

Camila Bautista is an experienced environmental scientist and dedicated conservation advocate currently serving as the Salton Sea and Desert Program Manager with Audubon California. She holds a bachelor's degree in Biology from UCLA and is in the final stages of obtaining a Master's degree in Environmental Science from California State University, Los Angeles. Her master's thesis, which won the Farvolden Scholarship at the National Groundwater Association (NGWA) Groundwater Week 2023 conference, focuses on analyzing water sources feeding the Bombay Beach Wetland Project through isotopic analysis. Camila's journey with Audubon California began in January 2020 as an intern with the Salton Sea Program. Her exceptional work led to a part-time Program Coordinator position in 2021, a full-time role as Senior Program Coordinator in 2022, and a promotion to Program Manager in April 2024. Throughout her career at Audubon California, Camila has demonstrated leadership in key projects, including the Bombay Beach Wetland Project, and has significantly contributed to community engagement and development. Camila grew up in the city of Coachella, only 30 minutes north of the Salton Sea, so her lifelong connection to the region deeply informs her commitment to driving impactful environmental change in her native area.