

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

Thursday, July 1, 2021
at
12:30pm

Per Executive Order N-29-20, Paragraph 3, 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 Board Secretary Dena Williams at dwilliams@wca.ca.gov or at 626-815-1019 x 116.

At the following location:

TELECONFERENCE MEETING VIA ZOOM

ADDRESS:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88482447031?pwd=V3l0REtDWjBEcEVqSHdlZDZNMbzIDQT09>

Or by phone at 1-669-900-9128
Meeting ID: 884 8244 7031
Passcode: 231596

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment

*A maximum of one (1) hour has been set aside for all public comment and testimony, for items both on the agenda and not on the agenda. All such public comment will occur at the top of the meeting after the roll call is taken, and no further public comment will be taken after the public comment period has closed unless allowed at the discretion of the Chair. Individuals wishing to comment are encouraged to fill out this [online comment card](#) for the official record on or before **June 30, 2021 by 4:00pm**. Individuals may elect to have their comments read by the Chair during the meeting or to be read themselves. 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 two (2) minutes to speak, and representatives of organizations/agencies will be allowed three (3) 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.*

4. Chair's Report
5. Chair and Vice Chair Elections
6. Approval of the Minutes, January 7, 2021.

Consent Calendar

7. Consideration of a resolution ratifying conveyance of a Highway Easement and Temporary Construction Easement to the California Department of Transportation
8. Consideration of resolution to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Seal Beach for the Water Relining Project

Regular Calendar

9. Status Report on Work Plan Implementation
 - a. Land Management Update
 - b. Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program Coordinator Update
 - c. Homeless Relocation Program Update
 - d. El Dorado Audubon Update
 - e. Expenditures Report
10. Receive and File the LCWA Annual Audit and Related Reports for Fiscal Year 2019/2020
11. Consideration of resolution authorizing execution of Long-term Memorandum of Agreements for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program with the
 1. Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust,
 2. El Dorado Audubon, and
 3. Aquarium of the Pacific
12. Consideration of a resolution adopting the Los Cerritos Wetlands Habitat Restoration Plan
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. Oral Communications
 - a. Statements, responses, questions or directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2(a) of the Government Code.
 - b. Future agenda items.
16. 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 Dena Williams, Board Secretary at dwilliams@wca.ca.gov or at 626-815-1019 x 116.

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 dwilliams@wca.ca.gov or at (626) 815-1019 ext 116 at least 3 days prior to the meeting.

**MINUTES
LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY (LCWA)
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
January 7, 2021**

The meeting was held via Zoom.us. The meeting was called to order by Chair Sam Schuchat at approximately 12:34 p.m.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Roberto Uranga
Mr. Sam Schuchat
Ms. Suzie Price
Mr. Joe Kalmick

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ann Cantrell stated that the Wetlands do not need a Program EIR and pleaded with the Board to not waste any more money on the restoration of the Wetlands.

Alissa Bishop stated that she is representing the indigenous group of Tongva and asked that LCWA to listen to the indigenous voices regarding the ancestral remains being harmed due to the project and that large trucks and heavy machinery can damage the land and destroy remains. Ms. Bishop also stated that she is sickened by the LCWA's dependence of Synergy's money and the true goals can be met through much cheaper and respectful measures.

Ms. Corliss Lee stated that she is asking that the LCWA Board oppose the PEIR for the Restoration plan and at the very least, delay the approval pending the completion of the plan to include the financial feasibility studies proposed by Melinda Cotton and the measures proposed by the California Department of Fish & Wildlife.

Mr. Tom Hazelleaf stated that he supports the certification of the PEIR and he is glad that the Optimized Restoration Plan will be a second guide to determine whether a restoration project or activity should be considered.

Mary Parsell stated that the El Dorado Audubon has not been able to host any bird walks and looks forward to when they will be able to gather for the bird walks again and that she is listening to everything everyone has to say.

Anna Christensen stated that she opposes the PEIR for the Restoration Plan and doesn't support any development on any area that the tribal people pray on.

Elizabeth Lambe stated she wanted to acknowledge the tremendous amount of work that went into the responses to their comments and amendments to the PEIR and are pleased with the direction to complete an Optimized Restoration Plan as the next step with the LCWA's process.

Charles Richey stated that he has been a resident of the community for about 10 years and he has 3 facts: Marina Pacific of families have been victims of Synergy Oil, they have direct evidence from the Air Quality Management District confirming that they have been victims of Synergy's actions and since 2017 they have been victims of their relentless releasing of toxic gases and would like a no vote to the Restoration Plan.

Sally Gee read the comment cards for Roberto Dennis, Linda Matthews, Gary Adkins and Staci Johnson. They are as follows:

Roberto Dennis wrote, for the preservation of the indigenous wetlands, it only benefits the rich oil companies while neglecting the soul of the community.

Linda Matthews wrote, Marina Pacifica families have suffered from Synergy Oil's toxic discharges! I have had to take evasive actions from Synergy Oil's toxic gases many times. I have filed complaints to the AQMD. Synergy Oil continues to discharge their gas at the cost of many peoples health and well-being. They continue to disrupt our lives. I vehemently oppose Synergy Oil and their plans to further EXPLOIT the Los Cerritos Wetlands. Synergy Oil's past actions are horrendous. This is a matter of our health! Please VOTE NO.

Gary Adkins wrote, the residents at Marina Pacifica (over a thousand) and surrounding communities are suffering near daily toxic gases from the wetlands where Synergy Oil and Termo Oil have drills. We want it stopped! We have asked for filters. But the real demand is to give citizens like ourselves access to the wetlands, free of toxicity, and clean air. Please vote NO! Let's protect what's left of green patches in Long Beach.

Staci Johnson wrote, in regards to the gas smell we smell frequently, I am starting to document when we have the gas smell as I am now realizing it is not from any current gas leaks. We just moved here a year ago. I have been told that the smell that we have been dealing with is from Synergy Oil on the island right across from our home. When we smell it, my family and myself all feel headachy and sometimes nauseous to the point that we have to close all windows and doors or go to our other family house more inland for a few hours to get relief. This has got to stop. What kind of long term damage are we doing to our bodies by breathing in these toxic fumes? Please make it stop. Please, I implore you! Thank you for reading.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair stated that he would be retiring in July/August after 20 years with the Coastal Conservancy and that the legislature has re-introduced resource bonds and climate resilience bonds which will be another funding pathway for the Conservancy and RMC.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

One set of minutes for Board Meeting from September 24, 2020. There were no questions or objections.

Minutes were passed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Consideration of resolution authorizing an extension to the Memorandum of Agreement for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program with the Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust.

7. Consideration of a resolution authorizing an extension to the Memorandum of Agreement for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program with the El Dorado Audubon.

8. Consideration of resolution authorizing an extension to the Memorandum of Agreement for Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program with the Aquarium of the Pacific.

9. Consideration of a resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant from the State Coastal Conservancy for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Southern Area Planning and Permitting Project.

10. Consideration of a resolution approving the application for grant funds from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for the California Drought Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for all Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Southern Area Restoration Planning and Permitting Project.

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

REGULAR CALENDAR

11. STATUS REPORT ON WORK PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

A. LAND MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Marcello Ceballos stated that on the OTD parcel the gate was damaged by a vehicle in September and the leasee staff has since replaced the gate He also stated that a

homeless encampment was observed along the southern fence line but has been remediated with no sign of inhabitants or no materials left behind.

Mr. Ceballos stated that on the Zedler Marsh and State Lands property, everything is good.

Mr. Ceballos stated that on the Hellman property the electronic entrance gate near 1st and PCH was damaged by a vehicle, it was removed and a temporary fence was put in place to secure the property. Mr. Ceballos also stated that vegetation is growing along a portion of the fence line of the stewardship program parking area and staff will monitor and schedule fence line maintenance once stewardship programs resume. Mr. Ceballos stated that on the Bryant Lease West property all of the locks and chains for the gates along the levee have been removed and all gates are open and it is recommended that LCWA staff meet with LA County to determine a new approach to securing this property and it is also recommended to adjust the fence line location to provide a thoroughfare along the levy path. Mr. Ceballos also mentioned that a large rubble pile consisting of asphalt, concrete, and metal have been dumped near the entrance gate to the LCWA's Bryant west property which is located on property currently owned by the Bryant's. Mr. Ceballos stated that staff will track the progress of the clean up effort and assess the site for impacts once the clean ups are complete.

Mr. Ceballos mentioned that a small fire occurred on the northwest portion of the property on September 23rd but the fire department quickly extinguished the fire with minimal vegetation damage and staff will work with the oil operators and LCWS to reduce fire loads in the area. Mr. Ceballos concluded with that a previously patched fence line has been breached and requires repairs and as of September 22nd the encampment area remains vacant.

B. LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM COORDINATOR UPDATE

Jayde Bahrami stated that even though the Stewardship Program has not hosted any events or activities due to the pandemic, there have been some virtual field trips for some elementary students and created videos teaching them about the different animals that visit the wetlands and they were able to still fulfill the necessary tasks needed under the funding with the Land Trust.

C. HOMELESS RELOCATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Lenny Arkinstall stated that many calls came in about homeless and debris on the OTD parcel and Officers Depello & Armond and he made contact immediately. Lenny stated that they offered services, a snack and sanitation kit and let them know that they cannot stay at that location. Lenny mentioned that Kat, who has been a huge issue for the city and wetlands, said she wanted to go back home to Florida to her family, so arrangements were made the next day and a ticket was purchased and she was put on the bus.

Lenny stated that he and his crew did a large clean up removing abandoned shopping carts and debris with assistance from Officers Armond, Depello and Murphy and the five acres are free and clear of encampments.

Lenny stated that on the OTD parcel the vegetation is out of control and has become a magnet for the homeless and there is an on-going water leak coming off the property. Lenny mentioned that under the pipe bridge, where Jimmy used to live, needs to be filled in to prevent homeless from getting in there.

Vice Chair Price acknowledged the great work from Lenny, the Long Beach Police Department and Seal Beach Police Department have been doing in this area. Ms. Price mentioned that the county purchased a Motel 6 that they are using as a “home key” where they are taking in homeless individuals as clients and wanted to make sure that Lenny and his crew were aware of the program.

Board Member Kalmick joined the meeting at approximately 1:18pm during this item.

D. EXPENDITURES REPORT

Salian Garcia gave a brief synopsis of the FY 2019/2020 budget and summarized the Expenditures and Revenues as of October 23, 2020.

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Salian stated that 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, grant revenues are lower than budget projections as current health mandates deterred project management and operational tasks as well as the loss of an acquisition.

Salian stated that activity has been minimal with no recorded expenditures as of October 23, 2020 and revenue is also minimal as the Authority’s only receipt of revenue is from its OTD parcel tenants for the month of October 2020 and one annual JPA contribution.

12. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE FINAL PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT PREPARED FOR THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS RESTORATION PLAN AND ADOPTING FINDINGS AND FACTS, STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS, AND A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2019039050).

Sally Gee stated that LCWA is proposing to implement a restoration program which identifies conceptual restoration designs for approximately 503 acres of land and water located on the border of Orange County and Los Angeles County in the cities of Seal Beach and Long Beach.

Ms. Gee also stated that due to the numerous conceptual restoration designs that involve implementation of projects over a long time period, a PEIR has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts associated with implementing the proposed program. Ms. Gee further stated that the first major step in the design process for the restoration of the LCW Complex was the development of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Final Conceptual Restoration Plan (CRP) which is a restoration alternatives analyses report that provides the LCWA with a roadmap for habitat enhancement and improved public access for the LCW Complex.

Ms. Gee mentioned that in 2017, LCWA received funding to further the design of the alternatives identified in the CRP with the development of a program level restoration design, to prepare a PEIR and to prepare a Los Cerritos Wetlands Optimized Restoration Plan. Ms. Gee stated the proposed program along with alternatives to the proposed program were identified based on input from the LCWA Steering Committee, a Technical Advisory Committee and the public.

Ms. Gee stated that following certification of the PEIR, the LCW Optimized Restoration Plan will be finalized with input from public agencies, tribal representatives, stakeholders, landowners and the community and adopted by the LCWA Governing Board.

Eric Zahn stated that following certification of the PEIR by the Governing Board, the Los Cerritos Wetlands Optimized Restoration Plan will be finalized with input from public agencies, tribal representatives, stakeholders, landowners and the community. Mr. Zahn also stated that the restoration design presented in the Los Cerritos Wetlands Optimized Restoration Plan will be informed by this PEIR and public input while maintaining consistency with the framework provided by the CRP and that the purpose of the Optimized Restoration Plan is to provide a conceptual basis of design for the restoration of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Complex and to provide guidance for future phases of the restoration process.

Mr. Zahn stated that future phases of the restoration would involve individual projects, performing required analyses and field surveys, engaging stakeholders and developing more detailed project-level designs and as each individual restoration project is proposed, it will be evaluated for consistency with the Los Cerritos Wetlands Optimized Restoration Plan and the goals and objectives identified in this PEIR.

Mr. Zahn mentioned that as required by CEQA Guidelines, subsequent activities in furtherance of a program must be examined in the light of the Program EIR to determine whether additional environmental documentation must be prepared.

Mr. Zahn concluded with the fiscal portion for this item is the CEQA filing fee for an EIR is \$3,418.25.

Vice Chair Price motioned to approve. Board Member Uranga seconded the motion. Board Voted: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions. This item passed.

- 13. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO NEGOTIATE AND AWARD A CONTRACT TO MOFFAT & NICHOL FOR THE SOUTHERN LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS RESTORATION PROJECT – 65% DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE.**

**Board Member Uranga motioned to approve. Board Member Kalmick seconded the motion.
Board Voted: 4 ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.**

14. **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: MARKSTANLEY AND PROPERTY OWNER NEGOTIATOR: JOHN MCKEOWN AND MICHAEL DI SANO. UNDER CONSIDERATION: PRICE AND TERMS.**
15. **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.**
16. **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 2:06 pm and ended approximately at 2:27 pm. The Board received information and advice and provided direction.

17. 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 6, 2021.

B. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

18. ADJOURNMENT UPON COMPLETION OF BUSINESS

Chair Schuchat adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:31 p.m.

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Sam Schuchat
Chair

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Dena Williams
Board Secretary

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Date: July 1, 2021

To: Governing Board Members

From: Sally Gee, Project Manager

Through: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

Subject: Item 7: Consideration of a resolution ratifying conveyance of a Highway Easement and Temporary Construction Easement to the California Department of Transportation

RECOMMENDATION: That the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA) ratify conveyance of a Highway Easement and Temporary Construction Easement to the California Department of Transportation for the Transportation Improvement Project along State Route 1 at the Los Cerritos Wetlands and determine that the proposed action is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District #12 requires a Highway Easement (Caltrans Parcel No. 104040-1) and a Temporary Construction Easement (Caltrans Parcel No. 104040-2) on LCWA property for their proposed Transportation Improvement Project along State Route 1 (Exhibit A - Maps). The project involves making improvements to the traffic signal and sidewalk on the corner of 1 St and Pacific Coast Highway in Seal Beach, CA. The permanent highway easement (Parcel No. 104040-1) comprises of 159sf from the western corner of the subject property which is necessary for the proposed curb ramp reconstruction and the upgrading of the existing traffic signals due to the deterioration and inefficient lighting. The temporary construction easement (Parcel No. 104040-2) is required for staging area for the proposed curb ramp reconstruction and the upgrading of the existing traffic signals due to deterioration and inefficient lighting. The improvements are expected to occur between June 17, 2021, and October 21, 2023, but at this time, Caltrans cannot ascertain the exact time period within the 28.5 months that the State's Contractor will utilize the temporary construction easement areas.

On February 11, 2021, Caltrans offered the LCWA a sum of \$6,600 for the two easements, which included a \$2,500 incentive payment for voluntary and expeditious conveyance of the easements within 60days of the offer (Exhibit B – Offer Letter). The LCWA has reviewed all the materials from Caltrans regarding the easement and do not foresee any impacts to wetlands restoration activities planned for the property. To meet the incentive period, the documents were executed on April 12, 2021, by the Executive Officer after legal review of the documents and acknowledgement by the LCWA Chair.

Additionally, since the property was acquired with funding from the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) in 2010, approval for the conveyance and sale of the easements by the WCB was requested. WCB approved conveyance of the easement as long as funds from the purchase are used for maintenance of the property (Exhibit C – WCB approval).

California Environmental Quality Act

As the lead agency on this project under CEQA, Caltrans approved a Categorical Exemption determination on December 21, 2018, for improvements on State Route 1 (SR-1) between Crystal Heights Drive and the Orange/Los Angeles County Line in the cities of Newport Beach, Huntington Beach and Seal Beach (Exhibit D). The purpose of the project is to remove and upgrade existing traffic signals system at 20 intersections, remove and replace curb ramps, improve pavement conditions, and remove/replace guardrails to current Caltrans standards.

A NEPA/CEQA re-validation form was filed on November 13, 2020, to include new scope of incorporating 44 high visibility crosswalks, Class II bike lanes, upgrading existing drainage gates, proposed Complete Street Elements project improvements, and replacement of a concrete barrier in Seal Beach. It was determined that the original environmental document or CE remains valid (Exhibit E).

Caltrans determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and is Categorically Exempt – Class 1d from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21084 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15300 et seq.

CEQA Determination

As a “responsible agency” under CEQA, the LCWA has considered the lead agency’s Categorical Exemption determination and has determined that no substantial changes in the project or in the circumstances under which it will be undertaken have occurred. Staff concurs with Caltrans that the project is Categorically Exempt – Class 1d from CEQA under Public Resources Code Section 21084 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15300 et seq.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing a Transportation Improvement Project along State Route 1 (aka Pacific Coast Highway) in Orange County California in the cities of Seal Beach, Huntington Beach, and Newport Beach, from Crystal Heights Drive (PM 13.0) to the Los Angeles/Orange county line (PM 32.7). The Project proposes to replace existing traffic signals, upgrade existing curb ramps to meet current American with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, adjust crosswalk striping to conform to the proposed ADA curb ramp configurations, relocate and/or adjust existing drainage facilities due to the ADA curb ramp improvements, modifications of concrete barriers, replace existing guard rails and existing traffic loop detectors, remove and replace existing asphalt concrete dike under metal beam guard rail and install new interconnect cable, rehabilitate/re-surface existing pavement, and restripe the overlay area to current Caltrans striping and delineation standards.

FISCAL: A lump-sum of \$6,600 will be paid to LCWA from Caltrans, and the funds will be used for ongoing maintenance of the Los Cerritos Wetlands. The FY 21/22 budget will be updated.



SOURCE: Mapbox, LCWA

Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Plan Program EIR

Figure 2-4
South Area

SUBJECT PROPERTY

PARCEL NUMBER: 104040-1,-2

ADDRESS: NORTHEAST OF SR-1/PCH, SOUTH OF 1ST STREET
SEAL BEACH, CA 90740



View looking southerly at subject property, north of 1st Street, north of
SR-1/Pacific Coast Highway, in the county of Orange.

Appraiser: Jesse Perez, Jr.

December 1, 2020

Highway Easement

Temporary Construction Easement

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DISTRICT 12

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A California Way of Life.***February 11, 2021****Electronically sent: sgee@rmc.ca.gov**

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority, a California
joint powers public agency, as of December
28, 2010

Attn: Sally Gee, Project Manager
100 N. Old San Gabriel Canyon Road
Azusa, CA 91702

12-ORA-SR-1-PM-33.6

EA: 0P6909 (1215000149)

Parcel: 104040-1;-2

Grantor: Los Cerritos Wetlands
Authority, a California joint powers
public agency, as of December
28, 2010

Dear Ms. Gee:

Per our discussion, you have requested that the State's offer be electronically sent. The property is identified as Caltrans Parcel No. 104040-1;-2, which is located north east of State route 1/Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and south of 1st street, Seal Beach, CA 90740. Caltrans is presenting the Initiation of Negotiations in the amount of \$ 6,600.00 for one highway easement (Parcel No. 104040-1) and a temporary construction easement (Parcel No. 104040-2). This amount includes \$2,500.00 as an incentive for timely signing of the Right of Way Contract and the offer expires sixty (60) days from the initiation of Negotiations (Receipt Date of this package (2/11/21)).

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing a Transportation Improvement Project along State Route 1 (aka Pacific Coast Highway) in Orange County California in the cities of Seal Beach, Huntington Beach, and Newport Beach, from Crystal Heights Drive (PM 13.0) to the Los Angeles/Orange county line (PM 32.7). The Project proposes to replace existing traffic signals, upgrade existing curb ramps to meet current American with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, adjust crosswalk striping to conform to the proposed ADA curb ramp configurations, relocate and/or adjust existing drainage facilities due to the ADA curb ramp improvements, modifications of concrete barriers, replace existing guard rails and existing traffic loop detectors, remove and replace existing asphalt concrete dike under metal beam guard rail and install new interconnect cable, rehabilitate/re-surface existing pavement, and restripe the overlay area to current Caltrans striping and delineation standards.

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The permanent highway easement (Parcel No. 104040-1) comprises of 159 SF from the western corner of the subject property which is necessary for the proposed curb ramp reconstruction and the upgrading of the existing traffic signals due to the deterioration and inefficient lighting. The temporary construction easement (Parcel No. 104040-2) is required for staging area for the proposed curb ramp reconstruction and the upgrading of the existing traffic signals due to deterioration and inefficient lighting. The miscellaneous site improvements within the highway easement and TCE areas will be replaced with plain cement concrete (PCC) by the State's contractor (where applicable) and there will be no impact to the cinderblock wall. At this time, Caltrans cannot ascertain the exact time period within the 28.5 months that the State's Contractor will utilize the temporary construction easement areas which will be from June 17, 2021 and expire on October 21, 2023.

Enclosed are several documents that need to be reviewed, completed, and signed. These documents are required for all written offers to owners of real property.

The following documents have been enclosed with their specific instructions for execution:

1. **Your Property Your Transportation Project** – This is an informational pamphlet of frequently asked questions and answers regarding Caltrans procedures. You may keep this for your records.

2. **Title VI Information Pamphlet** – entitled "Caltrans and You" states that all of Caltrans' services and benefits will be administered to the general public without regard to race, color, national origin or sex in compliance with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. If you feel that any rights have been violated, you may contact the District 12 Equal Employment Office located inside the pamphlet.

3. **Title VI Statutes and Regulations** – This document explains the laws governing Title VI and defines the prohibited discriminatory actions.

4. **Title VI Discrimination Complaint Form** – This document is the form for filing a written Title VI discrimination complaint on issues and circumstances of the alleged discrimination.

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5. **Right of Way Title VI Survey** – All persons affected by the State transportation projects are requested to provide information requested on the form; however, furnishing of this information is voluntary.

6. **An Appraisal Map** – with indicated Right of Way line(s) relative to the subject parcel. You may keep this document for your records.

7. **Copy of Title Report** – The information on this document shows vesting interest and items affecting title.

8. **Certificate of Occupancy and Receipt of Relocation Information (Negative)** – This document certifies that no one will be displaced from the property as the State is only acquiring and utilizing vacant land only. This form must be completed and signed by the authorized agent and returned to me.

9. **Summary Statement Relating to the Purchase of Real Property or an Interest Therein** – This document informs all interested parties of their rights as a person or entity affected by a Caltrans proposed highway project. You may keep this document for your records.

10. **Appraisal Summary Statement** – This document represents a summary of the fair market appraised value of the property. You may keep these documents for your records.

11. **Right of Way Contract** – This document spells out "in writing" the terms of this transaction. If the Association accepts the State's offer to purchase the property, four (4) copies of the "original" contract must be signed by the authorized agent and returned to me.

12. **Payee Data Record** – This form is required when receiving payment from the State of California. This form must be completed and signed by the authorized agent and returned to me.

13. **Copy of Appraisal Report** – This report is to estimate the fair market value of the Caltrans Designated Parcel No. 104040-1;-2, including real property improvements where applicable.

14. **Permanent Highway Easement Deed (Parcel No. 104040-1)** – If you accept the State's offer, this document needs to be executed and notarized by a notary public. Please execute and forward original to me.

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority, a California joint powers public agency February 11, 2021

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As we previously discussed, Caltrans is hoping our request for the highway easement and temporary construction easement be added to your May meeting with the approval of Wildlife conservation Board. I have included the Right of Entry (ROE) as we discussed as this document will grant Caltrans possession to enter Los Cerritos Wetlands property. The ROE will allow Caltrans to meet the Right of Way Certification date of June 17, 2021, and allow time for Los Cerritos Wetland Authority to proceed with its lengthy process.

If Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority decides to accept the State's offer of \$6,600.00 for the highway easement and temporary construction easement. Please have the (4) Right of Way Contracts executed and returned to me in the enclosed envelope addressed: State of California, Department of Transportation, 1750 E. Fourth Street, Suite 100, Santa Ana, CA 92705, Attn: (Lilli Santiago). Please also return the completed Payee Data Record and the Certificate of Occupancy and Receipt of Relocation Information (Negative) forms. You will receive a fully executed right of way contract once I have received all of the required documents from you, and upon approval of the transaction by Caltrans. Please note, you may keep all of the other documents for the Los Cerritos Wetland Authority's records.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (657) 328-6346. Thank you for your attention and prompt response in this matter.

Sincerely,



Lilli Santiago
Right of Way Agent
District 12 – Office of Right of Way

Enclosures



Exhibit C - WCA Approval

Item 7: Caltrans Easement
Gavin Newsom, Governor
NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD
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3/29/2021

Mark Stanley
Executive Officer
Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
100 N. Old San Gabriel Canyon Road
Azusa, California 91702

Dear Mr. Stanley,

The Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) provided funding (Grant Agreement No. WC-1007DT) for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA) to acquire fee title to 100± acres (Property) for the Los Cerritos Wetland project in Orange County, WCB Project ID 2003222.

LCWA requests to sell a highway and a temporary construction easement (Easements) to Caltrans to implement its traffic signal and sidewalk improvement project. LCWA has reviewed all materials from Caltrans regarding the Easements and do not foresee any impacts to restoration activities planned for the property. WCB understands that the revenue generated from the sale of the Easements will be used to fund continued management of the property.

Accordingly, WCB approves of the proposed sale of the Easements to Caltrans and this letter constitutes written approval from WCB.

If you have any further questions, please contact John Walsh, Supervising Land Agent at (916) 322-9461.

