

**Email exchange State Lands Commission and Chair, BBCAG, 5/15-6/5/09**

**To Whom to send a letter at SLC**

Friday, May 15, 2009 3:45 PM

From:

"Mario DeBernardo" <DebernM@slc.ca.gov>

To:

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Dear Clara,

I've passed your email to one of our staff attorneys, Jennifer Lucchesi (i believe you spoke to her in the past). Jennifer focuses on issues related to San Francisco and the Peninsula and she told me that she'd respond to you shortly. I also believe that she has some follow-up info regarding the "North Ditch."

--Mario

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Dear Mario De Barnardo

You spoke to the Brisbane Baylands Community Advisory Group in November 2008. We are grateful for your presentation. The State Lands Commission has fee simple ownership of a piece of the Baylands at the north end of Brisbane Lagoon and has jurisdiction over some other areas of the Baylands in the City of Brisbane, e.g. Interior Drainage Channel, North-Middle and South ditches and perhaps others.

When you spoke to us, you mentioned that we could write a letter to the State Lands Commission requesting that all lands that SLC has jurisdiction or ownership of be only used for wetlands. We want to write that letter. Who should the letter be addressed to. Should we send it to you? or Should we send it to the Chairman of the Commission? or to the Chair in care of you?

Should we email it? or should we send it by US mail?

I hope that this does not seem like a silly set of questions. I want to make it as easy as possible for you and the Commission.

I am pleased that SLC exists to protect the interests of the people.

I hope that you are well.

Sincerely

Clara Johnson  
Chair, BBCAG

**To Whom to send a letter at SLC**

Thursday, May 28, 2009 4:15 PM

From:

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Cc:

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Message contains attachments

[SLC letter 8-26-2008.pdf \(1362KB\)](#)

Good afternoon Clara,

In response to your first question regarding sending a letter to the State Lands Commission, the chair of the State Lands Commission is Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi. The other two members are State Controller John Chiang and Director of Finance Michael Genest. Links to their websites can be accessed at

[http://www.slc.ca.gov/Misc\\_Pages/The\\_Commissioners\\_Home\\_Page.html](http://www.slc.ca.gov/Misc_Pages/The_Commissioners_Home_Page.html) . Each Commissioner's mailing address can be found on their respective websites.

Please copy our Executive Officer, Paul D. Thayer, on any correspondence to the Commissioners. The mailing address for our Executive Office is 100 Howe Avenue, Ste. 100-South, Sacramento, CA 95825.

In response to your inquiry regarding the North Ditch area, this area includes lands located within Rancho Canada De Guadalupe Visitacion y Rodeo Viejo and within filled Board of Tidelands Commissioners lots. As such, this area is free of the public trust and the State Lands Commission does not have any jurisdiction over this area.

As you may be aware, the attached SLC staff letter dated August 26, 2008 details the extent of the Commission's jurisdiction in the City of Brisbane Baylands area.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Jennifer

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Message contains attachments

[Baylands Vicinity Map.pdf \(2555KB\)](#), [Baylands ownershpmap.pdf \(506KB\)](#)

Hello Jennifer

I reread your email message and the letter of August 2008 to the City of Brisbane and I think I understand the status of the Lagoon and that the North Ditch is no longer under the SLC's jurisdiction. There is one other issue that wasn't mentioned. There is the Interior Drainage Channel that runs west to east across the landfill in the Baylands. It is north of the Lagoon and is shown as a blue line on the Baylands Vicinity Map from Tunnel Road to Hwy 101. I believe that it has been there as long as the land has been filled around it (1932-1967, the landfill was open). It drains part of the Visitacion Valley neighborhood of San Francisco.

I thought that I understood from Mr. DeBernardo's presentation that the interior drainage channel is subject to a State Lands Commission "easement" jurisdiction. The Interior Drainage Channel still has submerged lands under it, connects with the Bay and is subject to tidal action. Did I understand the status of the Interior Drainage Channel correctly?

The reason that I am pursuing this matter is because the Brisbane Baylands Community Advisory Group is considering making a request to the State Lands Commission that the Lagoon Shore and the Interior Drainage Channel shoreline be restored to wetlands where feasible.

I appreciate your help. I have attached two maps to this message.

Sincerely

Clara Johnson  
BBCAG, Chairwoman

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Good morning Clara -

I am looking into your inquiry. I hope to get back to you next week.

Thanks, Jennifer