

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
The public meeting of the
Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA)
will be held on

Thursday, May 7, 2020
at
12:30pm

Per Executive Order N-29-20, issued by California Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020 and related to the State of Emergency declared as a result of the COVID-19 virus, LCWA board meetings will be temporarily conducted remotely via the below access information. Anybody needing assistance accessing the meeting should contact LCWA Staff at lcwa@tidalinfluence.com or at 626-815-1019 x 104.

At the following location:

TELECONFERENCE MEETING VIA ZOOM

ADDRESS: <https://zoom.us/j/95603063326>

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Flag Salute
3. Roll Call
4. Public Comment

*Individuals wishing to comment are encouraged to fill out this [online comment card](#) for the official record on or before **May 6, 2020 by 4:00pm**, particularly if they wish for their comment to be read by the Chair during the meeting. Public comment can also be requested and made during the meeting by virtual means or phone. Although not required, in order to facilitate an orderly remote meeting, it is helpful to let the LCWA Board Secretary know in advance if you would like to make a public comment. Individuals representing themselves will be allowed three (3) minutes to speak, and representatives of organizations/agencies will be allowed five (5) minutes to speak. Speaker time may be reduced depending on the number of speakers. No questions shall be posed to any member of the body except through the presiding official of the meeting, members of the Board are under no obligation to respond to questions posed by speakers but may provide brief clarifying responses to any comment made or questions posed.*

5. Chair's Report
6. Approval of the Minutes, March 5, 2020.

Regular Calendar

7. Status Report on Work Plan Implementation
 - a. Land Management Update
 - b. Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program Coordinator Update
 - c. Homeless Relocation Program Update
 - d. LCWA Restoration Plan Program Environmental Impact Report Update
 - e. Expenditures Report

8. Consideration of a resolution ratifying acceptance of a grant from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Project.
9. Closed Session: Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8, LCWA may hold a closed session to consider the Draft Appraisal Report and the Draft Land Transfer Agreement, and related items, 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: Mark Stanley and Property Owner Negotiator: John McKeown and Michael Di Sano. Under Consideration: Price and Terms.
10. Closed Session: Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8, 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 and Property Owner Negotiator: Steve Bryant and Kevin Brazil. Under Consideration: Price and Terms.
11. Closed Session: Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1), LCWA may hold a closed session to discuss the matter of *Puvunga Wetlands Protectors v. California Coastal Commission, et al.*, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCP00435.
12. Oral Communications
 - a. Statements, responses, questions or directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2(a) of the Government Code.
 - b. Future agenda items.
13. Adjournment upon completion of business.

Public participation is welcome on any agenda item. Members of the public wishing to address the Governing Body on any item should address the Chair. For the time in which meetings are being conducted remotely, members of the public are encouraged to either fill out the above-linked online comment card the day before, or to contact the LCWA Staff in advance if they plan to make a public comment during the meeting (although this is not required) in order to help facilitate an orderly meeting. Please reach out to LCWA Staff at lcwa@tidalinfluence.com or at 626-815-1019 x 104.

During the meeting the Governing Board may hold a closed session on any item pursuant to Government Code sections 54956.8 and 54956.9. Members of the public wishing to address the Governing Body on any item should address the President of the Authority in advance of the meeting. Questions about the agenda items should be addressed to Mark Stanley, Executive Officer at (626) 815-1019 ext 100.

Note: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if you require a disability-related modification or accommodation to attend or participate in the meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please contact Dena Williams, Board Secretary at (626) 815-1019 ext 116 at least 3 days prior to the meeting.

**MINUTES
LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY (LCWA)
BOARD MEETING
March 5, 2020**

The meeting was held at the Conservation Corp of Long Beach, 340 Nieto Ave., Long Beach 90814. The meeting was called to order by Chair Sam Schuchat at approximately 12:30 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Roberto Uranga
Mr. Sam Schuchat
Mr. Daryl Supernaw

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

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

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Ann Cantrell asked if there had been a study made to see if there are any hazardous materials that would affect the development of the restoration in the wetlands and also was concerned about the developer not being made to do any clean-up before a transfer to a government agency such as LCWA.

Ms. Corliss Lee expressed her concern about planned for development along Studebaker Road. Ms. Lee is also concerned about the property being called an industrial park. Ms. Lee feels that it would not be inviting to many of the creatures that are usually found on a wetland and she feels that it is not compatible with the wetlands.

Ms. Melinda Cotton is concerned with the wetlands and the long term restoration. Ms. Cotton wants to know what kind of company is the LCWA dealing with and how substantial is the Beach Oil Minerals company who are often known for abandoning projects and she wants to know who is behind the company and what is their financial situation and what are we getting ourselves into.

Mr. Robert Fox is concerned about the development along Studebaker Road project which sounded similar to a Mobile Home project that they have had in the past. Mr. Fox stated that he is concerned if the ground for which the oil rigs are going in is stabilized and also what kind of gases are underneath. Mr. Fox is also concerned about the building of a structure on the wetlands when it was supposed to be kept as a wetlands.

Anna Christensen is concerned with the LCWA mitigation bank and would like the general public to view the latest mitigation proposal.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Schuchat mentioned that there is a Resource Bond in the works. Mr. Stanley added that there is a Senate bill for a bond and the Assembly has a bond and the Administration is proposing a bond for resiliency to climate change and sea level rise. If the senate bill (a bond) were to pass, there would be large amounts of monies for RMC and the Coastal Conservancy. There were no other comments given.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

One set of minutes for Board Meeting from August 1, 2019. There were no objections.

Minutes were passed.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. STATUS REPORT ON WORK PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

A. LAND MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Eric Zahn stated that the board packet contains great details of the activities on the wetlands for the last 6 months and we have been working closely with the City of Seal Beach due to the leaks in the waterline that is being repaired.

There were no questions.

B. LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM COORDINATOR UPDATE

Daniel North stated that the nature walks within the last quarter has had 117 visitors for a total of just shy 500 visitors for the entire year.

Mr. North stated that 109 volunteers helped plant over 670 plants and an additional 300 plants were propagated that will be cared for until time for planting for a total of 1500 plantings for the entire year and a total of 4500 lbs. of trash and invasive vegetation have been discarded.