Sincerely,

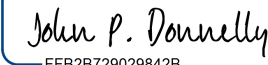
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John P. Donnelly
Executive Director

Exhibit D Item 7: Caltrans Easement
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

12-ORA-1

PM 13.0/33.7

0P680 (1216000002) &
0P590 (1215000149)

Federal-Aid Project No. N/A

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Caltrans is proposing improvements on State Route 1 (SR-1) between Crystal Heights Drive and the Orange/Los Angeles County Line in the cities of Newport Beach, Huntington Beach and Seal Beach. Project 1 (EA 0P680) will improve 20 intersections between post-miles 13.0/33.6 and work activities include removal/replacement of existing traffic signals, replacement of existing signage associated with traffic signal improvements, upgrading existing curb ramps to current American with Disability Act (ADA) standards, adjustment of crosswalk striping, trimming existing median island, removal of existing pedestrian push buttons on the median island, relocation/adjustment of existing drainage facilities, and addition of 4 foot bike lane refuge strip adjacent to right-turn lane. Project 2 (EA 0P590) proposes improvements between post-miles 29.9/33.7 including cold plane overlay of existing pavement, removal/replacement of 31 existing traffic signal loop detectors, upgrade existing curb ramps to current ADA standards, restripe overlay area to pre-project condition, replacement of existing Metal Beam Guard Rail (MBGR) to current Caltrans approved Midwest Guardrail system (MGS) and end treatments, removal of existing AC dike under MBGR and replace with Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) dike, installation of new interconnect cable between Seal Beach Blvd and 12th Street/Balboa Drive. The purpose of the project is to remove and upgrade existing traffic signals system at 20 intersections, remove and replace existing curb ramps to current Caltrans standards, improve existing pavement condition between Warner Avenue and LA/OC County Line, and remove/replace existing MBGR with current MGS of current Caltrans standards. The need of the project is the existing signal systems at the 20 intersections are deteriorated over time due to weather and erosion by salt water in the area/majority of traffic signals are not utilizing high visibility light emitting diodes (LEDs), existing curb ramps along SR-1 do not conform to current Caltrans standards, cold plane and overlay of existing Warner to LA/OC County line is degraded due to distress wear and tear, and existing MBGR does not conform to current Caltrans MGS standards. The total Disturbed Soil Area (DSA) is anticipated to be greater than 1.0 acre. This project has both State and Federal funding. Most work will occur within Caltrans Right of way; however, right of way acquisition required includes temporary construction easements (TCEs) and permanent easements for highway purposes from private properties.

CALTRANS CEQA DETERMINATION (Check one)

- ☐ **Not Applicable – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency** ☐ **Not Applicable – Caltrans has prepared an Initial Study or Environmental Impact Report under CEQA**

Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the above statements, the project is:

- ☐ **Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
☒ **Categorically Exempt. Class 1d.** (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)


Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the following statements are true and exceptions do not apply:

- If this project falls within exempt class 3, 4, 5, 6 or 11, it does not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law.
- There will not be a significant cumulative effect by this project and successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time.
- There is not a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.
- This project does not damage a scenic resource within an officially designated state scenic highway.
- This project is not located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Govt. Code § 65962.5 ("Cortese List").
- This project does not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

- ☐ **Exempt by General Rule.** [This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3].)]

SMITA DESHPANDE

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or
Environmental Branch Chief

 12/21/18
Signature Date

STEVE KINALY

Print Name: Project Manager

 12/21/2018
Signature Date

NEPA COMPLIANCE

In accordance with 23 CFR 771.117, and based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State has determined that this project:

- does not individually or cumulatively have a significant impact on the environment as defined by NEPA, and is excluded from the requirements to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and
- has considered unusual circumstances pursuant to 23 CFR 771.117(b).

CALTRANS NEPA DETERMINATION (Check one)

- ☒ **23 USC 326:** The State has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by NEPA, and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act. The State has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 23, United States Code, Section 326 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 31, 2016, executed between the FHWA and the State. The State has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

☒ **23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(26)**

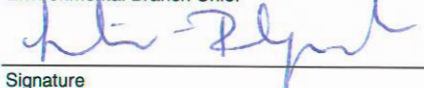
☐ **23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)()**

☐ **Activity 2_ listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and the State**

- ☐ **23 USC 327:** Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under 23 USC 327. The environmental review, consultation, and any other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Caltrans pursuant to 23 USC 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 23, 2016 and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

SMITA DESHPANDE

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or
Environmental Branch Chief

 12/21/18
Signature Date

STEVE KINALY

Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer

 12/21/2018
Signature Date

Date Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 12/17/18

Date of ECR: 12/17/18

Exhibit D
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Continuation Sheet

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Each project alternative includes, as applicable, the following standardized features that are included as part of the project description (<http://www.dot.ca.gov/des/oe/construction-contract-standards.html>) Standardized features (such as Best Management Practices [BMPs]) are those features that are generally applied to most or all Department projects. These standardized or pre-existing features allow little discretion regarding their implementation and are not specific to the circumstances of a particular project. More information on each feature can be found in the applicable environmental consequences sub-sections of Chapter 2.

No significant environmental consequences are anticipated with the proposed project. In addition to the measures related to construction noise, air pollution control, water pollution control, erosion, cultural resources, biological resources, and any subsequent requirements as given in the Caltrans Standard Specifications, the following conditions are required:

- 1) Temporary effects to trails may occur. However, the trails will continue to be open to the public at all times and will not diminish the function, key activities, features and attributes of the trails. A Traffic Management Plan (TMP) shall be prepared during the Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) phase for implementation by the contractor prior to and during construction of any improvements. Temporary pedestrian access route (TPAR) and bicycle detours will need to be evaluated during PS&E. The TMP shall specify implementation timing of each plan element (prior notices, sign posting, detours, etc.) as determined appropriate by the Department. Adequate local emergency access shall be provided at all times to adjacent uses. Proper detours and warning signs shall be established to ensure public safety. The TMP shall be devised so that construction shall not interfere with any emergency response or evacuation plans. Construction activities shall proceed in a timely manner to reduce impacts.
- 2) The project lies within the coastal zone. Construction or maintenance activities shall not commence until a coastal permit exclusion determination or coastal development permit has been obtained from the California Coastal Commission and/or Certified Local Coastal Program agency(s) that hold jurisdiction. This should be completed during the PS&E phase for delivery projects.
- 3) Construction must be completed between Labor Day weekend and Memorial Day weekend to avoid impacts to coastal access during the high tourist season.
- 4) Equipment/materials shall not be restored outside of paved areas.
- 5) An Aerially Deposited Lead (ADL) investigation along with a Phase II study of all proposed deep foundations along with ADA ramps, property acquisition areas shall be conducted during the early stage of PS&E phase.

**Exhibit E
NEPA/CEQA RE-VALIDATION FORM**

Item 7: Caltrans Easement

DIST./CO./RTE.	12-ORA-1
PM/PM	PM 13.0/33.7
E.A. or Fed-Aid Project No.	0P680/0P590(1216000002/1215000149)
Other Project No. (specify)	N/A
PROJECT TITLE	PAVEMENT REHAB-TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL TYPE	CE/CE 326
DATE APPROVED	12/21/18
REASON FOR CONSULTATION (23 CFR 771.129)	<i>Check reason for consultation:</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project proceeding to next major federal approval <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change in scope, setting, effects, mitigation measures, requirements <input type="checkbox"/> 3-year timeline (EIS only) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A (Re-Validation for CEQA only)
DESCRIPTION OF CHANGED CONDITIONS	<p>New scope includes Incorporation of Incorporate 44 high visibility crosswalks, Class II bike lanes and conflict zone (green paint) pavement markings in both directions of traffic on SR-1 between LA/Orange county line and Anderson Street in the cities of Seal Beach and Huntington Beach, upgrading of 15 existing drainage grates to bike-proof grates on SR within the proposed Complete Street Elements project limits, addition of a new high visibility marked crosswalk and trim the raised curb median nose on the south leg of the SR-1/Seal Beach intersection, widening of the right side of SR-1/Seal Beach Boulevard northbound approach intersection to add a standard width bike lane to the left of the right turn only lane and a six-foot wide sidewalk, reconstruction of curb ramp at the southeast corner of the Seal Beach Boulevard intersection and modify existing traffic signal to add a pedestrian signal head and relocation of pedestrian push button, addition of traffic signal loop detectors and bike push buttons within the proposed Complete Street Elements project limits, removal of approximately one mile of existing median concrete barrier Type 50 and replacing with current standard concrete barrier Type 60M/60K from south of Seal Beach Boulevard to north of Mariner Drive, replacement of the existing median concrete barrier Type 50 with a new Concrete Barrier Type 60MA (Mod) from the beginning to the end of two bridges: Bridge Across Anaheim Bay (Bridge No 55-0010) and Naval Ammunition Depo OH (Bridge No.55-0065). The work to be performed includes removal of the existing median concrete barrier Type 50, drilling and bonding dowels to attach the new barrier to the bridge decks, and construction of the new Concrete Barrier Type 60MA (Mod).</p>

NEPA CONCLUSION - VALIDITY

Based on an examination of the changed conditions and supporting information: [Check ONE of the three statements below, regarding the validity of the original document/determination (23 CFR 771.129). If document is no longer valid, indicate whether additional public review is warranted and whether the type of environmental document will be elevated.]

- ☒ The original environmental document or CE remains valid. No further documentation will be prepared.
- ☐ The original environmental document or CE is in need of updating; further documentation has been prepared and ☐ is included on the continuation sheet(s) or ☐ is attached. With this additional documentation, the original ED or CE remains valid.
- Additional public review is warranted (23 CFR 771.111(h)(3)) Yes ☐ No ☐
- ☐ The original document or CE is no longer valid.
- Additional public review is warranted (23 CFR 771.111(h)(3)) Yes ☐ No ☐
- Supplemental environmental document is needed. Yes ☐ No ☐
- New environmental document is needed. Yes ☐ No ☐ (If "Yes," specify type: _____)

CONCURRENCE WITH NEPA CONCLUSION

I concur with the NEPA conclusion above.

