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Preliminary Plans

Back Bay Vista Point

Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve
Newport Beach, California



California Department of Fish and Game

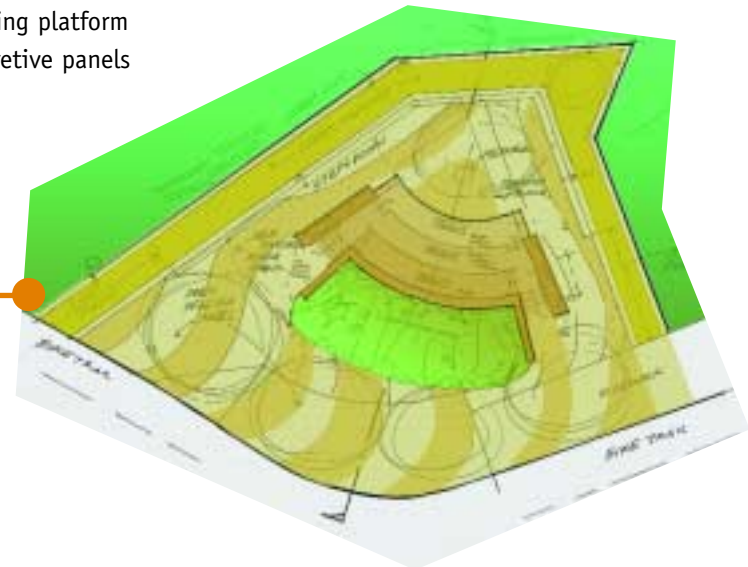
Goal:

To restore and improve the key vista point (junction of East Bluff and Back Bay Drives) so that it can serve the appropriate recreational, educational and aesthetic needs of the surrounding community. Used as the main staging area for tours offered by the Friends of Newport Bay for over 25 years, improving this site will enhance the interpretation opportunities for Upper Newport Bay's wildlife and cultural history.

Improvements Would Include:

- Permanent display acknowledging Frank and Frances Robinson (see page 2)
- Lowering the guard rail/walkway in order to maximize the view
- Construction of a small raised seating platform
- Interesting and educational interpretive panels
- Identification of the preserve
- Revegetation with native plants
- Permanent viewing scopes

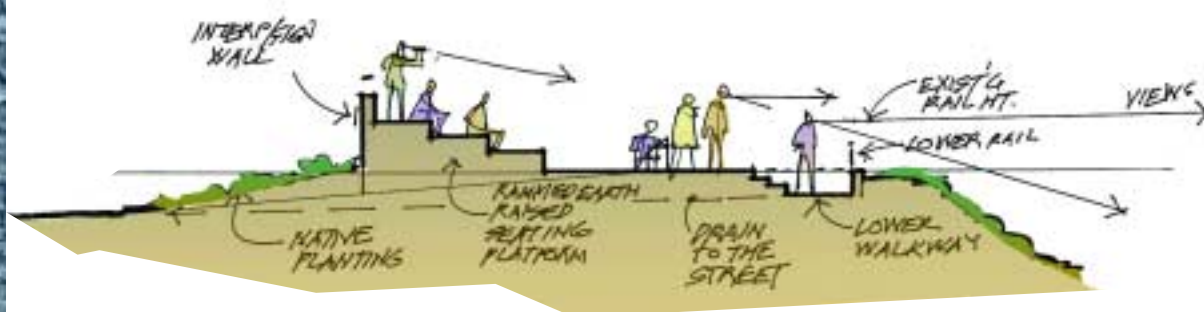
Site Plan



Street Elevation

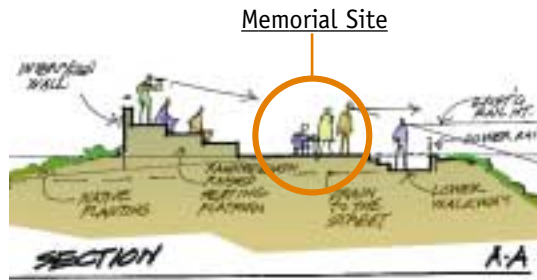


Site Section





This is a rendering of the Robinson Memorial that will be installed at the Vista Point site (shown on page 1 — detail below). It shows the circular plaque of appreciation and the support stand that will hold it. Integrating graphics, photography and text this sculpture expresses our deep appreciation to Frank and Frances Robinson for their dedication to protecting the Upper Newport Bay.



Materials:

- upright support: 46" x 16" x 1/2" powder coated aluminum
- plaque: porcelain enamel circular panel, 13" x 1/2"
- bird silhouettes: routed into aluminum panel
- base: upright support shown mounted in small slab or concrete pedestal (not shown)