Mr. North stated that several service-learning field trips were hosted before the end of 2019 for both Long Beach City College and California State University, Long Beach. Mr. North stated that there were a total of 75 students that were hosted among three classes who helped to install a total of 183 native plants and the

instructors that helped coordinate these field trips have scheduled both scheduled springs semester trips for 2020.

C. EL DORADO AUDUBON UPDATE

Mary Parsell stated that the El Dorado Audubon Society has been conducting these walks since 1979 and it all began on the parcel that is now called the Steam Shovel Slough.

Ms. Parsell stated that in January at the Hellman lowlands, they saw Least Sandpiper, Greater Yellowlegs, White-tailed Kite, Say's Phoebe and Blue-gray Gnatcatcher for a total of 25 avian species. Ms. Parsell stated that at the Zedler Marsh there was foggy for most of the walk and they saw American Wigeon, Bufflehead, Peregrine Falcon, Song Sparrow and Common Yellowthroat for a total of 13 avian species.

Ms. Parsell stated that in February on the Hellman lowlands, it was foggy for most of the walk and they saw Canada Goose, Osprey, Red-tailed Hawk, White-crowned Sparrow and hummingbirds for a total of 23 avian species. Ms. Parsell stated that at the Zedler Marsh the sky was full of dark clouds with rain expected and they saw Canada Goose, American Wigeon, Bufflehead, Killdeer and a Turkey Vulture for a total of 16 avian species.

D. HOMELESS RELOCATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Lenny Arkinstall stated that everything is all good and that the local Police Departments are doing an outstanding job and not dealing with the same homeless persons over and over again.

Mr. Arkinstall stated that the County is doing monthly cleanups of the river all the way up to Carson Street. Mr. Arkinstall stated that he set up a tour with the Deputy Fire Marshall and the Deputy City Attorney to come up with plans and ways to reduce homelessness on the wetlands. Mr. Arkinstall also stated that the fencing projects are moving forward with Johnny Vallejo.

E. EXPENDITURES REPORT

Salian Garcia gave a brief synopsis of the FY 2019/2020 budget and summarized the Expenditures and Revenues as of February 15, 2020.

F. LCWA RESTORATION PLAN PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT UPDATE AND PRESENTATION

Sally Gee stated that LCWA is getting ready to release the Draft PEIR and anticipate releasing it next month and Eric Zahn will be providing a presentation about what is contained in the report.

Sally also stated that there will be alternatives presented but just not today due to being in draft form but will be included in the Draft PEIR.

Eric Zahn provided to the board a thorough presentation of what the Draft PEIR would contain and a copy of the presentation was requested to be put up on the website as well as emailed to the Board Secretary or Sally Gee.

Chair Schuchat asked where all of the dirt was coming from for all of the levies. Eric answered that the number of truck trips are being analyzed and they are balancing it between two different projects that would tier off. Eric also stated that how they pull it off is not a part of the EIR yet but are definitely exploring the options.

8. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RATIFYING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICTS MEASURE A FUNDS FOR MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING OF THE ZEDLER MARSH TRAILS SYSTEM.

Sally Gee stated that this grant would provide approximately \$67,000 for maintenance and servicing funds for the maintenance of projects completed with Proposition A or Measure A.

Sally also stated that these funds will greatly assist in maintaining a safer and better environment for continued public programming and restoration of native habitat, also, staff is exploring the possibility of opening the gate at set times and days along the San Gabriel River Trail to unguided public access, providing the public with more opportunities to enjoy the Zedler Marsh Trails and Los Cerritos Wetlands.

Board Member Uranga motioned to approve. Board Member Supernaw seconded the motion. Board Voted: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions. This item passed.

- 9. CLOSED SESSION: PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8, LCWA MAY HOLD A CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER 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: MARK STANLEY AND PROPERTY OWNER NEGOTIATOR: JOHN MCKEOWN AND MICHAEL DI SANO. UNDER CONSIDERATION: PRICE AND TERMS.**
- 10. CLOSED SESSION: PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8, 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 AND PROPERTY OWNER NEGOTIATOR: STEVE BRYANT AND KEVIN BRAZIL. UNDER CONSIDERATION: PRICE AND TERMS.**
- 11. CLOSED SESSION: PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8(D)(1), LCWA MAY HOLD A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE MATTER OF *PUVUNGA WETLANDS PROTECTORS V. CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION, ET AL.*, LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. 19STCP00435.**

Closed Session began at approximately 1:33 pm and ended approximately at 2:15 pm. The Board received information and advice and provided direction.

16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

Next meeting will be May 7th at the Seal Beach Fire Station #48.

B. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

17. ADJOURNMENT UPON COMPLETION OF BUSINESS

Chair Schuchat adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:16 p.m.

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Sam Schuchat
Chair

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Dena Williams
LCWA Board Secretary

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority**Date: May 7, 2020****To: Governing Board Members****From: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer****Subject: Item 7: Status Report on Workplan Implementation including Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program and Los Cerritos Wetlands Conceptual Restoration Plan.**

BACKGROUND: At the September 19, 2006 meeting, the Board adopted the Workplan set forth below. An updated description of the status of each workplan item is detailed in the following table:

<u>May 2020 WORKPLAN STATUS UPDATE</u>		
LCWA Projects		
Task	Description	Status
Potential Funding Sources		
State Water Board Once-through Cooling Interim Mitigation Funding will depend on mitigation fees collected	The Once-Through Cooling (OTC) Policy requires owners or operators of existing power plants to implement measures to mitigate interim impingement and entrainment impacts resulting from their cooling water intake structures. The interim mitigation period commenced on October 1, 2015 and continues up to and until owners or operators achieve their final compliance deadlines as outlined in the OTC Policy.	Funding will depend on the mitigation fees collected by the State Coastal Conservancy
Wetlands Recovery Project In-Lieu Fee Program Progress Report Funding will depend on mitigation fees collected	Implementation of the proposed Program will provide a potential funding source to implement projects that fulfill the SCWRP goals, thereby generating substantial ecological benefits within the Program's Service Area, while also providing a cooperative mechanism for Compensatory Mitigation that addresses the needs of multiple federal, state, and local agencies.	The pursuit of this program has been cancelled. Therefore, this item will be omitted from future work plan updates.

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California Department of Fish and Wildlife Prop 1 and Prop 68 grant program	This funding for competitive grants for watershed restoration projects that implement the California Water Action Plan.	The LCWA was selected as an awardee for CDFW's Prop 1 grant program. A resolution to accept this funding will be present during the May 2020 LCWA board meeting.
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Task	Description	Status
Capital Projects & Initiatives		
Los Cerritos Wetlands Planning and Restoration Project	Complete the Environmental Review of the Conceptual Restoration Plan through CEQA in a Program Environmental Impact Report	<p>Funding is provided to conduct CEQA analysis to engage an environmental consultant contract.</p> <p>Environmental Science Associates is under contract and the project kick-off meeting occurred on December 4, 2017. A series of meetings have been conducted since March of 2018.</p> <p>The NOP and Initial Study were filed with the appropriate agencies on March 8, 2019. All required mailings and postings were completed and notified the public of the NOP comment period (March 8-April 8, 2019).</p> <p>The AB52 tribal consultations have been completed. Critical stakeholders are being regularly updated. ESA is currently preparing the DEIR.</p> <p>The DEIR is scheduled to be released for public comment in May 2020. The public comment period will be 45 days and will include two webinars to provide the public information about the document and assist with answering questions.</p>
Los Cerritos Wetlands Acquisition of the Bryant Properties	Complete the acquisition of all property owned by the Bryant Family for an additional 18 acres along the frontage of 2 nd Street- Westminster Avenue added to the property preserved for perpetuity as public.	Staff and Legal Counsel are working with Steve Bryant and Kevin Brazil to complete the final Appraisal Report for a final state review for the acquisition of Assessor Parcel Nos 7237-020-053; 054.

Los Cerritos Wetlands LLC Restoration and Oil Consolidation Project	The project would implement a comprehensive wetlands restoration project which will restore a privately-owned oil field in the City of Long Beach through creation of a wetlands mitigation bank. The project includes the relocation of oil operations currently located on the Synergy Site and City-owned property to two off-site properties (LCWA's OTD Parcel and Pumpkin Patch site).	<p>The project was approved by the LB Planning Commission on November 30, 2017. It was then approved by the LB City Council on January 16, 2018. The LCP amendment was approved at the California Coastal Commission hearing on August 8th, 2018 in Redondo Beach. The CDP application went before the California Coastal Commission on December 13th, 2018 and was passed. The LCWA and BOMP are working collaboratively to meet the conditions set forth by the Coastal Commission staff report.</p> <p>LCWA continues to track all other aspects of the project including the mitigation bank, land exchange agreement, and entitlement process.</p>
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Capital Projects & Initiatives		
Option Agreement to transfer properties between Los Cerritos Wetlands LLC(LCWLLC) and the LCWA	LCWLLC and the LCWA executed an option agreement that provides for the exchange of real property. Agreement was signed on 9/2/16 to transfer the LCWA APN 7237-019-809, approximately 5.11 acres for the LCWLLC property described as APNs 7237-017-010; 7237-017-011; 7237-017-012; 7237-0217-013; 7237-017-014; 7237-017-019; 7237-017-805; 7237-017-806; 7237-017-807; 7237-017-808; 7237-017-809 approximately 154 acres.	The LCWA received the option agreement funds which will be used to hire consultants to review technical studies.
LCWA Mitigation Policy	Staff will require consultant services in order to assist in the development of the mitigation policy and currently the FY18/19 Budget does not have any unrestricted funds to support authorizing a consultant contract.	The LCWA would require additional funds from its joint partners in order to provide the financial support for authorizing a consultant contract for services and development of the mitigation policy. The cost to develop the mitigation policy would range from \$50,000 to \$100,000. These cost estimates were determined by researching various non-profits, regulatory agencies and other local and state agencies whom have completed similar and comparable mitigation policies.

Task	Description	Status
City of Long Beach Pending Environmental Documents		
City of Long Beach Southeast Area Specific Plan (SEASP)	The City of Long Beach continues to work on the Southeast Area Specific Plan which covers approximately 1,500-acres of southeast Long Beach. http://www.lbds.info/seadip_update/	<p>The Draft Environmental Impact Report was approved by City of Long Beach Planning Commission and Long Beach City Council with some changes to the document. Buildings over 7 stories tall are not allowed on the Marketplace Property but can be allowed on the other sites under certain conditions. The plan includes a Wetlands Mitigation Fund that will be used to offset potential impacts to Los Cerritos Wetlands habitat. The LCWA is named in the document as an entity that the City will consult when developments are proposed.</p> <p>Approval of the project's DEIR was stalled since the Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust filed a writ of mandate to CA Superior Court following the City Council's decision stating the City was unlawful to approve SEASP. They reached a settlement in July 2018, and the City's EIR will be brought back to Coastal Commission at a date yet to be determined.</p>

Task	Description	Status
Lease Agreements		
<p>OTD/Edison Parcel Los Angeles County APN 7237-019-809</p> <p>Ellis Equipment, Inc. Lease Agreement</p> <p>Lease Fee = \$2,090 per month</p>	<p>The OTD Parcel is located on the northeast corner of Studebaker road and 2nd Street in the City of Long Beach and commonly referred to as the 'Edison Parcel' or 'Offer to Dedicate (OTD) Parcel.'</p>	<p>Ellis lease agreement utilizes only a portion of the OTD Parcel for storage of construction material. Ellis lease agreement has an end date of September 30, 2020.</p>
<p>OTD/Edison Parcel Los Angeles County APN 7237-019-809</p> <p>D & S Washout Systems Lease Agreement</p> <p>Lease Fee = \$950 per month</p>	<p>The OTD Parcel is located on the northeast corner of Studebaker road and 2nd Street in the City of Long Beach and commonly referred to as the 'Edison Parcel' or 'Offer to Dedicate (OTD) Parcel.'</p>	<p>D & S Washout Systems Lease Agreement utilizes a portion of the OTD parcel for the storage of work trucks and construction materials. The lease agreement has an end date of September 30, 2020.</p>
<p>California State Lands Commission Lease Agreement PRC9005.9. Orange County APNs: 043- 160-47; 043-160-36; 043-160-45; and 043- 160-53</p> <p>August 14, 2012 through August 13, 2022</p>	<p>The State Lands Commission issued the LCWA a lease agreement for four parcels approximately totaling four acres adjacent to the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority Hellman/Phase 2 in the City of Seal Beach.</p>	<p>Staff coordinates with SLC office for ongoing repairs of fence property and continues to stage the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program from this site.</p>
<p>City of Long Beach Marketplace Marsh License Agreement for Los Angeles County APN 7237-020-21</p> <p>June 7, 2010 through June 30, 2020</p>	<p>The property is approximately 29.38-acres south of 2nd Street</p>	<p>The LCWA recently updated the license agreement to allow tours of the wetlands and extended the license agreement through June 30, 2020.</p>

Task	Description	Status
Grants – COMPLETED		
A total of 12 grants have been completed by the LCWA and LCWLT as of November 2018	A total of \$6,228,400 grant funds has been acquired and applied towards acquisition, restoration studies, restoration projects, and education programs.	See link for details on all completed grants.
Grants – ACTIVE		
National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Application <u>Active</u>	The State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) applied on behalf of the LCWA for the NCWC grant. Performance Period January 29, 2013 through December 31, 2019 Total Funding \$1,000,000 Funding Remaining \$1,000,000	The National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant was submitted on July 13, 2012 by the SCC for the acquisition of the Steam Shovel Slough. The SCC was awarded the \$1,000,000 grant for the acquisition of Steam Shovel Slough on January 29, 2013. The funds have been re-assigned to the Bryant acquisition. An amendment to extend this grant from December 31, 2019 to December 31, 2020 was approved. LCWA is currently applying to SCC for the grant funds to be awarded to the LCWA.
State Coastal Conservancy Proposition 1 Los Cerritos Wetlands Planning and Restoration Project <u>Active</u>	Grants funds to complete the environmental review of the CRP per CEQA. Environmental review of the CRP's three proposed alternatives or a hybrid alternative. Performance Period June 5, 2017 through April 25, 2020 Total Funding \$500,000 Funding Remaining: \$23,110.74	The LCWA was successfully awarded the grant funds for the CEQA Planning Document. Implementation of the project has commenced.

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<p>San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Grant State Coastal Conservancy Proposition 1</p> <p>Los Cerritos Wetlands Planning and Restoration Project Proposition 1 Grants</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>Grants funds to complete the environmental review of the CRP per CEQA. Environmental review of the CRP's three proposed alternatives or a hybrid alternative.</p> <p>Performance Period January 23, 2017 through December 31, 2020</p> <p>Total Funding \$500,000 Funding Remaining: \$136,878.24</p>	<p>The LCWA was successfully awarded the grant funds for the CEQA Planning Document, implementation of the project has commenced.</p> <p>An amendment to amend the budget and extend the performance period from June 30, 2020 to December 31, 2020 was approved by the RMC on April 6, 2020.</p>
<p>National Fish and Wildlife Foundation – National Coastal Resilience Fund 2018</p> <p>Los Cerritos Wetlands Planning and Restoration Project</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>Grant funds to complete detailed wetlands hydrodynamic modeling for the Optimized Restoration Plan.</p> <p>Performance Period: June 1, 2018 – August 31, 2020</p> <p>Total Funding: \$249,500 Funding Remaining: \$14,048.96</p>	<p>The LCWA was successfully awarded the grant funds for hydrodynamic modeling for the Optimized Restoration Plan, implementation of the project has commenced.</p>

Task	Description	Status
Consultant Contracts - ACTIVE		
<p>LCWA 19501 Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewards Homeless Liaison Contract Amended</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>The Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewards and the LCWA have a mutual interest in the implementation of the Stewardship Program which will promote and provide leadership in conservation for educating members as well as the community to further the appreciation of the wetlands' habitat conservation.</p>	<p>The contract addresses the safety and security of the LCWA properties and meets the LCWA goals and objectives. Currently the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewards are coordinating any removal of homeless encampments at several locations within the LCWA properties.</p> <p>The contract with LCWS was renewed on May 2, 2019 (LCWA Resolution 2019 – 07) for three years until May 2, 2022, with the option of 2 one-year extensions.</p>

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<p>LCWA 19502 Moffat & Nicol Mitigation Bank Technical Review</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>The LCWA is currently working with BOMP on the formation of the Upper Los Cerritos Wetlands Mitigation Bank. Additional technical services were needed to review the mitigation bank.</p>	<p>A contract was approved at the August 1, 2019 Board meeting (LCWA Resolution 2019 – 11) for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.</p>
<p>LCWA 19503 RWG Law Mitigation Bank Legal Services</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>The LCWA is currently working with BOMP on the formation of the Upper Los Cerritos Wetlands Mitigation Bank. Additional legal services were needed to review the mitigation and associated documents.</p>	<p>A contract was approved at the August 1, 2019 Board meeting (LCWA Resolution 2019 – 11) for services rendered based on a fee schedule.</p>
<p>LCWA 19504 RWG Law Puvunga Wetlands Protectors v. California Coastal Commission, et al Legal Services</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>The LCWA has been named as a real party in interest on the matter of Puvunga Wetlands Protectors v. California Coastal Commission, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCP00435. This lawsuit challenges a coastal development permit issued by the California Coastal Commission, which relates to the Land Swap Option Agreement (Option Agreement) entered into on September 2, 2016 with Los Cerritos Wetlands, LLC (the LLC). Thus, LCWA must retain outside counsel to represent it in this litigation.</p>	<p>A contract was ratified at the August 1, 2019 Board meeting (LCWA Resolution 2019 – 10) for services rendered based on a fee schedule.</p>
<p>Memorandum of Understanding/Agreements</p>		
<p>LCWA08008 Signal Hill Petroleum, Inc. Coastal Development Permit for Vegetation Removal</p> <p>LCWA Phase 1 Properties</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>Signal Hill Petroleum, Inc. conducts the following activities (1) removing vegetation, debris and soil from the storm water collection and retention system, (2) controlling vegetation surrounding all oil pumps, electrical poles, and pipelines, and (3) removing vegetation surrounding all oil production facilities and buildings.</p> <p>Performance Period February 1, 2018 through January 31, 2020</p> <p>Total Funding: \$20,000 Remaining Funding: \$4.17</p>	<p>Tidal Influence was contracted to manage MOA.</p> <p>Signal Hill Petroleum, Inc. annually provides \$10,000 to offset their impacts from proposed work. The LCWA completed the 2018-2019 workplan and is working with Coastal Commission staff to approve a spending plan for 2020-2021.</p>

<p>LCWA13002 Southern California Edison Company Memorandum of Agreement</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>The LCWA entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with Southern California Edison Company to accept funds to provide out-of-kind compensatory mitigation for impacts to shoreline habitat at Catalina Island.</p> <p>Performance Period June 14, 2014 through June 30, 2020</p> <p>Total Funding: \$25,000 Remaining Funding: \$0.00</p>	<p>Tidal Influence was contracted to manage this MOA. Staff has completed the Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan which allowed for procurement and installation of 425 salt marsh plants in Spring 2015. Quarterly vegetation monitoring began in May 2015 and will continue until February 2020.</p> <p>Tidal Influence prepared the year 5 monitoring report to submit to Southern California Edison for the purpose of presenting the existing conditions of the 0.16-acre restoration site at Zedler marsh and comparing it to the data collected in previous years. The project met all performance standards.</p>
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LCW Stewardship Program		
Task	Description	Status
Potential Funding Sources		
City of Long Beach Measure A, Public Safety, Infrastructure Repair and Neighborhood Services Measure	The City of Long Beach established a one percent (1%) transactions and use (sales) tax for six years, generating approximately \$48 million annually, declining to one-half percent for four years and then ending, requiring a citizens' advisory committee and independent audits, with all funds remaining in Long Beach.	The City of Long Beach allocated an estimated \$500,000 for restoration work for the Los Cerritos Wetlands. The status of the funding is pending.
Los Angeles County: Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks, Open Space, Beaches, Rivers Protection, and Water Conservation Measure Section 6(e); subsection 2(A) Supervisor Janice Hahn, Fourth District Potentially \$463,983 in funding	To replace expiring local funding for safe, clean neighborhood/city/county parks; increase safe playgrounds, reduce gang activity; keep neighborhood recreation/senior centers, drinking water safe; protect beaches, rivers, water resources, remaining natural areas/open space; 1.5 cents will be levied annually per square foot of improved property in Los Angeles County, with bond authority, requiring citizen oversight, independent audits, and funds used locally. Funding Remaining: \$43,648.31	Up to fifteen percent (15%) shall be set aside and designated as the maintenance and servicing amount, and shall be used only to maintain and service, including resource protection activities for the capital outlay projects funded by the District... ...The maintenance and servicing amount shall be allocated each year as follows: ...point five percent (0.5%) to the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority... \$67,770.92 has been allocated to fund maintenance of the LCW trails system. This funding was released in Q2 of 2019, and the LCWA has begun utilizing these funds for the maintenance of the Zedler Marsh Trails.

Education Programs		
Public Access Improvement and Wetlands Restoration	Restoration and enhancement of existing wetlands function is one of the primary objectives of the LCWA. Public access for wildlife viewing and enjoyment may involve site improvements.	LCWA has successfully partnered with Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust (LCWLT), who have sponsored guided nature walks in Los Cerritos Wetlands as well as secured funding to support Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program events. Please refer to the attached Exhibit B: Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program updates for a full report.

Task	Description	Status
Capital Projects & Initiatives		
<p>County of Orange, OC Public Works Contract (MA-080-15010071)</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>Orange County Public Works entered into contract with LCWA to provide wetland restoration services and supplies including five years of monitoring reports from the LCWA's Stewardship Program</p> <p>Performance Period October 28, 2019 through October 27, 2020</p> <p>Total Funding: \$20,660.00 Funding Remaining: \$14,0015.00</p>	<p>Tidal Influence was contracted to manage and implement the project. Planting and site maintenance regularly occur on the Orange County mitigation site, and staff continue to monitor the progress on the project.</p> <p>LCWA staff have submitted Year 5 Monitoring Report in October of 2019.</p> <p>Orange county has approved a proposal from the LCWA for continued management of the site through October of 2020. Management of the restoration site continues along with monitoring and oversight activities.</p>
<p>Tarplant Mitigation Project - Ascon</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>The LCWA entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with Ascon to accept mitigation funds for the Southern Tarplant Mitigation Plan for a five-year mitigation plan to grow and monitor Southern Tarplant at Zedler Marsh</p> <p>Performance Period November 3, 2016 through November 1, 2021</p> <p>Year 4 Funding: \$60,110 Year 4 Remaining Funding: \$38,998.38</p>	<p>Tidal Influence was contracted to manage and implement this project, seeding, and monitoring plan at Zedler Marsh. Staff continues to monitor the progress on the project.</p> <p>Regular watering and invasive species control are currently conducted on site. Annual monitoring was conducted in July of 2019 and resulted in a total of 214,983 individuals of the 189,774 individual goal set forth in the projects performance standards.</p> <p>A fourth year of funding has been negotiated and approved. Project implementation will continue through 2020.</p>

Grants – COMPLETED		
A total of 12 grants completed by the LCWA and LCWLT	A total of \$6,228,400 grant funds was acquired and used towards acquisition, restoration studies, restoration projects, and education programs.	See link for details on all completed grants.
Task	Description	Status
Grants – ACTIVE		
<p>The Orange County Community Fund</p> <p>Warne Family Endowment Fund for Endangered Species Protection Grant</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>The LCWLT applied for the Warne Foundation Grant Program to fund Belding's Savannah Surveys at Los Cerritos Wetlands. This is a competitive grant that needs to be reapplied to annually.</p>	<p>Belding's Savannah Sparrow (BSS) surveys were conducted during breeding and nesting season to determine breeding territories for pairs of Belding's. Least Bell's Vireo (LBV) surveys began to determine potential nesting areas. Surveys were completed along with restoration of BSS and LBV habitat outside of nesting season.</p> <p>This grant was first awarded to the LCWLT on January 1, 2017, and then reapplied for and approved for a fourth year of monitoring and restoration efforts for 2020.</p>

