

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Date: August 3, 2017

To: Governing Board Members

From: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

Subject: **Item 6: Consideration of resolution to authorize a contract to Environmental Science Associates for consultant services on the Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Plan Program Environmental Impact Report (17001). (RESOLUTION 2017-04)**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA) authorize a contract to Environmental Science Associates (ESA) to provide consultant services on the Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Plan Program Environmental Impact Report (16003).

BACKGROUND: The Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA) adopted the Los Cerritos Wetlands Conceptual Restoration Plan (CRP) in August 2015. The LCWA issued a Request for Proposals on May 22, 2017 seeking the services of a multidisciplinary team of professional consultants to prepare a Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the CRP. This scope of this next phase of restoration planning will build on the findings of the CRP and focus on identifying an optimized ecological restoration plan. The scope will include analysis through the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of the potential environmental impacts resulting from the implementation of that restoration alternative across the entire Los Cerritos Wetlands Complex. The project will result in the adoption of a Program EIR for which the LCWA will be the Lead Agency. Both the restoration planning and development of the EIR will include a public involvement process.

LCWA Staff received proposals from three qualified consulting teams that each included specialists in wildlife biology, wetland and restoration ecology, civil engineering, hydrology and geomorphology, oil operations, CEQA planning and other appropriate environmental planning disciplines. Staff thoroughly reviewed each proposal and invited each consulting team to participate in an interview process.

After careful consideration Staff recommends authorizing a contract with Environmental Science Associates (ESA) for consultant services on the Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Plan Program EIR. The scope of work, budget and project schedule are detailed in Exhibit A. Among numerous considerations, this recommendation is based on ESA's excellent understanding of the project components and issue areas through their direct experience on the Los Cerritos Wetlands Oil Consolidation and Restoration Project. ESA also comes highly recommended based on their demonstrated competence in completing similar projects in the Southern California region. Lastly, this consulting firm has the longevity, stability, and staff availability to complete a multi-year project and produce a defensible EIR in a timely manner within budget. The ESA team includes two experienced subconsultants, Coastal Restoration Consultants and Altman Environmental Consultants, who will complement the in-house services provided by ESA staff.

FISCAL: The LCWA Budget FY17/18 identifies a total amount not-to-exceed \$800,000.00 for a contract term of 2-years and 3-months set to expire on November 3, 2019. The consultant will perform a scope of services that includes the development of an optimized restoration plan, the production of a program Environmental Impact Report for the restoration plan, and associated

public outreach and project management. The LCWA budget has sufficient funds to cover the costs associated with this scope of services.

**Exhibit A:
Scope of Work, Budget and Contract Term
for the
LCWA17001 Environmental Science Associates Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Plan
Program Environmental Impact Report Contract**

The following are tasks and services to be provided by Environmental Science Associates (ESA) for implementation of this contract:

1. Develop Optimized Restoration Alternative and Restoration Plan

Develop an Optimized Restoration Alternative that will use the CRP's three restoration alternatives as a framework for designing a Restoration Plan that is implementable. This Restoration Plan will take into consideration any habitat restoration planning that is currently taking place throughout the complex and will also consider phasing based on land ownership and land use. The consultants will work closely with the Steering Committee and Technical Advisory Committee to gain consensus on this Optimized Restoration Alternative and Restoration Plan. The Restoration Plan will provide program level details for what habitats types will be restored, where they will be restored, how they will be restored and how resilient they will be to future climate change. The plan should provide descriptions for how new tidal connections will be created and will identify discrete projects that can be implemented as stand-alone efforts, so that restoration can begin even if some desired restoration properties have not yet been acquired. Certain aspects of the Optimized Restoration Alternative may require adjustments to conceptual grading plans and updates to the hydrodynamic modeling done for the CRP alternatives.

Deliverables:

- Create Optimized Restoration Alternative
- Restoration Plan report
- Analyze Existing Infrastructure
- Facilitate as many as 2 meetings with the Technical Advisory Committee

2. Technical Reports

The consultant will incorporate the information from the technical reports created for the CRP and supplement that information as needed to complete the Program EIR. The consultant's will prepare technical reports for the following disciplines: Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Noise, Cultural/Paleontological Resources, Biological Resources, Hydrodynamics, Sediment Transport and Geomorphology, Water and Sediment Quality.

