

**MINUTES
LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY (LCWA)
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2018**

The meeting was held at the Long Beach Yacht Club at 6201 Appian Way, Long Beach 90803. The meeting was called to order by Chair Suzie Price at 12:41 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **FLAG SALUTE**
3. **ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Suzie Price
Ms. Joan Cardellino
Ms. Schelly Sustarsic
Mr. Roberto Uranga

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Stanley, Executive Officer
Dena Williams, Board Secretary
Salian Garcia, Fiscal Manager
Sally Gee, Assoc. Project Manager
David Edsall, Jr., Deputy Attorney General

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments.

5. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Price stated that she did not have a report at this time.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

One set of minutes for Board Meeting from May 3, 2018.

Board Member Sustarsic moved to approve the 5/3/18 minutes; Chair Price seconded the motion. Board voted – 3 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Abstention. Minutes were passed.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. STATUS REPORT ON WORK PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

A. LAND MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Eric Zahn stated that “No Trespassing” signs have been placed along the entire LCWA complex and should help with keeping encampments to a minimum.

Mr. Zahn shared with the board two pictures from the security wildlife cam. He stated that these pictures were of nature observations on the property.

Chair Price stated that she had a meeting with Long Beach Police Department, Seal Beach Police Department and a few Council members from Seal Beach to discuss the joint management concerns and how each department will work in partnership to ensure the safety of the wetlands. There were no further questions or statements from the board.

B. LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM COORDINATOR UPDATE

Daniel North stated that they have averaged over 50 attendees on the Land Trust funded nature walks and it was a healthy mixture of both first-time visitors and returning guests. Mr. North also stated that for volunteer restoration they had a record-breaking 110 event volunteers in June who were able to remove 830 lbs. of non-native vegetation from the Zedler Marsh restoration area, 167 additional native plants were installed with nearly 650 new plants being propagated in the onsite growing space in preparation for the next coming planting season. Mr. North mentioned that in just a short time, restoration events and intern crew days between Mid-April and Mid-July they were able to produce 697 volunteer hours, contributing \$16,825 of in-kind services.

Mr. North stated that there were five different service-learning field trips since April that hosted 125 students and instructors to help remove 435 lbs. of non-native vegetation and successfully propagated 691 new native plants.

C. EL DORADO AUDUBON UPDATE

Mary Parsell stated that the bird walks are on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Ms. Parsell stated that in May the group was on the Hellman property, temperature was warm, and several species of swallows were visible.

Ms. Parsell mentioned that in June the group was at the Hellman property, the earth was extremely dry but they spotted a Cattle Egret, Cassin’s Kingbird and some humming birds for a total of 17 species.

Ms. Parsell stated that in July the group was at the Hellman property again and the group noted water in the wetlands due to high tides and they spotted Red-shouldered Hawk, Ash-throated Flycatcher and Hooded Oriole for a total of 21 species.

D. HOMELESS RELOCATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Lenny Arkinstall was not present to give this report.

E. LCWA RESTORATION PLAN PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT UPDATE

Eric Zahn stated that the LCWA's consultant, Environmental Science & Associates (ESA) and sub-consultants, are developing the optimized restoration plan. Mr. Zahn stated that a workshop was held on March 28, 2018 at the Mary Wilson Library, and only standing room (was left available).

Mr. Zahn stated that with all of ESA's efforts, they have been able to set up a meeting with the Technical Advisory Committee which will be held on August 23rd and the location is yet to be determined. Mr. Zahn also mentioned that another public workshop is in the works and they are looking at a date in late September.

Board member Sustarsic wanted clarification about a tree on the property, whether if it was in Seal Beach's property or did it belong to a (neighboring) resident. Mr. Zahn answered that Mr. Ceballos handled that issue and found out that it was a tree that belonged to a neighbor, and the owner had cut it down onto LCWA property.

F. RECEIVE AND FILE EXPENDITURE REPORT

Salian Garcia stated that in Exhibit A the FY 2017/2018 Budget contained balances as of July 15, 2018. Ms. Garcia also stated that the JPA contribution revenue remains at 50% of budgeted revenues and the Authority is awaiting for contributions from the Coastal Conservancy and the City of Seal Beach.

Ms. Garcia also stated that the lease revenue is below budget due to the Authority awaiting lease payments from its OTD parcel commercial tenant.

Ms. Garcia mentioned that staff is awaiting reimbursement from several grants and the revenue will be reflected when submitted costs has been approved and the reimbursement is received.

There were no questions from the board.

8. STATUS REPORT AND UPDATE ON THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS OIL CONSOLIDATION AND RESTORATION PROJECT

Eric Zahn stated that the Beach Oil Minerals Partners has been working on two different elements which is the Coastal Development Permit application for the Local Coastal Plan Amendment that was deemed incomplete and they are working together with staff to address the application's deficiencies in an attempt to get it on an agenda for a Coastal Commission hearing in October 2018.

Mr. Zahn stated that the second item BOMP is working on is the mitigation bank. Mr. Zahn also stated that BOMP submitted the Draft Bank Enabling Instrument in May 2018 and is currently under review by the Interagency Review Team who has 90 days to

provide comments and the Final BEI cannot be officially approved by Coastal Commission until the project's Coastal Development Permit is approved.

9. RECEIVE AND FILE THE FY 16/17 LCWA FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE AUDIT AND RELATED FINDINGS

Ms. Garcia stated that an audit was conducted with the cooperation of the City of Long Beach and LCWA staff. Ms. Garcia stated that in the report, the Authority's net position decreased due to the Authority's operations, total revenues decreased primarily due to a decrease in program and grant revenue, total expenses increased primarily due to an increase in consulting and grant management expenditures.

Ms. Garcia mentioned that Capital assets amount to \$11,000,000 with no change from the previous fiscal year, the Authority continues to have no long-term debt. Ms. Garcia added that only two control deficiencies were found such as adjustments to properly reflect receivable balances for grant and audit adjustments, reclassifications disclosure, communication between City and Authority personnel. Ms. Garcia's final statement was that there were not findings noted in the current fiscal year.

10. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STAFF TO ADOPT THE LCWA BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019.

Ms. Garcia stated that the attached Consolidated Budget for Fiscal Year 18/19 as Exhibit A includes three revenues and expenditure components which are Administration, Operational and Capital Outlay. Ms. Garcia also stated that the total budgeted revenue for Fiscal Year is \$1,572,953 which is balanced out by the expenditures.

Board Member Uranga motioned to approve Item 10. Board Member Cardellino seconded the motion. Board Voted. 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstentions.

11. PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54965.8, LCWA MAY HOLD A CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER:

A. THE DRAFT APPRAISAL REPORT AND THE DRAFT LAND SWAP AGREEMENT BETWEEN LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY AND LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS, LLC FOR THE APN 7237-019-809; 7237-017-010 THRU 014; 018; 019; LCWA NEGOTIATORS: MARKSTANLEY AND PROPERTY OWNER NEGOTIATOR: JOHN MCKEOWN AND MICHAEL DI SANO. UNDER CONSIDERATION: PRICE AND TERMS.

B. 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 AND PROPERTY OWNER NEGOTIATOR: STEVE BRYANT AND KEVIN BRAZIL. UNDER CONSIDERATION: PRICE AND TERMS.

Closed Session began at 1:19pm and ended approximately at 1:42pm. The Board received land acquisition information, advice and provided direction.

11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

B. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

12. ADJOURNMENT UPON COMPLETION OF BUSINESS

Chair Price adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:44 p.m.

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Suzie Price
Chair

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Dena Williams
LCWA Board Secretary