Smita Deshpande
Signature: Environmental Branch Chief

Nov 13, 2020
Date

Steve Kinaly 11-13-2020
Signature: Project Manager/DLAE Date

CEQA CONCLUSION: (Only mandated for projects on the State Highway System.)

Based on an examination of the changed conditions and supporting information, the following conclusion has been reached regarding appropriate CEQA documentation: (Check ONE of the five statements below, indicating whether any additional documentation will be prepared, and if so, what kind. If additional documentation is prepared, attach a copy of this signed form and any continuation sheets.)

- ☒ Original document remains valid. No further documentation is necessary.
- ☐ Only minor technical changes or additions to the previous document are necessary. An addendum has been prepared and is ☐ included on the continuation sheets or ☐ will be attached. It need not be circulated for public review. (CEQA Guidelines, §15164)
- ☐ Changes are substantial, but only minor additions or changes are necessary to make the previous document adequate. A Supplemental environmental document will be prepared, and it will be circulated for public review. (CEQA Guidelines, §15163)
- ☐ Changes are substantial, and major revisions to the current document are necessary. A Subsequent environmental document will be prepared, and it will be circulated for public review. (CEQA Guidelines, §15162)
(Specify type of subsequent document, e.g., Subsequent FEIR)
- ☐ The CE is no longer valid. New CE is needed. Yes ☐ No ☐

CONCURRENCE WITH CEQA CONCLUSION

I concur with the CEQA conclusion above.

Smita Deshpande
Signature: Environmental Branch Chief

NEPA/CEQA RE-VALIDATION FORM

Nov 13, 2020

Date

Steve Kinaly 11-13-2020
Signature: Project Manager/DLAE Date

CONTINUATION SHEET(S)

Address only changes or new information since approval of the original document and only those areas that are applicable. Use the list below as section headings as they apply to the project change(s). Use as much or as little space as needed to adequately address the project change(s) and the associated impacts, minimization, avoidance and/or mitigation measures, if any.

Changes in project design, e.g., scope change; a new alternative; change in project alignment

New scope includes Incorporation of 44 high visibility crosswalks, Class II bike lanes and conflict zone (green paint) pavement markings in both directions of traffic on SR-1 between LA/Orange county line and Anderson Street in the cities of Seal Beach and Huntington Beach, upgrading of 15 existing drainage grates to bike-proof grates on SR within the proposed Complete Street Elements project limits, addition of a new high visibility marked crosswalk and trim the raised curb median nose on the south leg of the SR-1/Seal Beach intersection, widening of the right side of SR-1/Seal Beach Boulevard northbound approach intersection to add a standard width bike lane to the left of the right turn only lane and a six-foot wide sidewalk, reconstruction of curb ramp at the southeast corner of the Seal Beach Boulevard intersection and modify existing traffic signal to add a pedestrian signal head and relocation of pedestrian push button, addition of traffic signal loop detectors and bike push buttons within the proposed Complete Street Elements project limits, removal of approximately one mile of existing median concrete barrier Type 50 and replacing with current standard concrete barrier Type 60M/60K from south of Seal Beach Boulevard to north of Mariner Drive, replacement of the existing median concrete barrier Type 50 with a new Concrete Barrier Type 60MA (Mod) from the beginning to the end of two bridges: Bridge Across Anaheim Bay (Bridge No 55-0010) and Naval Ammunition Depo OH (Bridge No.55-0065). The work to be performed includes removal of the existing median concrete barrier Type 50, drilling and bonding dowels to attach the new barrier to the bridge decks, and construction of the new Concrete Barrier Type 60MA (Mod).

Changes in environmental setting, e.g., new development affecting traffic or air quality;

There are no changes in environmental setting.

Changes in environmental circumstances, e.g., a new law or regulation; change in the status of a listed species.

There are no changes in environmental circumstances.

Changes to environmental impacts of the project, e.g., a new type of impact, or a change in the magnitude of an existing impact.

There are no changes to environmental impacts.

Changes to avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures since the environmental document was approved.

There are changes to avoidance, minimization and/or mitigation measures.

Changes to environmental commitments since the environmental document was approved, e.g., the addition of new conditions in permits or approvals. When this applies, append a revised Environmental Commitments Record (ECR) as one of the Continuation Sheets.

An Environmental Commitments Record (ECR) has been updated and is attached.

July 1, 2021 – Item 07

RESOLUTION 2021 – 08

RESOLUTION OF THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY TO
RATIFY CONVEYANCE OF A HIGHWAY EASEMENT AND
TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT TO THE CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THEIR PROPOSED
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ALONG STATE
ROUTE 1 AT THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AND DETERMINE
THAT THE PROPOSED ACTION IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM
THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

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

WHEREAS, the LCWA 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 California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) requires use of portions of LCWA's property for State highway purposes, a public use for which Caltrans has the authority to exercise the power of eminent domain; and

WHEREAS, this action will authorize conveyance of a highway easement (Caltrans Parcel No. 104040-1) and temporary construction easement (Caltrans Parcel No. 104040-2) to Caltrans for the proposed Transportation Improvement Project along State Route 1 (Pacific Coast Highway); and

WHEREAS, rather than going through the expense, time, effort, and risk to both parties in determining the compensation for the property by eminent domain litigation, Caltrans has offered LCWA the sum of \$6,600 for such property interests, which includes a \$2,500 incentive payment for voluntary conveyance of such property interests without the need for eminent domain proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans, as the lead agency, has determined that this project is Categorically Exempt – Class 1d from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Public Resources Code Section 21084 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15300 et seq.; NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the LCWA hereby:

1. FINDS that the LCWA concurs with the lead agency's Categorical Exemption determination under CEQA pursuant to PRC 21084 and CEQA guidelines 15300.
2. FINDS that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the LCWA.

3. ADOPTS the staff report dated July 1, 2021.
4. RATIFIES authorizing the Executive Officer to enter into an agreement for conveyance of a highway easement (Caltrans Parcel No. 104040-1) and temporary construction easement (Caltrans Parcel No. 104040-2) to Caltrans for the proposed Transportation Improvement Project along State Route 1 (Pacific Coast Highway).

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY
On July 1, 2021

LCWA Chair

ATTEST:

David Edsall, Jr.
Deputy Attorney General

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Date: July 1, 2021

To: Governing Board Members

From: Sally Gee, Project Manager

Through: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

Subject: Item 8: Consideration of resolution to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Seal Beach for the Waterline Relining Project

RECOMMENDATION: That the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA) authorize entering a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Seal Beach for the Waterline Relining Project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Seal Beach (City) is proposing to reline a City waterline that runs parallel to First Street within the City's easement on LCWA property to temporarily address issues of recent waterline breakages. The City would need to access LCWA's property beyond the easement for biological and geotechnical surveys, and potentially during construction. The MOU establishes an agreement between the City and LCWA to coordinate on the relining effort and any overlaps with LCWA's wetlands restoration planning, as well as liabilities for activities on the property (Exhibit A – MOU).

The MOU provides that the City would:

1. Restore the Project site after construction; and,
2. Coordinate Project activities with LCWA's stewardship events; and,
3. Reimburse LCWA for their consultant's coordinating and monitoring cost, up to \$1,910 per week, for the duration of the Project, where most of the activity will take place during the course of construction (Exhibit B – Fee Schedule). The duration of construction is still to be determined; and,
4. Work in good faith with LCWA on the long-term watermain alignment plan;
5. Ensure contractors carry adequate insurance; and,
6. Indemnify and hold harmless LCWA from liabilities, claims, or damages as a result of the Project.

The City approved entering into this MOU on April 26, 2021 (Exhibit C – Resolution 7140).

BACKGROUND: The City's 18-inch diameter Watermain is critical to the water system operations to ensure water conveyance from the northern regions of the City to the Old Town neighborhood. This transmission main runs along the City's easement located in the LCWA and Hellman properties, commencing at Pacific Coast Highway, proceeding northward along the prolongation of First Street, and ultimately connecting to Seal Beach Boulevard through Adolfo Lopez Drive. In FY 2020-2021, the LCWA Watermain Lining (WT2103) project was budgeted into the City's capital improvement program to extend the pipeline's serviceable life.

The City's waterline has ruptured in May 2015, July 2019, and August 2019. This resulted in nearly 1 acre of impacts to habitat during emergency repairs of the breakages. These emergency repairs have been costly to the City, and relining the waterline provides a cost-efficient temporary fix as long-term alignment of the waterline are to be discussed.

FISCAL: The City would also reimburse LCWA for costs associated with coordinating and monitoring the project, up to \$1,910 per week, through LCWA's land management contract with Tidal Influence.

Memorandum of Understanding

By and between

The Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority and

The City of Seal Beach

This memorandum of understanding is made by and between the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority, a California joint powers authority between the State Coastal Conservancy, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, the City of Long Beach and the City of Seal Beach ("LCWA"), and the City of Seal Beach ("City"). LCWA and City are sometimes referred to herein individually as a "Party" and together as "Parties."