Deliverables:

- Literature review for CRP technical reports
- Completion of all aforementioned technical reports

3. Prepare EIR Project Description

Prior to initiating the EIR analysis, the consultant shall prepare a draft project description for LCWA Steering Committee review. The project description will be based on the Restoration Plan and include project characteristics relevant to the EIR analysis, project objectives, and required discretionary approvals. The project description will include text, tables and graphic presentations.

Deliverables:

- EIR project description

- Determine CEQA strategy and TAC Meeting

4. Prepare Initial Study/Notice of Preparation

After LCWA Steering Committee approval of the EIR project description, the consultant will prepare a draft Initial Study for LCWA Steering Committee review. The Initial Study will address every environmental issue in the CEQA Guidelines Appendix G checklist. The LCWA Project Manager will prepare the Notice of Preparation (NOP) and file with the County Clerk. The LCWA Project Manager will provide the mailing list of all interested parties, organizations, and public agencies. The consultant shall prepare hard copies and electronic copies and submit materials to the State Clearinghouse. The consultant shall conduct a Scoping Meeting during the NOP review period to obtain input of the EIR scope of work.

Deliverables:

- Draft Initial Study
- Submission of materials to the State Clearinghouse
- Conduct scoping meeting

5. Prepare Administrative Draft Program EIR

The consultant shall prepare an Administrative Draft Program EIR for LCWA Steering Committee review, which shall include an Executive Summary, Introduction, Project Description, Environmental Impact Analysis, Identification of all Unavoidable Adverse Impacts (if any), Alternatives, and all other CEQA required discussion. The document should also identify other planning initiatives in the regional context that may have an impact on the area or lead to cumulative impacts. The consultant will provide as many as two rounds of revisions for the Steering Committee.

Deliverable:

- Administrative Draft Program EIR

6. Prepare Draft Program EIR

After LCWA Steering Committee approval of the Administrative Draft EIR, the consultant shall prepare both hard copies and electronic copies of the Draft Program EIR for distribution based on the LCWA's mailing list. The consultant shall prepare the Notice of Completion and submit materials to the State Clearinghouse.

Deliverables:

- Draft Program EIR preparation and distribution
- Notice of Completion and submission to the State Clearinghouse

7. Prepare Final Program EIR

Upon completion of the Draft Program EIR public review period, the consultant shall prepare draft responses to comments and draft mitigation monitoring and reporting program (MMRP) for LCWA Steering Committee review. After LCWA approval, the consultant shall prepare both hard copies and electronic copies of the Final Program EIR.

Deliverables:

- Draft response to comments
- Draft mitigation monitoring and reporting program (MMRP)
- Prepare Final Program EIR

8. Prepare Findings/Statement of Overriding Considerations

The consultant will prepare the Findings of Fact and, if necessary, the Statement of Overriding Considerations for LCWA Steering Committee review and approval.

Deliverables:

- Findings of Fact
- Statement of Overriding Considerations (if necessary)

9. Public Involvement

The consultant will review the meeting notes and presentations from previous CRP workshops to familiarize themselves with community sentiments and the list of stakeholders. The LCWA will host a public involvement workshop as part of the Restoration Alternative optimizing process and the information collected should assist in identifying program elements desired by the local community. The consultant will attend this workshop, present technical information, and assist the LCWA Project Manager with facilitating the workshop. The consultant will be required to attend two Study Sessions during the EIR process and be prepared to present technical information. The consultant will be required to attend additional public hearings as necessary.

