

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I would like to inform you that the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC) adopted a resolution supporting the Comprehensive Plastics Reduction Program at it's October 2024 Governing Board meeting. Please consider the attached letter from SMBRC Chair Jonathan Bishop.



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Los Angeles City Council  
200 N Spring Street  
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**Re: Letter of Support for the City of Los Angeles's Comprehensive Plastics Reduction Program**

Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers:

On behalf of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (Commission), I am writing to provide support of the City of Los Angeles's efforts to reduce or eliminate the input of single-use plastics into the City's waste stream and the environment and reduce the aesthetic, environmental, and human health impacts of single-use plastics.

The Commission was established by an act of the California Legislature in 2002 to monitor, assess, coordinate, and advise the activities of state programs and oversee funding that affects the beneficial uses, restoration and enhancement of Santa Monica Bay and its watersheds. The Commission serves as the Management Conference for the Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program (SMBNEP). Implementation of the City's Comprehensive Plastics Reduction Program furthers several actions of SMBNEP Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) [Action Plan](#), including Action #32: to reduce marine debris by supporting bans on single-use items, conducting outreach, and participating in trash reduction programs. At its October 10, 2024 meeting, the Commission's Governing Board adopted Resolution 24-03 (Attachment 1) regarding support for the City of Los Angeles's Comprehensive Plastics Reduction Program.

The Commission looks forward to continuing to engage with the City of Los Angeles to restore and enhance Santa Monica Bay through actions and partnerships that equitably improve water quality, conserve and rehabilitate natural resources, mitigate the impacts of climate change and sea level rise, and protect Santa Monica Bay's benefits and values for current and future generations.

Please feel free to contact Luke Ginger, Administrative Director of the Commission, at [luke.ginger@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:luke.ginger@waterboards.ca.gov) should you have further questions.



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Thank you for your consideration,



BY:

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Jonathan Bishop  
Governing Board Chair  
Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

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## **Attachments**

Attachment 1      SMBRC Resolution 24-03 regarding Support for the City of Los Angeles's Comprehensive Plastics Reduction Program

**RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION  
REGARDING SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES'S  
COMPREHENSIVE PLASTICS REDUCTION PROGRAM  
October 10, 2024**

**Resolution No. 24-03**

WHEREAS, The City of Los Angeles' (LA) Comprehensive Plastics Reduction Program was established to reduce or eliminate the input of single-use plastics into the City's waste stream and the environment and reduce the aesthetic, environmental, and human health impacts of single-use plastics;

WHEREAS, The Comprehensive Plastics Reduction Program seeks to achieve the above goals by adopting measures to reduce or eliminate the production and use of single-use plastic products and encourage reuse of other items to the extent feasible; and

WHEREAS, The City of LA, through LA Sanitation and Environment, has prepared a Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report to assess the impacts of the proposed measures of the Comprehensive Plastics Reduction Program; and

WHEREAS, The Reusable LA Coalition is made up of more than 30 organizations, businesses, and individuals, including the Host Entity for the Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program (SMBNEP), The Bay Foundation, and the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission's (SMBRC) Governing Board and Executive Committee members, Heal the Bay and LA Waterkeeper; and

WHEREAS, The Reusable LA Coalition supports efforts to curb plastic pollution by championing a culture of reuse, including efforts within the Comprehensive Plastics Reduction Program; and

WHEREAS, Policies and actions by the City of LA have a direct impact on Santa Monica Bay and its watersheds; and



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WHEREAS, Implementation of the Comprehensive Plastics Reduction Program is aligned with a key action (#32 to reduce marine debris by supporting bans on single-use items, conducting outreach, and participating in trash reduction programs) of the SMBNEP Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) Action Plan approved by the SMBRC Governing Board in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Priorities of the Comprehensive Plastics Reduction Program align with additional CCMP Action Plan actions (#6, #16, and #22) including: to restore healthy beaches and sandy shores to support vulnerable species; to help achieve Total maximum Daily Load (TMDL) goals for 303(d) listed waterbodies in the Bay and its watersheds; and to support policies and implement projects that divert landfill waste and promote composting to improve water quality and lower greenhouse gas emissions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission hereby:

1. SUPPORTS efforts by the City of LA to reduce or eliminate the input of single-use plastics into the City's waste stream and the environment and reduce the aesthetic, environmental, and human health impacts of single-use plastics; and
2. DIRECTS Commission staff to provide this resolution to the LA City Council with a letter from the Governing Board Chair.

BY:



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Jonathan Bishop  
Governing Board Chair  
Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission