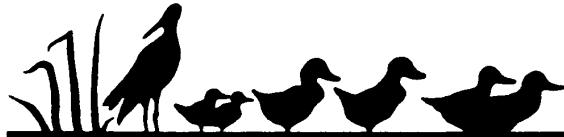


FRIENDS of FAMOSA SLOUGH



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Box 87280, San Diego, CA 92138-7280

GENERAL MEETING AND PROGRAM

Wednesday, November 29, 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Theresa Talley, California Sea Grant

"Our coasts are trashed, now what?
Seeking effective trash solutions from urban
creek monitoring data"

A number of trash monitoring efforts in California watersheds have revealed the types and distributions of trash in urban coastal environments. Now we need strategies that will reduce or eliminate trash pollution.

The talk will consider potential trash inputs to Famosa Slough based on recent watershed-wide research findings for highly urbanized wetlands. Monitoring in a representative urban waterway revealed that most trash enters the watershed through illegal dumping, homeless encampments, and storm drain flows. Downstream, salt marshes (like Famosa Slough) had the highest densities of intertidal trash; and 12-25% of wetland and bay fishes examined consumed plastics, posing potential health risks to the fishes and their consumers.

Humans are the source and receiving end of marine debris giving us the ability and the motivation to solve this problem. We now need strategies that will reduce (or eliminate) trash pollution; cross-sector collaboration among industry, government, business and the public; and consumer behavior change to implement them.

There will also be an update on the latest developments at Famosa Slough.

Light refreshments will be provided.

The public is invited.

Location: Loma Riviera Clubhouse • 3115 Loma Riviera Drive • San Diego 92110

(From West Point Loma Boulevard, west of Midway Drive and Sports Arena Blvd., turn north at Loma Riviera Drive (at the Riviera Liquor House), and proceed a couple short blocks where there is parking on the street and visitor spaces.)

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