Deliverables:

- Review of previous CRP public involvement meetings and stakeholder list
- Attend and Facilitate 1 community workshop
- Attend 2 Study Sessions
- Attend required Public Hearings

10. Technical Advisory Committee Coordination

The Consultant shall determine a process for interfacing with the Technical Advisory Committee for gaining consensus on design of the Optimized Restoration Alternative. The Consultant shall be responsible for assisting the LCWA Project Manager scheduling, coordinating and facilitating all meetings related to the project. The Technical Advisory Team should include the agencies specified in CRP. It may also include other entities with regulatory, zoning, easement, utility, access, land use jurisdiction, or other interests in the property to identify opportunities and constraints of potential program elements. The Consultant will use this forum to interface with staff from agencies with significant jurisdiction over the project like the California Coastal Commission and the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Deliverable:

- Facilitation of 3 meetings with Technical Advisory Committee

11. Issues for Next Phase of Restoration Planning

In consultation with the LCWA Steering Committee, summarize outstanding issues that need to be addressed before detailed project-level planning occurs and provide recommendations on next steps. These issues should include technical investigations, permitting, phasing, funding, mitigation and other aspects of project planning.

Deliverable:

- Report on next phase of restoration planning

12. Project Management

The Consultant shall assign a senior project manager to coordinate all its work (and that of its planning team) for this planning effort. Project management shall also include study management

and agency coordination through the LCWA Steering Committee and Technical Advisory Committee.

Deliverables:

- Bi-weekly project conference calls
- Attendance at project meetings

**Table 5-1: Cost Estimate - Los Cerritos Wetland Restoration Plan Program EIR
ESA Labor Detail and Expense Summary**

Employee Names		ESA													CRC		Altman				
		M. Orr	D. Griffith	E. Davidian	S. Dietler	A. S-A	K. Kim	T. Johnson	M. Vader	B. Barroso	H. Kessenich	D. Reese	K. Fairchild	M. James	D. Hubbard	H. Altman					
Labor Category		Senior Director III	Senior Director II	Director III	Director II	Managing Associate II	Managing Associate I	Senior Associate II	Senior Associate I	Associate III	Associate II	Project Technician III	Associate I	Project Technician II	ESA Subtotal	Sr. Biologist	CRC Subtotal	Public Outreach Coordinator	Altman Subtotal	Total Hours	Labor Price
Task #	Task Name/Description	\$ 285	\$ 265	\$ 230	\$ 215	\$ 180	\$ 165	\$ 150	\$ 140	\$ 130	\$ 120	\$ 115	\$ 100	\$ 95		\$ 150		\$ 125			
1.0	Develop Optimized Restoration Alternative and Restoration Plan	4	4	16	60	80	0	80	0	292	80	0	0	0	\$ 92,740	230	\$ 34,500	40	\$ 5,000	886	\$ 132,240
1.1	Develop Optimized Restoration Alternative and Restoration Plan		4	8	44	72		80		280	80				\$ 83,320	214	\$ 32,100		\$ -	782	\$ 115,420
	Habitat Restoration Plan			8	24	32		60		180					\$ 45,160	134	\$ 20,100		\$ -	438	\$ 65,260
	Public Access Plan		4					20			80				\$ 13,660		\$ -		\$ -	104	\$ 13,660
	Restoration Plan Report				20	40				100					\$ 24,500	80	\$ 12,000		\$ -	240	\$ 36,500
1.2	TAC meetings (2 meetings)	4		8	16	8				12					\$ 9,420	16	\$ 2,400	40	\$ 5,000	104	\$ 16,820
2.0	Technical Reports	0	28	66	46	176	90	54	72	404	60	14	40	0	\$ 162,530	218	\$ 32,700	0	\$ -	1,268	\$ 195,230
2.1	Conduct Literature Review of CRP Technical Reports			4	4	4	4			4					\$ 3,680		\$ -		\$ -	20	\$ 3,680
2.2	Air Quality Impact Assessment			8			32				40				\$ 11,920		\$ -		\$ -	80	\$ 11,920
2.3	Greenhouse Gas Emissions Assessment			2		8	10			20	20				\$ 8,550		\$ -		\$ -	60	\$ 8,550
2.4	Noise Technical Report			8				24					40		\$ 9,440		\$ -		\$ -	72	\$ 9,440
2.5/2.6	Cultural Resources and Paleontology Resource Assessments	0	28	0			44	30	72			14			\$ 30,870		\$ -		\$ -	188	\$ 30,870
	Archival research		2				4	4	16			2			\$ 4,260		\$ -		\$ -	28	\$ 4,260
	Site visit							10	8			2			\$ 2,850		\$ -		\$ -	20	\$ 2,850
	Geoarch		6				32		4		8				\$ 8,350		\$ -		\$ -	50	\$ 8,350
	Tech Reports		8				4	16	32		2				\$ 9,890		\$ -		\$ -	62	\$ 9,890
	NA outreach		12				4		12						\$ 5,520		\$ -		\$ -	28	\$ 5,520
2.7	(OPTIONAL TASK) Soil Texture Assessment- see below														\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
2.8	Biological Resources Assessment			4		4									\$ 1,640	218	\$ 32,700		\$ -	226	\$ 34,340
2.9	Hydrodynamic Technical Report				20	80				180					\$ 42,100		\$ -		\$ -	280	\$ 42,100
2.1	Sediment Transport and Geomorphology Technical Report				10	40				100					\$ 22,350		\$ -		\$ -	150	\$ 22,350
2.11	Water and Sediment Quality Technical Report			40	12	40				100					\$ 31,980		\$ -		\$ -	192	\$ 31,980
3.0	Prepare Project Description	8	0	30	40	52	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 31,760	4	\$ 600	28	\$ 3,500	190	\$ 35,860
3.1	Prepare EIR Project Description	4		10	20	40	20								\$ 18,240	4	\$ 600	8	\$ 1,000	106	\$ 19,840
3.2	Determine CEQA Strategy and TAC meeting	4		20	20	12	8								\$ 13,520		\$ -	20	\$ 2,500	84	\$ 16,020
4.0	Prepare IS/NOP	4	0	22	6	6	28	0	22	0	22	8	0	4	\$ 20,210	0	\$ -	40	\$ 5,000	162	\$ 25,210
4.1	Initial Study	2		8		20	20	20	20	4		4			\$ 11,750		\$ -		\$ -	78	\$ 11,750
4.2	Submit Materials to the State Clearinghouse			2		2	2	2	2	2					\$ 1,310		\$ -		\$ -	8	\$ 1,310
4.3	Conduct Scoping Meeting	2		12	6	6	6				4				\$ 7,150		\$ -	40	\$ 5,000	76	\$ 12,150
5.0	Prepare Administrative Draft Program EIR	44	16	74	112	56	88	92	108	20	290	32	34	0	\$ 155,880	20	\$ 3,000	0	\$ -	986	\$ 158,880
5.1	Administrative Draft Program EIR	44	16	74	112	56	88	92	108	20	290	32	34	0	\$ 155,880		\$ 3,000	0	\$ -	986	\$ 158,880
	Introduction	1		2		2	2	4	4	4	4				\$ 2,115		\$ -		\$ -	13	\$ 2,115
	Executive Summary	2		2		2	2	4	4	4	4				\$ 2,400		\$ -		\$ -	14	\$ 2,400
	Project Description	2		2		2	2	8	8	8	8				\$ 3,440		\$ -		\$ -	22	\$ 3,440
	Introduction to the Analysis	1		2		2	2	4	4	4	4				\$ 2,115		\$ -		\$ -	13	\$ 2,115
	Aesthetics	2	8	2		2	32			80	4				\$ 18,340		\$ -		\$ -	130	\$ 18,340
	Agriculture and Forestry Resources	1		1		1		2	2	2					\$ 1,200		\$ -		\$ -	7	\$ 1,200
	Air Quality	2		6		4	4	4	4	16					\$ 5,090		\$ -		\$ -	32	\$ 5,090
	Biological Resources	2		8		24	2				4	32			\$ 10,720	20	\$ 3,000		\$ -	92	\$ 13,720
	Cultural Resources	2	8	2			2	12	32		4				\$ 10,220		\$ -		\$ -	62	\$ 10,220
	Geology and Soils	2		2	40	2					4				\$ 10,420		\$ -		\$ -	50	\$ 10,420
	Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Energy	2		2		2		4		6					\$ 2,640		\$ -		\$ -	16	\$ 2,640
	Hazards and Hazardous Materials	2		2	40	40					4				\$ 16,690		\$ -		\$ -	88	\$ 16,690
	Hydrology and Water Quality	2		12	8	32	2		20	80	4				\$ 23,800		\$ -		\$ -	160	\$ 23,800
	Land Use and Planning	2		2		2		12		20	2				\$ 5,670		\$ -		\$ -	40	\$ 5,670
	Mineral Resources	2		2	24	2					2				\$ 6,750		\$ -		\$ -	32	\$ 6,750
	Noise	2		8		2	8						2		\$ 4,140		\$ -		\$ -	22	\$ 4,140
	Population and Housing	1		1		1		2	2	2					\$ 1,200		\$ -		\$ -	7	\$ 1,200
	Public Services	2		2		2	20	2	2	6					\$ 5,360		\$ -		\$ -	34	\$ 5,360
	Recreation	2		2		2	20	2	2	6					\$ 5,360		\$ -		\$ -	34	\$ 5,360
	Transportation/Traffic	2		2		2		6	6	12					\$ 3,640		\$ -		\$ -	24	\$ 3,640
	Utilities and Service Systems	2		2		2		6	6	12					\$ 3,640		\$ -		\$ -	24	\$ 3,640
	Long-Term Implications	2		2		2		4	4	12					\$ 3,360		\$ -		\$ -	22	\$ 3,360
	Alternatives	2		2		2		4	4	8	4				\$ 3,340		\$ -		\$ -	22	\$ 3,340
	EIR Preparers/References	1		2		2		4	4	4					\$ 2,115		\$ -		\$ -	13	\$ 2,115
	Appendices	1		2		2		4	4	4					\$ 2,115		\$ -		\$ -	13	\$ 2,115
6.0	Prepare Draft Program EIR	4	0	10	0	0	22	0	24	0	24	24	0	0	\$ 16,070	20	\$ 3,000	0	\$ -	128	\$ 19,070
6.1	Prepare and Distribute Draft Program EIR	2		8		20	20	20	20	20	20				\$ 13,210	20	\$ 3,000		\$ -	110	\$ 16,210
6.2	Prepare Notice of Completion and Submit to the State Clearinghouse	2		2		2		4	4	4	4				\$ 2,860		\$ -		\$ -	18	\$ 2,860
7.0	Prepare Final Program EIR	6	0	24	0	0	48	0	80	0	120	20	0	0	\$ 43,050	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	298	\$ 43,050
7.1	Prepare Draft Responses to Comments	2		8		20	20	20	20	40					\$ 13,310		\$ -		\$ -	90	\$ 13,310
7.2	Prepare Draft Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program	2		8		8		20	20	20					\$ 8,930		\$ -		\$ -	58	\$ 8,930

