**To:** Ziegler, Sam[Ziegler.Sam@epa.gov]
**From:** Yelensky, Erica
**Sent:** Tue 9/19/2017 10:14:57 PM
**Subject:** DRAFT email requesting Alexis/Tomas to speak at SMBNWEP NOV 9 event

Hi Sam,

Here is a draft invitation for Alexis to speak at the Coastal Research Institute ribbon-cutting event formalizing the partnership between the Santa Monica Bay NEP (Santa Monica Bay foundation) & Loyola Marymount University.

I checked both Alexis and Tomas' schedules. Alexis is available, Tomás is scheduled to be at the NDEP meeting.

Thanks,

Erica

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Hi Tomás,

The Santa Monica Bay Foundation (Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program) requested that Alexis or you to be the keynote speaker at the Coastal Research Institute ribbon-cutting event formalizing the partnership between the Santa Monica Bay & Loyola Marymount University on November 9, 2017.

Your calendar is currently booked on Nov. 9 (meeting with NDEP).

We would appreciate if you checked with Alexis on her interest in speaking at this event and get back to us by Monday, Sept. 25, so we can provide The Santa Monica Bay Foundation a timely response?

Below you will find event details and a description of the Coastal Research Institute.

**When**: November 9, 2017; ~2 – 5 PM

**Location:** Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA

# **Attendees**: 70 – 100

**Draft agenda**

1. Welcome and Introductions President Snyder and/or Dean Choe
2. Overview, mission and vision for CRI Jim Landry and Tom Ford
3. Projects, research and partnerships Karina Johnston and John Dorsey
4. KEYNOTE, Alexis Strauss
5. Closing Dean Choe
6. Reception and poster session, 10-12 students projects featured; relating to BRP/CMP priorities and projects of the SMBNEP. Includes students from LMU, UCLA, CAL STATE LA, Cal Poly Pomona, UC Davis(maybe)

**Background information:** The Coastal Research Institute (CRI) at Loyola Marymount University (LMU) is a new entity formed to further the goals of the Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program (SMBNEP), one of 28 EPA place-based programs which focus on the local estuary and surrounding watershed. The CRI partnership brings together expertise from the Frank R. Seaver College of Science and Engineering (SCSE) at Loyola Marymount University (LMU) and The Bay Foundation (TBF), a 501(c) 3 non-profit environmental group founded in 1990 to restore and enhance Santa Monica Bay and local coastal waters. CRI will engage LMU faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students in research related to coastal resource management in Los Angeles.

The Bay Foundation will support this research via project related grants and financial support for

faculty and students as defined by the U.S. EPA supported Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program and the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Bay Restoration Plan. The projects will be managed by TBF staff dedicated to the CRI program.

CRI will support research across a diversity of scientific and engineering disciplines. CRI recognizes the extensive capacity for environmental research, education and communication that is inherent to the coastal landscape of Los Angeles. CRI further recognizes that research related to informing and monitoring the many projects identified in the Bay Restoration Plan are relevant to global urban coastal resource management. Thus CRI enables faculty and students and the Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program to conduct research that is vital and responsive to the dynamic needs of the world's highest valued and fastest growing environments.