Memorandum of Understanding/Agreements		
<p>Signal Hill Petroleum, Inc. (SHPI) Memorandum of Agreement</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>The LCWA entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with SHPI to use specific areas within the SHPI current exclusive easement for growth of Southern Tarplant under the Southern Tarplant Mitigation Plan.</p> <p>Performance Period February 3, 2017 through perpetuity</p>	<p>The LCWA will have access to these specific areas within the SHPI exclusive easement into perpetuity.</p>
<p>LCWA13001 Aquarium of the Pacific Memorandum of Agreement</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>The LCWA entered into a Memorandum of Agreement in order to provide a citizen science sea turtle monitoring program for the general public.</p> <p>Performance Period August 11, 2016 through December 30, 2020.</p>	<p>For updates on the citizen science sea turtle monitoring program, please visit http://www.aquariumofpacific.org/give/member/ship/seaturtles</p> <p>This agreement has been extended from December 30, 2019 to December 30, 2020.</p>

Item 7: Workplan Update

<p>LCWA13000 Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust Memorandum of Agreement</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>The LCWA entered into a MOA with the Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust for stewardship services of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program</p> <p>Performance Period August 11, 2016 through December 30, 2020.</p>	<p>Please see the attached Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program Summary Report.</p> <p>This agreement has been extended from December 30, 2019 to December 30, 2020.</p>
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Task	Description	Status
Memorandum of Understanding/Agreements		
<p>Memorandum of Agreement with the El Dorado Audubon</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>El Dorado Audubon is working with the LCWA to develop bird walks at LCWA Phase 2 properties.</p> <p>Performance Period February 11, 2016 through December 30, 2020.</p>	<p>Please see the attached El Dorado Audubon Society report for a summary of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Nature/Bird Walks. For more information, please visit http://eldoradoaudubon.org/</p> <p>This agreement has been extended from December 30, 2018 to December 30, 2020.</p>
<p>Sea and Sage Monthly Bird Counts</p>	<p>Darrell Wilson conducts bird counts using a research permit on the Hellman Properties.</p>	<p>Bird counts from monthly surveys are summarized in reports submitted to LCW Ebird account.</p>



Field Report Memorandum

To: Sally Gee, LCWA

From: Marcelo Ceballos, Tidal Influence, LLC

Cc: Eric Zahn, Tidal Influence, Lenny Arkinstall, Salian Garcia, Mark Stanley

Date: March 10th, 2020

Subject: Land Management Field Report

Sites Inspected: Zedler Marsh, Bryant Lease West, Hellman/Gum Grove, State Lands Parcel, & OTD Parcel

Inspection Date: February 25th, 2020

Note: The locations of critical observations and issues noted in this document are called out on the map on the final page. Photos of certain issues/observations are attached at the end of the report.

OTD Parcel

1. Gates – OK
2. Trails – OK
3. Fences – OK
4. Homeless – OK

Zedler Marsh

5. Gates – OK
6. Trails – OK
7. Fences – OK
8. Homeless – OK

State Lands Parcel

9. Gates – OK
10. Trails –
 - a. Tidal Influence staff conducted trail maintenance to ensure visitor safety through the site.
11. Fences –
 - a. Tidal Influence staff conducted fence line maintenance along the eastern fence line to enhance site security.
12. Homeless – OK

Hellman

13. Gates – OK

14. Trails –

- a. Annual non-native vegetation is starting to grow along established stewardship trails. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff will conduct trail maintenance in the coming months to ensure safe access to visitors along established stewardship routes.
- b. Coordination with the City of Seal Beach continues after the completion of two separate repairs to the water line that runs through LCWA property.

15. Fences

- a. A breach in the fence line was found along the fence line that runs parallel to Gum Grove Park. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff will make repairs to this portion of fence line in March to ensure site security.
- b. Tidal Influence staff have conducted fence line maintenance along a portion of fence line utilized during stewardship events. This maintenance will help to increase the usable lifespan of the fence.

16. Homeless - OK

Bryant Lease West

17. Gates –

- a. All the locks and chains for the gates along the levee have been removed and all gates are open. (See Photos)
We recommend LCWA staff meet with LA County to determine a new approach to secure this property. We recommend adjusting the fence line location to provide a thoroughfare along the levy path.

18. Trails –

- a. A large rubble pile consisting of asphalt, concrete, and metal have been dumped near the entrance gate to the LCWA's Bryant West Property. This pile is currently located on property currently owned by the Bryant's. At the time of observations tire tracks were observed leading up to the rubble pile but no other indications of the responsible party were found. Clean up of this rubble was started on July 23rd by the LCWA's Homeless contractor and the City of Long Beach's Clean team, with an additional cleanup effort needed to finish removing the remaining material. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff will track the progress of the clean up effort and assess the site for impacts once the clean ups are complete.
- b. Dry branches have been observed around the site's trails. Tidal Influence staff will repurpose when possible.

19. Fences –

- a. The fence line next to the active encampment located adjacent to the LCWA's property was breached.
Tidal Influence staff will conduct fence line repairs to this section once the encampment is no longer occupied.

20. Homeless –

- a. The main encampment on the Bryant West property was cleared in early June. The encampment has since been set up approximately 200 meters north of the old encampment's location. Tidal Influence staff re-installed no trespassing signs to the property fence line, but these went missing the following day. (See Photos)
We recommend the LCWA's Homeless contractor work to remediate this encampment in the coming months to discourage additional encampments from establishing. Tidal Influence will work to repair the fence line and repost no trespassing signs in the portion of the fence line no longer occupied by the encampment.

Map

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Field Report Memorandum

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From: Marcelo Ceballos, Tidal Influence, LLC

Cc: Eric Zahn, Tidal Influence, Lenny Arkinstall, Salian Garcia, Mark Stanley

Date: April 8th, 2020

Subject: Land Management Field Report

Sites Inspected: Zedler Marsh, Bryant Lease West, Hellman/Gum Grove, State Lands Parcel, & OTD Parcel

Inspection Date: March 26th, 2020

Note: The locations of critical observations and issues noted in this document are called out on the map on the final page. Photos of certain issues/observations are attached at the end of the report.