7.3	Prepare Final Program EIR	2		8			20		40		60	20			\$ 20,810		\$ -		\$ -	150	\$ 20,810
8.0	Prepare Findings/Statement of Overriding Considerations	4	0	4	0	0	8	0	20	0	40	0	0	0	\$ 10,980	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	76	\$ 10,980
8.1	Prepare Findings of Fact	2		2			4		10		20				\$ 5,490		\$ -		\$ -	38	\$ 5,490
8.2	Prepare Statement of Overriding Considerations (if necessary)	2		2			4		10		20				\$ 5,490		\$ -		\$ -	38	\$ 5,490
9.0	Public Involvement	10	0	28	42	56	8	20	0	20	0	8	0	0	\$ 36,240	21	\$ 3,150	200	\$ 25,000	413	\$ 64,390
9.1	Review of Previous CRP Public Involvement Meetings and Stakeholder List			4	4										\$ 1,780		\$ -	40	\$ 5,000	48	\$ 6,780
9.2	Attend and Facilitate Community Workshops/Study Sessions (3 meetings)	6		12	30	48		20		20					\$ 25,160	14	\$ 2,100	120	\$ 15,000	270	\$ 42,260
9.3	Attend Public Hearing	4		12	8	8	8					8			\$ 9,300	7	\$ 1,050	40	\$ 5,000	95	\$ 15,350
10.0	Technical Advisory Committee Coordination	2	0	8	20	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 8,150	0	\$ -	20	\$ 2,500	58	\$ 10,650
10.1	Facilitation of Meeting with Technical Advisory Committee	2		8	20	8									\$ 8,150		\$ -	20	\$ 2,500	58	\$ 10,650
11.0	Issues for Next Phase of Restoration Planning	0	0	8	20	40	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	\$ 26,340	6	\$ 900	0	\$ -	174	\$ 27,240
11.1	Report on Next Phase of Restoration Planning			8	20	40				100					\$ 26,340	6	\$ 900		\$ -	174	\$ 27,240
11.2	(OPTIONAL TASK) Adaptive Management Plan- see below														\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	-	\$ -
12.0	Project Management	10	0	120	60	40	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 57,150	0	\$ -	24	\$ 3,000	294	\$ 60,150
12.1	Project Management			20	20	40	40								\$ 22,700		\$ -		\$ -	120	\$ 22,700
12.2	Meetings	10		100	40										\$ 34,450		\$ -	24	\$ 3,000	174	\$ 37,450
Total Hours		96	48	410	406	514	360	246	326	836	636	106	74	4		519			352		4,933
Total Labor Costs		\$ 27,360	\$ 12,720	\$ 94,300	\$ 87,290	\$ 92,520	\$ 59,400	\$ 36,900	\$ 45,640	\$ 108,680	\$ 76,320	\$ 12,190	\$ 7,400	\$ 380	\$ 661,100		\$ 77,850		\$ 44,000		\$ 782,950