Recitals

Whereas, the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority owns a 100 acre property ("Property") in the City of Seal Beach APN;

Whereas, the City of Seal Beach desires to reline a waterline that runs parallel to First Street within the City's easement on the Property to temporarily address issues of recent waterline breakages;

Whereas, the City requires access to the Property beyond the easement for biological and geotechnical surveys, and for potential use during construction;

Whereas, the Parties desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate in good faith on the relining of the waterline.

Therefore, the parties agree as follows:

1. The City shall coordinate with LCWA staff and/or LCWA contractors throughout permitting and implementation and provide assurances to restore the property to its original condition after completion of the construction, per regulatory agency-approved restoration plan.
2. The City shall share with LCWA an updated schedule of activities on LCWA property at least two (2) weeks in advance to allow time to adjust LCWA's stewardship events if activities interfere with planned events. The LCWA shall share with the City its schedule of stewardship events.
3. The City will reimburse LCWA for costs associated with coordinating and monitoring the project, up to \$1,910 per week, according to the attached workplan (Exhibit A).

4. The City understands that depending on the restoration plans of the LCWA and the long-term waterline alignment plan, the planning of which remains ongoing, LCWA may request at some point in the future that the relined pipeline may need to be removed or realigned before the end of its expected lifetime. The City will work with LCWA and the Coastal Commission regarding the best alignment for long-term planning and location of the pipeline according to the LCWA Optimized Restoration Plan. City is not obligated to relocate the pipeline outside of the existing easement as part of this long-term planning, but shall in good faith work with the LCWA and the Coastal Commission and consider such potential long-term realignment proposals. The allocation of the parties' responsibility for costs of any such relocation, and the granting of a new easement, shall be the subject of future negotiations and a subsequent agreement.
5. The City agrees to require contractors to carry adequate insurance to cover the costs of repair of any existing structures or real property from flooding or other hazards attendant from the project, and to require such policies to be endorsed to name LCWA as additional named insured.
6. City agrees to indemnify and hold harmless LCWA from any liabilities, claims, damages, or otherwise to the extent the same results from City's acts or omissions in carrying out this project.

Signatures

City of Seal Beach

Jill Ingram, City Manager

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

TIDAL INFLUENCE FEE ESTIMATE									
Seal Beach Waterline Relining Project									
Staff Labor Rate (\$/hr.)		Personnel Labor Hours			Other Direct Costs				Assumptions
		Principal Ecologist	Associate Ecologist	Deputy Land Manager					
		\$120.00	\$80.00	\$50.00					
SCOPE OF WORK							Total Hours	Total Fee Budgeted Per Task	Task No.
No.	Description								
1	Waterline Project Management and On Site Coordination	2	4	27			33	\$1,910	1
1a	Weekly Management (Planning/Surveys)	1	2	1				\$330	1a
1b	Weekly Management (Construction)	1	2	1				\$330	
1b	Weekly On Site Coordination (Constuction)	0	0	25				\$1,250	1b
		2.00	4.00	27.00			33	\$1,910	
	Labor Total Cost	\$240.00	\$320.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,910		All Labor Costs	\$1,910	
	Other Direct Costs/Expenses	\$0.00			\$0		All ODC/Expenses	\$0	
	Subcontractor and ODC Markup (5%)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		All Markup	\$0.00	
	Contingency	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0		All Contingency	\$0	
	Total:	\$240.00	\$320.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,910		All Grand Total	\$1,910.00	

RESOLUTION 7140**A RESOLUTION OF THE SEAL BEACH CITY COUNCIL
APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO
EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH LOS
CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY FOR THE LCWA
WATERMAIN LINING, WT2103**

WHEREAS, the City owns and maintains a water transmission main along a City easement located within a Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA) owned parcel; and,

WHEREAS, the City desires to reline the water transmission main as part of the LCWA Watermain Lining (Project), WT2103, to extend its serviceable life; and,

WHEREAS, LCWA is concurrently undergoing a long-term restoration plan that encompasses the Project site vicinity; and,

WHEREAS, the City and LCWA desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate in good faith in the management of their respective activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE SEAL BEACH CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

- Section 1. The City Council hereby approves the Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Seal Beach and Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority.
- Section 2. The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.
- Section 3. The City Council hereby approves a LCWA reimbursement of up to \$1,910 per week for Project coordinating and monitoring work.


PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Seal Beach City Council at a regular meeting held on the 26th day of April, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members: Kalmick, Massa-Lavitt, Moore, Sustarsic, Varipapa

NOES: Council Members: None

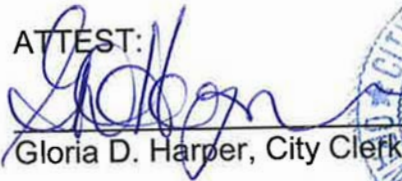
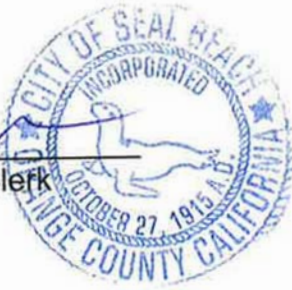
ABSENT: Council Members: None

ABSTAIN: Council Members: None



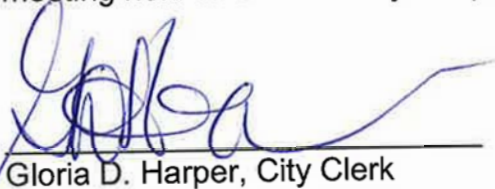
Joe Kalmick, Mayor

ATTEST:


Gloria D. Harper, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF ORANGE } SS
CITY OF SEAL BEACH }

I, Gloria D. Harper, City Clerk of the City of Seal Beach, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original copy of Resolution 7140 on file in the office of the City Clerk, passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held on the 26th day of April, 2021.


Gloria D. Harper, City Clerk

July 1, 2021 – Item 8

RESOLUTION 2021 – 09

RESOLUTION OF THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY
AUTHORIZING ENTERING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH
THE CITY OF SEAL BEACH FOR THE WATERLINE RELINING PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the LCWA 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 City owns and maintains a water transmission main along a City easement located within a Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA) owned parcel; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to reline the water transmission main as part of the LCWA Watermain Lining (Project), WT2103, to extend its serviceable life; and

WHEREAS, LCWA is concurrently undergoing a long-term restoration plan that encompasses the Project site vicinity; and

WHEREAS, this action will authorize entering a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Seal Beach for the Project to collaborate in good faith in the management of their respective activities; and

WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the LCWA hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the LCWA.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. ADOPTS staff report dated July 1, 2021.
4. AUTHORIZES entering a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Seal Beach for the Project.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY
On July 1, 2021

LCWA Board Chair

ATTEST:

David Edsall, Jr.
Deputy Attorney General

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority**Date:** July 1, 2021**To:** Governing Board Members**From:** Mark Stanley, Executive Officer**Subject:** Item 9: 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:

July 2021 WORKPLAN STATUS UPDATE		
LCWA Projects		
Task	Description	Status
Legislative Updates		

Potential Funding Sources		
<p>State Water Board Once-through Cooling Interim Mitigation</p> <p>Funding will depend on mitigation fees collected</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Under an Agreement between SWRCB and SCC, mitigation funds paid under this policy may be used by the Conservancy to fund wetland restoration projects, with priority given to projects recommended by the Wetlands Managers Group of the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project from its current Work Plan.</p>	<p>Funding will depend on the mitigation fees collected by the State Coastal Conservancy</p> <p>An application was submitted to the SCC for the Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Project.</p>

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 a series of meetings have been conducted since March of 2018. 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). The AB52 tribal consultations have been completed. Critical stakeholders are being regularly updated. The DEIR was released for public comment on May 8, 2020. The public comment period was extended to 60 days and concluded on July 6, 2020. The LCWA held two webinars to provide the public information about the document and assist with answering questions.</p> <p>The FEIR was released for public review on October 22nd, 2020, along with a notice of public hearing.</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.	There is no current activity on this acquisition, and grant funds for this project have been returned to the grantors.

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> <p>A settlement has been reached on <i>Puvunga Wetlands Protectors v. California Coastal Commission, et al.</i>, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCP00435.</p>
Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Project	This project will build off conceptual designs in the CRP (2015) and PEIR (2020) and complete 65% ecological restoration designs, environmental certification, and permitting applications for the 100-acre Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands site in Seal Beach, CA.	Funding has been awarded from CDFW, SCC, and RMC to complete 65% designs. LCWA released a RFP to select a consulting team for this work on September 29, 2020 and has awarded the project to Moffat & Nichol on January 7, 2021. Permitting, geotechnical and design work, and tribal engagement has started.
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.	<p>The LCWA received the option agreement funds which will be used to hire consultants to review technical studies.</p> <p>Negotiations of the land transfer agreement are ongoing.</p>

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.
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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/	The Coastal Commission approved SEASP on October 8, 2020 with sixteen (16) modifications https://documents.coastal.ca.gov/reports/2020/10/Th11a/th11a-10-2020-report.pdf
300 Studebaker Road Industrial Park Project – Mitigated Negative Declaration	The project involves demolition of 400 sf of existing concrete, on-site pipeline structures, and asphalt paving, and the development of two concrete tilt-up industrial buildings, situated on 6.69 acres of land east of Studebaker Road. Approximately 1.81 acres of open space at the northwest and southwest corners of Studebaker and Loynes Drive is proposed to be donated to the LCWA as part of this project.	The project was approved by the Long Beach City Council on January 7, 2020. An appeal on this decision was made to the Coastal Commission (Appeal No. A-5-LOB-20-0006). The developers are working with the Coastal Commission for approval of this project. The LCWA has been coordinating with Panattoni Development Company, Inc on this project. Conversations regarding the native habitat restoration on the open space parcel and land donation process have continued in 2021.

