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The environmental issue that deserves some of the greatest attention in southern California is what kind of future that the Bolsa Chica wetlands has. As a great ecological source of nutrients and shelter for coastal wildlife, this kind of natural capital is too valuable to be simply paved over and destroyed. Plants, birds, and fish all depend on Bolsa Chica, and local people benefit from Bolsa Chicaâ€™s natural and effective flood control system, from the use of the biological wastewater purification that wetlands provide, and from the ground water replenishment that wetlands can provide to people at no additional cost other than what funds it takes to reverse the damage done by past development.