ESA Labor Cost	\$ 782,950
ESA Non-Labor Expenses (cost breakdown on following page)	
Reimbursable Expenses	\$ 14,961
ESA Equipment Usage	\$ 600
Subtotal ESA Non-Labor Expenses	\$ 15,561

PROJECT TOTAL	\$ 798,511
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**Table 5-1 (cont'd): Cost Estimate - Los Cerritos Wetland Restoration Plan Program EIR
Expense Detail and Optional Tasks**

Direct Expenses	Total
Printing/Reproduction	
IS/NOP	\$ 500
Draft Program EIR (assumes 10 hard copies with appendices on CD)	\$ 2,000
Final EIR/MMRP (assumes 10 hard copies with appendices on CD)	\$ 2,000
Project Supplies	\$ 500
CDs (assumes 100 CDs)	\$ 1,000
Postage and Deliveries	\$ 1,000
Mileage	\$ 2,161
Cultural Records Search	\$ 2,000
EDR (Regulatory Agency Record Search Service)	\$ 500
Trimble GPS	\$ 300
Noise Meter	\$ 300
CRC	\$ 3,300
Total Reimbursable Costs (for all tasks)	\$ 15,561

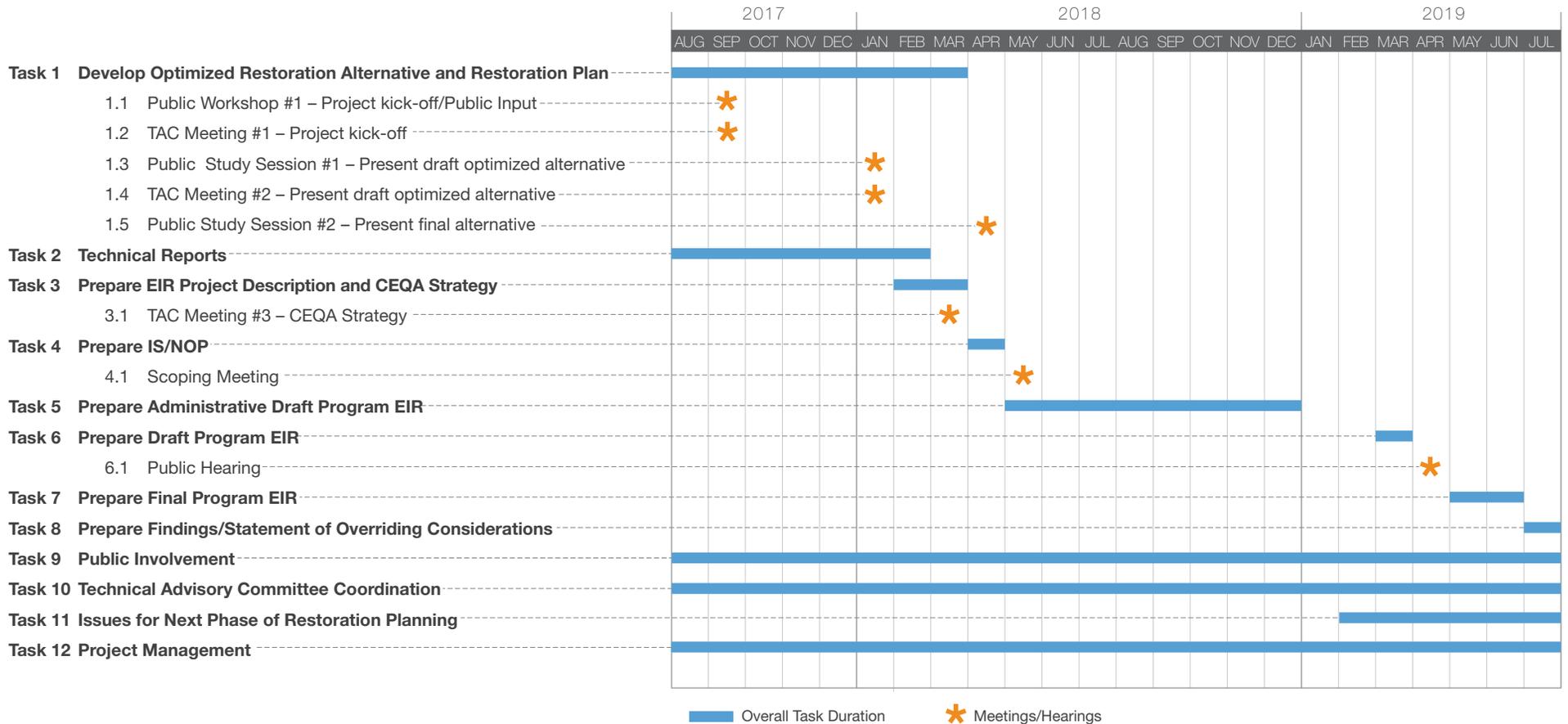
**Table 5-1 (cont'd): Cost Estimate - Los Cerritos Wetland Restoration Plan Program EIR
Optional Tasks**

		Senior Director III	Senior Director II	Director III	Director II	Managing Associate II	Managing Associate I	Senior Associate II	Senior Associate I	Associate III	Associate II			Associate I	CRC	Expenses	
		\$ 285	\$ 265	\$ 230	\$ 215	\$ 180	\$ 165	\$ 150	\$ 140	\$ 130	\$ 120			\$ 95	\$ 150		
2.7	2.7 Soil Texture Assessment														50	\$ 2,000	\$ 7,500
11.2	11.2 Adaptive Management Plan	4		8	32	40		24		40					60		\$ 34,860
PROJECT TOTAL WITH OPTIONAL TASKS																	\$ 840,871



Figure 5-1 PROJECT SCHEDULE

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority / Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Plan Program EIR



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RESOLUTION 20167 – 04

RESOLUTION OF THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY TO
AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL
SCIENCE ASSOCIATES FOR LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS
RESTORATION PLAN PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
REPORT (17001).

WHEREAS, the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority has been established between the Coastal Conservancy, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, the City of Seal Beach and the City of Long Beach to facilitate the acquisition, protection, conservation, restoration, maintenance and operation an environmental enhancement of the Los Cerritos Wetlands; and

WHEREAS, the LCWA has further been established to focus on projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects within the Los Cerritos Wetlands; and

WHEREAS, this action will authorize a contract to Environmental Science Associates for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Plan Program Environmental Impact Report (17001); and,

WHEREAS, This action is consistent with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore, be it resolved that the LCWA hereby:

1. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution is consistent with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. FINDS that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the LCWA.
3. Authorizes a contract amendment to Environmental Science Associates for the **Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Plan Program Environmental Impact Report** for a total amount not to exceed \$800,000.00 for 2-years and 3 months commencing August 3, 2017 and terminating on November 3, 2019. This contract is reflected in the FY17/18 Budget.
4. The Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority adopts the staff report dated August 3, 2017.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY ON February 3, 2017.

Sam Schuchat, LCWA Chair

ATTEST:

David Edsall
Deputy Attorney General