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**From:** Yelensky, Erica
**Sent:** Mon 9/25/2017 6:43:19 PM
**Subject:** RE: Speaking request by SMBNEP

Great! I just let Tom know. Thanks, Sam.

**From:** Ziegler, Sam
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 9:46 AM
**To:** Yelensky, Erica <Yelensky.Erica@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Fwd: Speaking request by SMBNEP

She's in!

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**Subject: RE: Speaking request by SMBNEP**

Hi Tomas,

Alexis is in! ;o)

Can you have Sam Z. work the calendar details with Abi? Also provide read-aheads and a few talking points to assist as we get closer?

Thanks!

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Yes, this is a good time to pay attention to this (as part of our 3 NEPs) and to support strengthening this particular effort. It is LAX airport-convenient too, at LMU. I'd like to do this, might also meet with LA office staff in the morning.

Alexis Strauss

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**Subject:** FW: Speaking request by SMBNEP

Hi Alexis,

Interested in an opportunity to act as keynote speaker? Here's the overview:

WHEN: 2pm – 5pm, Thursday **November 9, 2017** (your calendar is currently free, excepting a recurring conf. call with Brian Frazier)

WHERE: **Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles**, CA (interesting note: this was among my top college choices ;o)

WHY: ribbon-cutting event formalizing the partnership between the Santa Monica Bay & Loyola Marymount University

WHO: 70 – 100 attendees (Dean Choe, et al.)

HOW:

**Draft** Agenda

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3. Projects, research and partnerships Karina Johnston and John Dorsey

4. **KEYNOTE, Alexis Strauss** (or a representative from WTR; Tomás will be engaged with NDEP)

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Tomás Torres

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**Cc:** "Yelensky, Erica" <Yelensky.Erica@epa.gov>
**Subject: Speaking request by SMBNEP**

Hi Tomás & Nancy:

We would like your assistance on an invite for Alexis or you from the Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program (SMBNEP). The SMBNEP is inviting Alexis or you to be the keynote speaker at the Coastal Research Institute (CRI) ribbon-cutting event formalizing the partnership between the Santa Monica Bay & Loyola Marymount University on November 9, 2017. The NEP has been located at LMU for several years and the CRI is a new entity formed to further the goals of the SMBNEP. The CRI partnership brings together expertise from the Frank R. Seaver College of Science and Engineering (SCSE) at Loyola Marymount University (LMU) and the SMBNEP. CRI will engage LMU faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students in research related to coastal resource management in Los Angeles.

Your calendar is currently booked on Nov. 9 (meeting with NDEP). Would you want to check with Alexis on her interest in speaking at this event? We would like to get back to our SMBNEP colleagues early next week, so we can provide a timely response. Please let us know how you would like us to handle this invite.

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

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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.

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