Task	Description	Status
Lease Agreements		

Item 11: Workplan Update

<p>OTD/Edison Parcel Los Angeles County APN 7237-019-809</p> <p>Ellis Equipment, Inc. Lease Agreement</p> <p>Lease Fee = \$2,222 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, 2021.</p>
<p>OTD/Edison Parcel Los Angeles County APN 7237-019-809</p> <p>D & S Washout Systems Lease Agreement</p> <p>Lease Fee = \$1,010 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, 2021.</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, 2025</p>	<p>The property is approximately 29.38-acres south of 2nd Street. The license agreement to allows LCWA access and tours of the wetlands at this site.</p>	<p>On August 18, 2020, Long Beach City council approved an extension of this license agreement. The license agreement is valid through June 30, 2025.</p>

Task	Description	Status
Grants – COMPLETED		

A total of 15 grants have been completed by the LCWA and LCWLT as of November 2018	A total of \$7,477,900 grant funds has been acquired and applied towards acquisition, restoration studies, restoration projects, and education programs.	
Grants – ACTIVE		
<p>California Department of Fish and Wildlife Proposition 1</p> <p>Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Grant</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>Grant funds to complete 65% designs, environmental compliance, permitting, and outreach for the 105-acre Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands.</p> <p>Performance Period September 23, 2020 through July 31, 2023</p> <p>Total Funding \$405,828.00 Funding Remaining: \$405,828.00</p>	The LCWA was successfully awarded the grant funds for the Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Project. Implementation of the project has commenced.
<p>State Coastal Conservancy Once Through Cooling Mitigation Funds</p> <p>Los Cerritos Wetlands Southern Area Planning</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>Grant funds to complete 65% designs, environmental compliance, permitting, and outreach for the 105-acre Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands.</p> <p>Performance Period December 28, 2020 through December 31, 2024</p> <p>Total Funding \$250,000.00 Funding Remaining: \$250,000.00</p>	The LCWA was successfully awarded the grant funds for the Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Project. Implementation of the project has commenced.
<p>San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Grant State Coastal Conservancy Proposition 68</p> <p>LCW Southern Area Restoration Planning Project</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>Grant funds to complete 65% designs, environmental compliance, permitting, and outreach for the 105-acre Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands.</p> <p>Performance Period May 17, 2021 through June 30, 2023</p> <p>Total Funding \$250,000.00 Funding Remaining: \$250,000.00</p>	The LCWA was successfully awarded the grant funds for the Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Project. Implementation of the project has commenced.

Regional Parks and Open Space District Measure A Maintenance and Servicing Funds Zedler Marsh Urban Trails System Maintenance and Servicing <u>Active</u>	Grant funds to maintain Proposition A funded development of new trails, landscaping, signage, and native plant nursery. Performance Period November 1, 2020 – October 31, 2021 Total Funding \$66,474.21 Funding Remaining \$31,967.04	The annual allocation for maintenance and servicing funds for maintenance of the Zedler Marsh Trail System was approved by the RPOSD. Implementation of the project has commenced. The budget will need to be renewed annually and may vary based on taxes collected each year.
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Task	Description	Status
Consultant Contracts - ACTIVE		
LCWA 19501 Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewards Homeless Liaison Contract Amended <u>Active</u>	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.	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. 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.
LCWA 19502 Moffat & Nicole Mitigation Bank Technical Review <u>Active</u>	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.	A contract was approved at the August 1, 2019 Board meeting (LCWA Resolution 2019 – 11) for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.
LCWA 19503 RWG Law Mitigation Bank Legal Services <u>Active</u>	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.	A contract was approved at the August 1, 2019 Board meeting (LCWA Resolution 2019 – 11) for services rendered based on a fee schedule.

<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>LCWA 20502 Tidal Influence Land Management Services</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>Due to limited staff availability, the LCWA has contracted for Land Management, Contract and Grant Management, and Coordination and Implementation of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program and Restoration Plans within the Los Cerritos Wetlands Complex.</p>	<p>A contract was approved at the September 24, 2020 Board meeting (LCWA Resolution 2020 – 03).</p> <p>Compensation for this scope of work are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Land management: \$1,000 per month 2. Stewardship Program implementation: \$1,000 per month 3. Contract and Grant Management: scope and costs will be billed according to various contract/grant agreements, and costs will not exceed the agreed upon budget. 4. Implementation of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Plan: costs to be billed according to the contractor's fee schedule, with an annual not to exceed total of \$44,400. 5. Additional as needed services will be negotiated and billed according to the contractor's fee schedule.
<p>LCWA 20503 Moffatt and Nichol Restoration Design Services</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>Consultant services were needed to work closely with the LCWA project team to complete necessary technical studies and produce the 65% design plans, environmental review documentation, and permit applications for the 105-acre Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Project</p>	<p>A contract was approved at the January 7, 2021 Board Meeting (LCWA Resolution 2021-07) for a total not to exceed amount of \$740,000.</p>

Memorandum of Understanding/Agreements		
<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, 2020 through January 31, 2022</p> <p>Total Funding: \$20,000 Remaining Funding: \$20,000</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 2020-2021 spending plan was approved and is currently being implemented.</p>

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	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.	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...
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.

Task	Description	Status
Capital Projects & Initiatives		
<p>County of Orange, OC Public Works Contract (MA-080-15010071)</p> <p><u>Completed</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: \$0</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>A Year 6 Monitoring Report was prepared, coordination with agencies has occurred, and Coastal Commission has signed off on this mitigation project. All special conditions have been met. Additional maintenance of the site is currently being negotiated with OC.</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: \$5,941.31 as of July 31, 2020</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. The site has not successfully reach its goal of sustaining more than 189,774 individuals for two consecutive years. Annual monitoring will be conducted in the upcoming months.</p> <p>An endowment for this site is currently being worked on for long term care.</p>
Grants – COMPLETED		
<p>A total of 12 grants completed by the LCWA and LCWLT</p>	<p>A total of \$6,228,400 grant funds was acquired and used towards acquisition, restoration studies, restoration projects, and education programs.</p>	<p>See link for details on all completed grants.</p>

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 fifth year of monitoring and restoration efforts for 2021.</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>Pending</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>For updates on the citizen science sea turtle monitoring program, please visit http://www.aquariumofpacific.org/give/member-ship/seaturtles</p> <p>A long term agreement is being considered at today's board meeting.</p>
<p>LCWA13000 Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust Memorandum of Agreement</p> <p><u>Pending</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>Please see the attached Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program Summary Report.</p> <p>A long term agreement is being considered at today's board meeting.</p>

Task	Description	Status
Memorandum of Understanding/Agreements		
<p>Memorandum of Agreement with the El Dorado Audubon</p> <p><u>Pending</u></p>	<p>El Dorado Audubon is working with the LCWA to develop bird walks at LCWA Phase 2 properties.</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>A long term agreement is being considered at today's board meeting.</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: January 28th, 2021

Subject: Land Management Field Report

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

Inspection Date: December 28th, 2020 & January 4th 2021

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 –
Tidal Influence staff replaced damaged signage at the property entrance.
2. Trails –
 - a. Trees on property starting to grow into powerlines that run along the perimeter of the property. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff will coordinate with the utility company to assess and trim trees as needed to ensure safety.
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 – OK
11. Fences
 - a. Fence line breach observed along PCH fence line. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff will work to repair the breached portions of fence line in the coming months.
 - b. Non-native vegetation growing through eastern parcel fence line. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff will coordinate fence line maintenance in the coming months.
12. Homeless
 - a. Homeless encampment observed in the area west of the State Lands property.
Tidal Influence staff will notify DWP of the encampment.

Hellman

13. Gates –

- a. A replacement electronic entrance gate has been installed and is functioning properly. A security camera has been installed by the Hellman Operators to monitor gate activity due to recent gate damage.

14. Trails –

- a. Graffiti on back of entrance property signage.
Tidal Influence staff will work to remediate this graffiti in the coming months.
- b. Minor erosion has occurred to the path leading to the access gate adjacent to Gum Grove Park. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff will monitor this erosion. An assessment and repairs will be scheduled once stewardship programs resume to ensure visitor safety.
- c. Vegetation has started to encroach along the stewardship trail system. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff will monitor growth and trail maintenance will be scheduled once stewardship programs resume to ensure visitor safety.

15. Fences – OK

16. Homeless – OK

Bryant Lease West

17. Gates –

- a. All levee gates were locked following outreach and clean up efforts by the LCWA's homeless relocation contractor. The locks and chains for the gates were found untampered with during this walkthrough.