OTD Parcel

1. Gates – OK
2. Trails – OK
3. Fences – OK
4. Homeless – OK

Zedler Marsh

5. Gates – OK
6. Trails –
 - a. An informational sign posted along the trails system has gone missing.
Tidal Influence staff will work to replace this signage as well as other signage that requires repair.
7. Fences – OK
8. Homeless – OK

State Lands Parcel

9. Gates – OK
10. Trails –
 - a. Non-native vegetation is starting to grow on the trail.
Tidal Influence staff will conduct trail maintenance to maintain accessibility for property patrols and conduct more detailed trail maintenance once stewardship programs resume.
11. Fences – OK
12. Homeless – OK

Hellman

13. Gates – OK

14. Trails –

- a. Non-native vegetation is growing back along the trails system and stewardship program areas. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff will conduct trail maintenance on select sections of the trails in order to allow accessibility during property patrols. More detailed trail maintenance will be conducted once stewardship programs resume.
- b. Erosion has occurred near the access gate adjacent to Gum Grove Park. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff will monitor this erosion during the upcoming months. An assessment and repairs will be scheduled once stewardship programs resume to ensure visitor safety.

15. Fences

- a. The breach in the fence line adjacent to Gum Grove Park has been repaired.

16. Homeless - OK

Bryant Lease West

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- a. All the locks and chains for the gates along the levee have been removed and all gates are open. (See Photos)
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Hellman



Bryant Lease West



Encampment persists along eastern fence line



Rubble pile remains on Bryant property



Levy gates left open

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Date: May 7, 2020
To: Governing Board Members
From: Salian Garcia, Fiscal Manager
Subject: Item 7e: Receive and File Expenditure Report

Attached as Exhibit A is the FY 2019/2020 Budget with balances as of April 30, 2020.

The Expenditure Report for FY 2019/2020 (Exhibit A) is summarized below:

REVENUES

- Contracts and Mitigation Revenue are higher than budget projections primarily due to additional wetland restoration services conducted with Orange County Public Works and Tarplant Mitigation services.
- Fees are higher than budgeted projections due to increase of administrative fees related to Tarplant Mitigation services.
- JPA Contribution are overall lower than budget projections. However, these one-time, annual payments are expected to be received by the end of this fiscal year.
- Staff is awaiting reimbursement from several grants. The revenue will be reflected when submitted costs expended under the grant has been approved for reimbursement and the reimbursement is received.

EXPENSES

- Insurance –General Liability/Umbrella line item has no activity; however, the LCWA expects to receive the invoice within the next quarter.
- Audit Services line has no expense activity. Though the FY 2018/19 Annual Financial Audit was recently completed, the LCWA expects to receive the invoice within the next quarter.
- Grant – State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) expenditures are higher than budget projects as grant funding will revert by June 2020. Subsequently, expenditures were shifted from other funding sources to SCC to spend down these reverting funds.
- Other Administration and Operational Expense line items have minimal or no activity. Items such as Signage and Miscellaneous line items are expended as needed.

Exhibit A

LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY
CONSOLIDATED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2019 - 2020

	FY 19/20 Budget	As of 04/30/20	Remaining Budget Balance	Remaining % Budget Balance	Actuals % FY2019 Budget Spent
Revenues					
General Administrative & Operating Revenue					
JPA Contributions	20,000	5,000	15,000	75%	25%
Lease Revenue	72,447	27,601	44,846	62%	38%
Contracts	22,135	62,909	(40,774)	-184%	284%
Fees	2,546	824	1,722	68%	32%
Permits	10,000	10,000	-	0%	100%
Other - Local Revenue	61,070	-	61,070	100%	0%
Subtotal-General Administrative & Operating	188,198	106,334	81,865	43%	57%
Grants and Special Projects Revenue					
Grant - State Coastal Conservancy	225,368	99,687	125,681	56%	44%
Grant - Rivers & Mountains Conservancy	943,888	146,524	797,364	84%	16%
Grant - Other Federal, State, County & Local Funds	249,500	74,061	175,439	70%	30%
Mitigation Revenue	50,924	26,255	24,669	48%	52%
Contracts - Other MOA	2,722	-	2,722	100%	0%
Other - Donations	-	-	-		
Other - Miscellaneous	5,000	1,711	3,289	66%	34%
Subtotal-Grants and Special Projects	1,477,402	348,237	1,129,165	76%	24%
Total Revenue	1,665,600	454,571	1,211,029	73%	27%
Expenses					
Insurance - D & O Policy	2,691	-	2,691	100%	0%
Audit Services	5,000	-	5,000	100%	0%
Website	1,000	500	500	50%	50%
Miscellaneous Administrative Costs	1,000	-	1,000	100%	0%
Miscellaneous PM/Accounting Costs	500	-	500	100%	0%
Administration Expense Subtotal	10,191	500	9,691	95%	5%
Grant & Land Management - General	35,000	13,225	21,775	62%	38%
Grant Management - Contracted Services	16,250	7,410	8,840	54%	46%
Insurance - General Liability/Umbrella	10,683	-	10,683	100%	0%
Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program	61,070	15,142	45,928	75%	25%
Security	8,700	-	8,700	100%	0%
Signage	3,000	-	3,000	100%	0%
OTD Security Deposits	-	-	-		
MOAs	18,000	6,310	11,690	65%	35%
Miscellaneous	2,500	-	2,500	100%	0%
Operational Expense Subtotal	155,203	42,087	113,117	73%	27%
Consultant Services	5,000	149	4,852	97%	3%
Grant - State Coastal Conservancy	268,032	244,931	23,101	9%	91%
Grant - LA Regional Parks & Open Space District	-	-	-		
Grant - Rivers & Mountains Conservancy	1,151,249	180,930	970,319	84%	16%
Grant - Other Federal, State, County & Local Projects	25,000	18,858	6,142	25%	75%
Other - Mitigation Projects	50,924	26,255	24,669	48%	52%
Other - Miscellaneous	-	-	-		
Capital Outlay Expense Subtotal	1,500,205	471,122	1,029,083	69%	31%
Total Expense	1,665,600	513,708	1,151,891	69%	31%
Ending Net Position	-	(59,137)	59,137		

