

**MINUTES  
LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY (LCWA)  
BOARD MEETING  
May 4, 2017**

The meeting was held at the City of Seal Beach Fire Station #48 Community Room. The meeting was called to order by Chair Suzie Price at 12:32 p.m.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Schelly Sustarsic  
Mr. Sam Schuchat  
Ms. Suzie Price  
Mr. Daryl Supernaw

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mark Stanley, Executive Officer  
Dena Williams, Board Secretary  
David Edsall, Jr., Deputy Attorney General

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ann Cantrell spoke of an incident that happened April 19 at 8pm. Ann stated that there were bright lights, oil drilling or filming going on and she was concerned about the breeding season on the wetlands and wanted to know what could be done from it happening again. Mary Parsell stated she went to the area where the lights and filming were taking place and mentioned the concerns about the birds on the wetlands being disturbed. Board Member Schuchat asked if they were in the wetlands area or just outside the area. Ms. Parsell stated that they were in the wetlands area on Synergy property. Chair Price asked that this issue be put on the agenda to be educated when something like this does occur and did not want to discuss the issue further due to everyone involved was not present at the time. Anna Christensen stated that tonight would be the last study session for the SEADIP re-zoning and just wanted everyone to know about it.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were one set of minutes for Board Meeting on February 3, 2017.

**Vice Chair Schuchat moved to approve the 2/3/17 minutes; Board member Sustarsic seconded the motion. Board voted – 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstentions. Minutes were passed.**

## **REGULAR CALENDAR**

### **5. STATUS REPORT ON WORK PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

- A. NEW WORK PLAN FORMAT**
- B. LAND MANAGEMENT UPDATE (ERIC ZAHN)**
- C. LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM COORDINATOR UPDATE (ALENE SPINDEL)**
- D. EL DORADO AUDUBON UPDATE (MARY PARSELL)**
- E. HOMELESS RELOCATION PROGRAM UPDATE (LENNY ARKINSTALL)**

Executive Officer, Mark Stanley, stated that there was a slightly new format for the work plan but that it still includes many of the elements that appeared prior to today's report.

Tia Blair gave a little update on the regular nature walks coordinated with the Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust. Tia also mentioned that about 100 community volunteers have planted 175 natives for the restoration project and pulled 1300 pounds of non-native plants. Tia stated that the flyer for the wetlands activities is being updated and is in draft form right now and should be ready for review June 1st. Tia stated that the next bird walk will be hosted by El Dorado Audubon and trash pickups will be the 3rd Fridays. Chair Price asked if there was a flyer for the trash pickups for a program that the city has called Walk the Walk and it would be a great event for that program.

Mary Parsell gave a short but thorough update on the volunteers on the bird walks from January 2017. Mary mentioned that the Saturday coming up all of the Los Angeles Audubon chapters would be having a Bird LA Day and just wanted everyone to be aware of it.

Eric Zahn gave a very brief update on the land management and just mentioned that there are two active encampments on the Bryant property and recommends that these encampments be immediately remediated.

Board Member Sam Schuchat provided news about the potential funding sources of the work plan and that the Chief of Staff of the Water Board stated that the LCWA should see the opportunity for funding this November. Lastly, Mr. Schuchat stated that there is an on-going conversation with the ACOE to get approval for the (WRP) In-Lieu Fee Program up and running and that this should be the last hurdle before that happens.

### **6. STATUS REPORT AND UPDATE ON THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS OIL CONSOLIDATION AND RESTORATION PROJECT.**

Eric Zahn stated that LCWA staff, Beach Oil Minerals Partners (BOMP), Coastal Commission and the City of Long Beach are having bi-weekly calls to discuss the BOMP Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and that a Draft EIR is planned to be circulated for public comment by the City sometime in summer 2017. Eric stated that a meeting took place on January 26, 2017 at the ACOE office for the discussion of a mitigation bank and comments from the Inter-agency Review Team (IRT) have been submitted to the

Bank Sponsor and are currently being evaluated. Eric mentioned that the real estate appraisals for the OTD parcel and Synergy property done by BOMP have been completed, have been reviewed by LCWA and are being brought to another agency for a secondary review. Lastly, Eric stated that BOMP and City of Long Beach staff provided a study session on April 20, 2017 to discuss outreach ideas. Eric also stated that there have been several outreach presentations to homeowner associations, El Dorado Audubon and LCW Land Trust. Eric said that BOMP is planning to host an Open House Event that will include a docent-led site tour along the envisioned "Studebaker Trail" and that the Coastal Commission staff is providing regular updates on the project as it progresses. Chair Price asked if we have numbers for the appraisals and if they are public yet. Mark Stanley answered that we do have numbers and they would be provided.

**7. STATUS REPORT AND UPDATE ON THE TIMELINE AND SCOPE FOR THE LCWA'S PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT TO PERFORM THE NEXT STEPS IN ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING OF THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS FINAL CONCEPTUAL RESTORATION PLAN.**

Eric Zahn stated that the LCWA is seeking the services of a multidisciplinary team of professional consultants to prepare a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the LCW Conceptual Restoration Plan (CRP). Eric also stated that the LCWA anticipates that the project team will include specialists in wildlife biology, wetland and restoration ecology, civil engineering, hydrology and geomorphology, oil operations, CEQA planning and other appropriate environmental planning disciplines. Eric stated that the fiscal considerations for this project are being funded by Proposition 1 Grant Funds from the State Coastal Conservancy and Proposition 1 Grant Funds from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

**8. PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54965.8, LCWA MAY HOLD A CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT APPRAISAL REPORT AND THE DRAFT PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY AND BRYANT DAKIN LLC FOR THE APN 7237-020-053; 054; LCWA NEGOTIATORS: MARK STANLEY, DAVID EDSALL, JR. AND LAURIE COLLINGS AND PROPERTY OWNER NEGOTIATOR: STEVE BRYANT AND KEVIN BRAZIL. UNDER CONSIDERATION: PRICE AND TERMS.**

Chair Price dismissed the general public so that the board members could go into a closed session which began at 1:20 p.m. and ended at 1:26 p.m.

**9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. STATEMENTS, RESPONSES, QUESTIONS OR DIRECTIONS TO STAFF PURSUANT TO SECTION 54954.2(A) OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE.**

Lenny Arkininstall gave a very brief update on the encampment clean-up due to the fact that he was over-looked earlier in the meeting. Direction was provided to staff.

**10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be August 3, 2017. The venue to be determined.

**11. ADJOURNMENT UPON COMPLETION OF BUSINESS**

Chair Price adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:30 p.m.

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Sam Schuchat  
Vice Chair

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Dena Williams  
LCWA Board Secretary