

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Date: May 4, 2017

To: Governing Board Members

From: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

Subject: Item 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 Conceptual Restoration Plan

RECOMMENDATION: That the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority Board receive and file this Status Report.

BACKGROUND: The Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA) adopted the Los Cerritos Wetlands Conceptual Restoration Plan in August 2015. Through a competitive bid process, the LCWA will seek the services of a multidisciplinary team of professional consultants to prepare a Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Conceptual Restoration Plan (CRP) in the cities of Long Beach and Seal Beach, California.

STATUS REPORT AND UPDATE: The Los Cerritos Wetlands Conceptual Restoration Plan (CRP) study will focus on identifying a preferred ecological restoration alternative design and analyzing the potential environmental impacts resulting from the implementation of that restoration alternative across the entire Los Cerritos Wetlands complex.

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. The LCWA intends to contract for the work with a single primary consultant, which may perform the work in-house or through one or more subcontractors.

The overall tentative schedule for the request for proposals (RFP) process is as follows:

May 22, 2017	Release of RFP
June 9, 2017	Mandatory Site Visit
June 23, 2017	Proposals Due
July 11, 2017	Finalist Interviews
August 10, 2017	LCWA Board Approval of Contract Award

FISCAL: Proposition 1 Grant Funds awarded from the State Coastal Conservancy for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Planning and Restoration Project in the amount of \$500,000. Proposition 1 Grant Funds awarded from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Planning and Restoration Project have been approved in the amount of \$350,000.