

IT'S TIME TO BAN POLYSTYRENE FOOD CONTAINERS IN CULVER CITY



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Since 1998 BCR has hosted creek clean ups and collaborated with:
Culver City, Friends of Ballona Wetlands, Heal the Bay,
Possible!, District 11 - LA City Council,
UCLA Volunteers, SGN, LA Audubon
and various other public and private organizations



**Within the past two years we've diverted over 2 tons of waste
from entering the ocean**

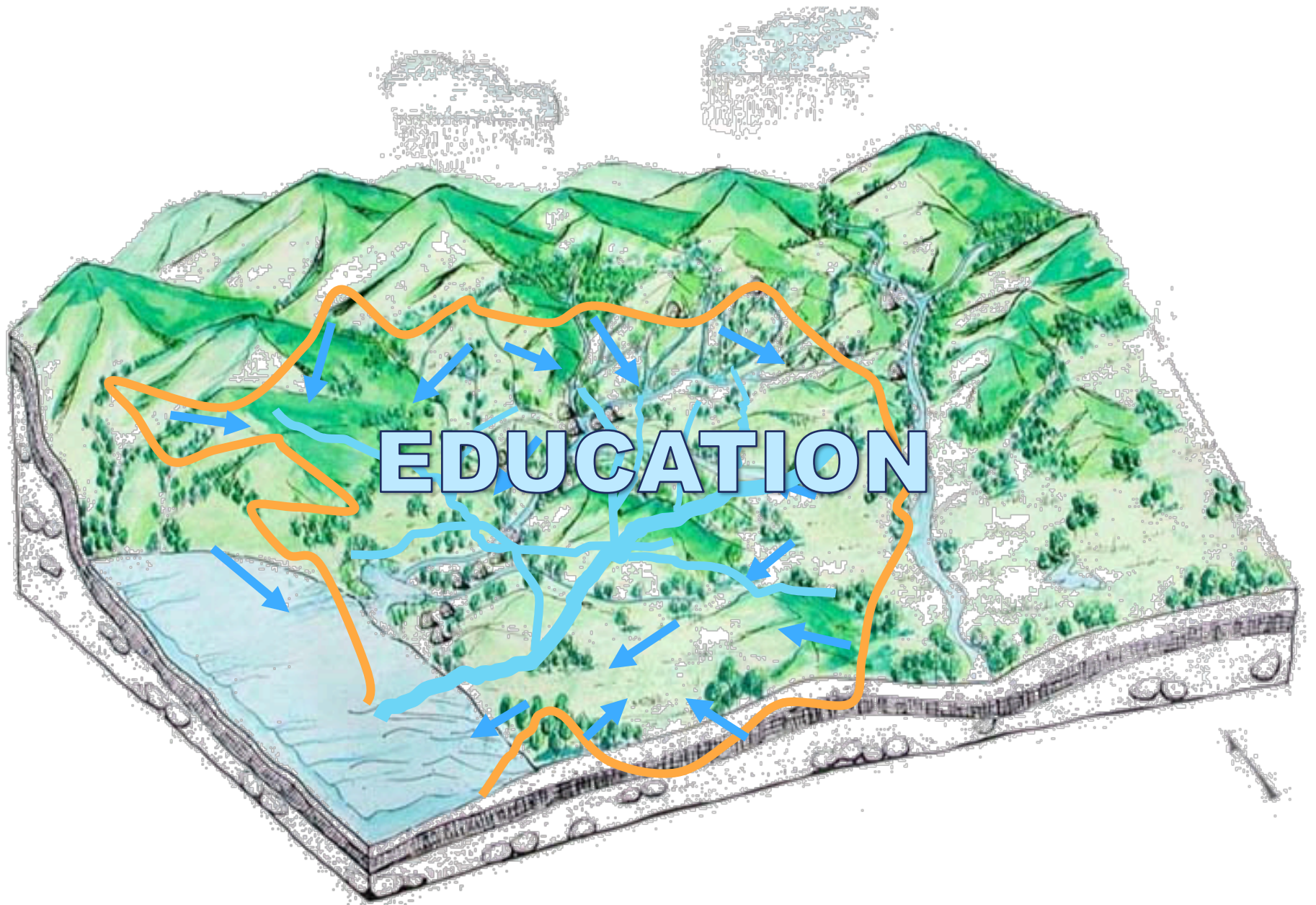
WE SEE THE TRASH FIRST-HAND

**CLEANING,
GREENING
AND**



**BEAUTIFYING
BALLONA
CREEK**





BCR cares about watershed issues

WHY POLYSTYRENE?

- * WHY IS THE BAN GOOD FOR CULVER CITY?
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WHY BAN POLYSTYRENE OVER OTHER FORMS OF TRASH?

- * Polystyrene (commonly called the brand name Styrofoam) easily blows in the wind, gets caught in the vegetation along the creek and flows out to the ocean. This helps make Ballona Creek the # 1 polluter of Santa Monica Bay.
- * Polystyrene is damaging to humans; it leaches carcinogens (styrene) into food and beverages when heated; and is harmful to animals when mistaken for food.
- * Polystyrene has already been successfully banned in:
 - Culver City Unified School District
(led by Shea Cunningham)
 - Fiesta La Ballona, (lead by Cathi Vargas)
- * BCR has seen the immediate and positive effect of the bag ban and we look forward to seeing the effects of the PS ban too!



WHY IS THE BAN GOOD FOR CULVER CITY?

- * Helps Culver City to continue its leadership role in pollution control;
- * Helps the City to comply with the Regional Clean Water Quality requirements;
- * Helps reduce Culver City's costs associated with maintaining and cleaning streets, catch-basin inserts, the creek bike path, and more;
- * Helps reduce the amount of non-recyclable waste going to landfills;
- * Helps diminish trash flying around the neighborhoods and clogging our storm drains;
- * Helps reduce the quantity of local and ocean pollution and contributes to the health and well-being of the environment we share.



WHAT WOULD BE BANNED?

*Non-recyclable polystyrene disposable food service containers

“Disposable Food Service Containers” means single-use disposable products for serving or transporting prepared, ready-to-consume food or beverages. This includes but is not limited to plates, cups, bowls, trays and hinged or lidded containers. For utensils, we would like to recommend that they be required to be made of compostable materials in anticipation of the new State Bill AB1826 composting requirements.

WHO WOULD FALL UNDER THE MANDATE?

- * Restaurants
- * Fast Food Establishments
- * Catering Food Services
- * Food Trucks
- * Grocery Stores
- * City Facilities
- * Hotels/Motels
- * City-sponsored Events



HAVE OTHER CALIFORNIA CITIES ADOPTED A POLYSTYRENE BAN?

- * California leads the nation with 70 cities that have already banned polystyrene.
- * Locally: Hermosa Beach, Laguna Beach, Newport Beach (ordinance available upon request), Santa Monica, Calabasas, Huntington Beach,
- * Dana Point, Malibu, Manhattan Beach, San Clemente (ordinance available upon request), West Hollywood have all adopted full or partial bans, and Pasadena is in the process of creating a ban.
- * LA City and County, Orange County, Ventura County have government facility bans.

(Sources: Groundswell.org and Surfrider.org)





**LET'S KEEP
CULVER CITY & THE
PACIFIC OCEAN CLEAN**

Introducing Josephine Miller, Sustainability Analyst, City of SM