

**MINUTES
LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY (LCWA)
BOARD MEETING
February 10, 2016**

The meeting was held at the City of Seal Beach Fire Station #48 Community Room at 3131 N. Gate Road, Seal Beach, CA 90740. The meeting was called to order by Chair Sam Schuchat at 1:31 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Ellery Deaton
Mr. Sam Schuchat
Ms. Suzie Price
Mr. Daryl Supernaw

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Stanley, Executive Officer
Dena Williams, Board Secretary
Luz Quinnell, Project Manager
Terry Fujimoto, Counsel

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Janice Dahl of the El Dorado Audubon commented on the bird walks that occurred and wanted bird surveys collected so that they could be recorded and sent to the National Audubons. Mary Parsell of the El Dorado Audubon briefly mentioned that the Citizens Science Symposium is occurring on February 20th at the Aquarium of the Pacific and the Audubon is on the agenda to give a session about the Los Cerritos Wetlands.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No corrections were noted.

Vice Chair Price moved to approve the minutes; Ms. Deaton seconded the motion. Board voted – 3 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Abstention. Minutes were passed.

5. DISCUSSION OF THE 2016 LCWA BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

Executive Officer, Mark Stanley mentioned that there had been some comments from the board in terms of the scheduling of meetings throughout the year. Mr. Stanley also stated that there has been some discussion whether the meetings should continue as quarterly or should be ad hoc. He mentioned that if we continue with the quarterly schedule the next meeting would be May 11th followed by August 10th and so on. Board member Deaton suggested quarterly meetings so that the public can be involved and make their comments and she would rather have a set schedule so that she could put it on her calendar and then make any changes if needed. Chair Schuchat stated that he is fine with a regular schedule of the meetings but that the second Wednesday is a conflict with other meetings that he has. Vice Chair Price also agreed to having regular meetings so that the public could be involved but had an issue with the day of the week and also offered a place in Long Beach to hold the meetings if needed. Final comment by Mr. Stanley was that the board members will be surveyed to decide what day of the week and what time the meetings will be held.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH LAURIE COLLINS FOR DUE DILIGENCE OF SYNERGY LAND TRANSFER AND THE BRYANT-DAKIN ACQUISITION.**

7. **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY PROPOSITION 1 GRANT PROGRAM WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY, AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014 FOR THE: 1. BRYANT-DAKIN ACQUISITION; AND 2. LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS RESTORATION AND PLANNING PROJECT.**

Vice Chair Price motioned to approve the resolutions; Ms. Deaton seconded the motion. Board voted – 4 ayes; 0 nays; 0 abstentions. Passed unanimously.

REGULAR CALENDAR

8. **STATUS REPORT ON WORKPLAN IMPLEMENTATION INCLUDING LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM, LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS CONCEPTUAL RESTORATION PLAN, REAL PROPERTY LAND OWNER COMMUNICATIONS, GRANT STATUS REPORT, LCWA WEBSITE AND LCWA AUDIT REPORT.**

Executive Officer, Mark Stanley, stated that we would have regular updates on our workplan as promised. Tidal Influence gave a brief overview on the land management and stewardship program and stated that the Seal Beach water line has been repaired in accordance with the Coastal Commission and are working closely with them to develop a restoration plan to the impacted areas. The Stewardship Program has been working on two different projects.

The first project being the Los Alamitos Pump Station next to the wetlands and installed 8000 plants or so with the help of local students and stewardship volunteers. The second project Zedler Marsh trails with funding from Los Angeles County with a finish date of June 2017. Tidal Influence mentioned that the newly merged website for the LCWA will be up and running in the next week and will be working closely with the staff to get ideas and help with uploading pictures and whatever else staff would like to see on the website. Chair Schuchat asked where the native plants came from and do they propagate yourselves. Tidal Influence answered yes to propagating most of the plants and some were purchased from The Tree of Life nursery. Mary Parsell gave a brief report of the bird walks and mentioned that emailing the pictures from the nature bird walks is a new format the Audubon is doing and shared a few of the numbers from her monthly report. Ms. Dahl discussed how the Audubon is having field trips with local students from Cerritos schools and how successful they have been. Luz Quinnell gave a brief synopsis of the homeless remediation report that was provided by Lenny Arkinsahl and passed out a copy of the report. Ms. Quinnell stated that there have been issues with the homeless and the police department has been patrolling the area which has helped and there are no homeless persons on the property now, but that it changes everyday.

9. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUMS OF AGREEMENTS WITH THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS: 1. LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS LAND TRUST; 2. EL DORADO AUDUBON; AND THE 3. AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC.**

No discussion was given. Board decided to just vote on without a report being given.

Vice Chair Price motioned to approve the resolution; Ms. Deaton seconded the motion. Board voted – 4 ayes; 0 nays; 0 abstentions. Passed unanimously.

10. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH TIDAL INFLUENCE FOR THE LCWA LAND AND GRANT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT.**

Mr. Stanley stated that there was only one bidder for the Request For Proposal and the new contract will be for one year with a total value of \$24,000. Board member Deaton asked if there are other people who contribute towards this program besides the authority. Mr. Stanley answered that the program receives funding from other grants.

Ms. Deaton motioned to approve the resolution; Chair Schuchat seconded the motion. Board voted – 4 ayes; 0 nays; 0 abstentions. Passed unanimously.

11. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2007-01 DATED ON JANUARY 7, 2007 TO ACCEPT A QUITCLAIM DEED FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON TO CORRECT THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE IRREVOCABLE OFFER TO DEDICATE FEE TITLE (EDISON OTD) RECORDED ON NOVEMBER 28, 2001 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 01-2260417 AND COVENANT TO COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE EDISON OTD.**

Counsel Laurie Collins stated that there is a discrepancy with the legal description and that there needs to be a correction in order to move forward. Board member Deaton asked what would be the affect on the authority if anything at all. Ms. Collins answered that it was just paperwork that needed correcting and not a physical correction.

Vice Chair Price motioned to approve the resolution; Mr. Supernaw seconded the motion. Board voted – 4 ayes; 0 nays; 0 abstentions. Passed unanimously.

12. **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF AN EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON FOR POWER LINES AND APPURTENANT FACILITIES LOCATED WITHIN THE OTD PARCEL IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 9(4) OF THE OFFER TO DEDICATE RECORDED NOVEMBER 28, 2001.**

Ms. Collins stated that there is not an easement for the perimeter of the LCWA property. She also stated the Synergy Oil & Gas is working closely with SCE to work on the terms of what the easement would be, and once the terms are written, it will be presented to the board for approval of the final document.

Vice Chair Price motioned to approve the resolution; Ms. Deaton seconded the motion. Board voted – 4 ayes; 0 nays; 0 abstentions. Passed unanimously.

13. **(A) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM SYNERGY OIL & GAS, LLC FOR SYNERGY RESTORATION AND WETLAND MITIGATION ANALYSIS OF STEAMSHOVEL SLOUGH.**

(B) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH MOFFATT & NICHOL TO CONDUCT A HYDRAULIC PHASE I WETLAND MITIGATION ANALYSIS OF STEAMSHOVEL SLOUGH.

Mr. Stanley stated that Moffatt & Nichol is the consultant that helped write the conceptual restoration plan and were approached by Synergy Oil & Gas to provide an additional study of the 76 acres known as Steamshovel Slough before they move forward with any habitat restoration. In addition, LCWA was approached to see if staff was interested in this study which would provide LCWA to have oversight of the study. Mr. Webb of Moffatt & Nichol explained what the study will consist of which is to analyze the hydraulics of the conceptual restoration plan of the north parcel of the wetlands which is being consistent with the minimum alternative outlined in the conceptual restoration plan. Ms. Deaton just wanted to clarify that there would be updates on the study and Mr. Stanley answered absolutely.

Ms. Deaton motioned to approve both resolutions; Vice Chair Price seconded the motion. Board voted – 3 ayes; 0 nays; 1 abstention. Passed unanimously.

14. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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

Board member Deaton suggested that the “Technical Advisory Committee” have regular meetings with Synergy Oil & Gas. Mr. Stanley stated that the TAC in this context is actually staff members from the JPA and each agency that makes up the board members.

15. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

A poll will be taken from the board members as to what day of the month and time the meetings will take place.

16. ADJOURNMENT UPON COMPLETION OF BUSINESS

Mr. Schuchat adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:17 p.m.

X

Sam Schuchat
Chair

X

Dena Williams
LCWA Board Secretary