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Date: May 7, 2020

To: Governing Board Members

From: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

Subject: Item 8: Consideration of a resolution ratifying acceptance a grant from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Project

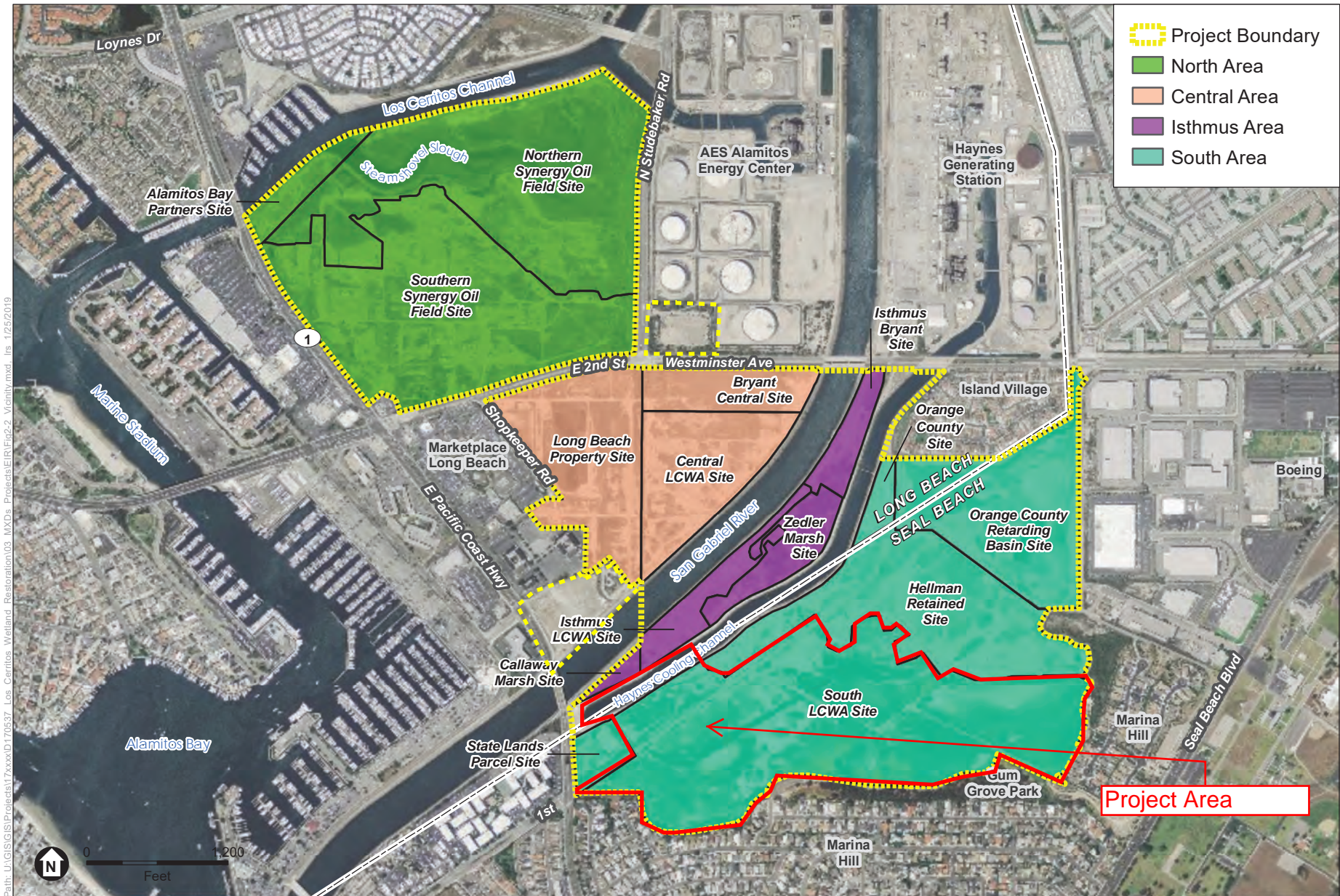
RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA) ratify acceptance of a grant from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Project.

BACKGROUND: The Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Project is the next phase in the restoration of the Los Cerritos Wetlands (LCW) (Exhibit A). It will build off conceptual designs for the 100-acre LCWA owned Hellman site developed as part of the LCW Restoration Plan Program EIR, and complete 65% restoration designs, compliance with CEQA, and preparation of permit applications.

In November 2019, the LCWA submitted an application for the Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Project in response to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW's) 2020 Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 Grant Opportunities Proposal Solicitation Notice. The LCWA was notified in March 2020 that an award of up to \$405,828 has been allocated toward this project under their Proposition 1 Watershed Grant Program.

The project area is the first priority for detailed planning because no additional land needs to be acquired to implement restoration. The restoration of the planning area will provide critical tidal salt marsh and transitional habitat for migratory birds along the Pacific Flyway. Conceptual restoration designs call for tidal marsh, transition zone, and upland shrublands and grasslands on the site. Planning for public trails would also be included. The LCWA will continue to engage with the Technical Advisory Committee, our stewards, and the public in the development of the restoration design.

FISCAL: The FY 19/20 budget revisions will reflect the \$405,828 in grant funds from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.



SOURCE: Mapbox, LCWA

Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Plan Program EIR

Figure 2:
Project Area Site and Local Vicinity

May 7, 2020 – Item 8

RESOLUTION 2020 – 02

RESOLUTION RATIFYING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FOR THE
SOUTHERN LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS RESTORATION PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority 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, the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority desires to accept Grant Funds from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Project; and

WHEREAS, the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority desires to enter into an Agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to provide funds for the Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Project; and

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

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of the LCWA hereby:

1. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. FINDS that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the LCWA.
3. ADOPTS the staff report dated May 7, 2020.
4. APPROVES to ratify acceptance of grant funds from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Project and amends the LCWA Budget FY 19/20 as necessary.
5. APPOINTS the Executive Officer, or designee, to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned grant agreement.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY on
May 7, 2020.

Sam Schuchat, LCWA Chair

ATTEST: _____
David Edsall, Jr.
Deputy Attorney General