18. Trails –

- a. A large rubble pile consisting of asphalt, concrete, and metal had been dumped near the entrance gate to the LCWA's Bryant West Property by an unknown entity. Most of the debris was removed by LCWA's Contractor and the City of Long Beach Clean Team. An additional clean-up effort is still needed to remove the remaining material. This rubble pile has create a bare area void of vegetation. Seasonal rainfall will likely aid in the recovery of this vegetated area.
Tidal Influence staff will continue monitoring the clean-up effort and the recovery of the impacted area.
- b. In response to a small fire that occurred on the northwest portion of the property on Wednesday September 23rd, 2020 Tidal Influence staff coordinated with Signal Hill Petroleum to trim up low lying tree limbs 5-feet from the ground on December 11th, 2020. A staff biologist surveyed for nesting bird activity prior to and during work activities. No biological impacts were observed. (See Photos)
- c. Graffiti observed on concrete structure next to oil well on east side of property. (See Photo)
Tidal Influence staff will work to remediate this graffiti in the coming months.

19. Fences –

- a. Portion of fence in between levee gates has been breached. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff will work to repair the breached portion of fence line in the coming months.
- b. Eastern fence line near southern border fence has been breached. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff will work to repair the breached portion of fence line in the coming months
- c. Fence line where old main encampment was established has been breached. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff will work to repair the breached portions of fence line in the coming months.
- d. Graffiti was observed on the river side of the concrete base of San Gabriel River trail fencing below the cattle grates.
Tidal Influence staff will notify LA County staff of the issue to address if possible.

20. Homeless –

- a. A new encampment was observed on the river trail outside the fence line near a fence breach caused by a prior encampment. (See Photos)
We recommend the LCWA's homeless contractor work to remediate this encampment in the coming months to discourage additional campsites from establishing. Tidal Influence staff will repair fence line and post no trespassing signs in the coming months.
- b. Some trash, clothing, and bedding found underneath cattle grate indicating use as a shelter. (See Photos)
We recommend the LCWA's homeless contractor work to remediate this encampment in the coming months to discourage additional encampments occurring along the property fence line.

Map

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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: February 26th, 2021

Subject: Land Management Field Report

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

Inspection Date: February 1st, 2021

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 –
 - a. Trees on property starting to grow into powerlines that run along the perimeter of the property.
Tidal Influence staff will coordinate with the utility company to assess and trim trees as needed to ensure safety.
3. Fences – OK
4. Homeless – OK

Zedler Marsh

5. Gates – OK
6. Trails –
 - a. Tidal Influence staff have observed flooding of certain restoration areas around the trail system. Wildlife cameras captured images of a trespasser on site likely operating the irrigation system. Tidal Influence staff have installed signage indicating sites as active restoration sites and have made changes to irrigation system operations to deter potential use from outside entities.
7. Fences – OK
8. Homeless – OK

State Lands Parcel

9. Gates – OK
10. Trails – OK
11. Fences
 - a. Fence line breach observed along PCH fence line. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff has remediated the fence line breach.
 - b. Non-native vegetation growing through eastern parcel fence line.
Tidal Influence staff has conducted fence line maintenance to remediate the issue.
 - c. Fence line breach has been observed in the southwestern portion of the property. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff will work to repair the fence line breach in the coming months.
 - d. Damage to portions of the southern and southwestern fence line posts allow access onto the site. (See photos)
We recommend the property owner install replacement fence post to resecure chain link and trespassing.
12. Homeless - OK

Hellman

13. Gates – OK

14. Trails –

- a. Graffiti on back of entrance property signage.
Tidal Influence staff will remediate this graffiti in the coming months.
- b. Minor erosion has occurred to the path leading to the access gate adjacent to Gum Grove Park. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff will monitor this erosion. An assessment and repairs will be scheduled once stewardship programs resume to ensure visitor safety.
- c. Vegetation has started to encroach along the stewardship trail system. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff will monitor growth and trail maintenance will be scheduled once stewardship programs resume to ensure visitor safety.
- d. Tire tracks and ruts were observed along the dirt access road that leads to the back of the property. The vehicle that did this bypassed the barricade that was set up to prevent vehicle access to this road. Vehicle tracks were observed going through coastal sage scrub vegetation and extend to the back trail. Impacts made by this vehicle are temporary and the vegetation is expected to recover over time.
Tidal Influence staff will investigate and reach out to entities with property access to avoid future rutting out of roads and potential damage to sensitive vegetation.
- e. To mitigate for damage caused during the repair of the city of Seal Beach's water line a total of 151 plants were installed within two impact areas along the main roadway on Jan 22nd and 26th by Tidal Influence staff. To ensure successful establishment of the planted species Tidal Influence staff will continue to monitor and maintain these planting areas. (See Photos)

15. Fences – OK

16. Homeless – OK

Bryant Lease West

17. Gates –

- a. All levee gates were locked following outreach and clean up efforts by the LCWA's homeless relocation contractor. However, upon inspection the lock on the northern levee gate was found to be cut. Tidal Influence staff has retrieved the cut lock and chain.
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 levee path.
- b. A new 'No Trespassing' sign has been placed on the southern levee gate.

18. Trails –

- a. A large rubble pile consisting of asphalt, concrete, and metal had been dumped near the entrance gate to the LCWA's Bryant West Property by an unknown entity. A majority of the debris was removed by LCWA's Contractor and the City of Long Beach Clean Team. An additional clean-up effort is still required to remove the remaining material. This rubble pile has created a bare area void of vegetation that will likely recover over time with adequate rainfall.
Tidal Influence staff will continue monitoring the clean-up effort and the recovery of the impacted area.
- b. Rusted out speed limit sign observed on ground.
Tidal Influence staff will work to repost or replace the speed limit sign in the coming months.
- c. Graffiti observed on concrete structure next to oil well on east side of property. (See Photo)
Tidal Influence staff has remediated the issue.

19. Fences –

- a. Portion of fence in between levee gates has been breached. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff has repaired the breached fence line.
- b. Eastern fence line near southern border fence has been breached. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff has repaired the breached fence line.
- c. Fence line where old main encampment was established has been breached. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff has repaired the breached fence line.
- d. Graffiti was observed on the concrete base of San Gabriel River trail fencing below the cattle grates.
Tidal Influence staff will notify LA County staff of the issue to address if possible.
- e. No trespassing signs have been placed along the property fence line. (See Photos)

20. Homeless –

- a. A new encampment was observed on the river trail outside the fence line near a fence breach caused by a prior encampment.

Tidal Influence staff has made repairs to the fence line. The encampment has been remediated.

- b. Some trash, clothing, and bedding found underneath cattle grate indicating use as a shelter. (See Photos)

We recommend the LCWA's homeless contractor work to remediate this encampment in the coming months to discourage additional encampments occurring along the property fence line.

Map

The photos of the issues and observations detailed above are labeled by number. The number on the map below indicates the location of these issues and observations.



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 15, 2021

Subject: Land Management Field Report

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

Inspection Date: February 23rd, 2021

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 –
 - a. Trees on property starting to grow into powerlines that run along the perimeter of the property.
Tidal Influence staff will coordinate with the utility company to assess and trim trees as needed to ensure safety.
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 – OK
11. Fences
 - a. Tidal Influence staff has conducted fence line repairs on a breach observed in the southwestern section of the property. (See Photos)
 - b. Two fence post in southern corner rusted out at base and detached from chain link fence. This has caused a breach in the fence line. (See Photos)
We recommend working with the property owner to replace fence post and resecure chain link fence in order to prevent trespassing or provide Tidal Influence staff with appropriate materials and budget to conduct repairs.
12. Homeless - OK

Hellman

13. Gates – OK
14. Trails –

- a. Graffiti on back of entrance property signage.
Tidal Influence staff will remediate this graffiti in the coming months.
- b. Due to unauthorized vehicle access on a dirt access road that created ruts and went through vegetation, Tidal Influence staff have readjusted traffic barricades to better secure this access road from similar incidents occurring in the future. Additionally, after coordinating with entities with property access it was undetermined who was responsible for this incident.
- c. Minor erosion has occurred to the path leading to the access gate adjacent to Gum Grove Park.
Tidal Influence staff will monitor this erosion. An assessment and repairs will be scheduled once stewardship programs resume to ensure visitor safety.
- d. Vegetation has started to encroach along the stewardship trail system.
Tidal Influence staff will monitor growth and trail maintenance will be scheduled once stewardship programs resume to ensure visitor safety.

15. Fences – OK

16. Homeless – OK

Bryant Lease West

17. Gates –

- a. All levee gates were locked following outreach and clean up efforts by the LCWA's homeless relocation contractor. However, upon inspection both gates were found open. The northern gate's chain was found cut. Southern gate's chain was found undamaged and resecured to chain link fence. (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 levee path.

18. Trails –

- a. Rusted out speed limit sign observed on ground.
Tidal Influence staff will work to repost or replace the speed limit sign in the coming months.

19. Fences – OK

20. Homeless –

- a. Trash and additional materials were observed underneath the cattle grate along the levee path indicating recent use as an encampment. (See Photos)
We recommend the LCWA's homeless contractor work to remediate this encampment in the coming months to discourage additional encampments occurring along the property fence line.

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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: April 7, 2021

Subject: Land Management Field Report

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

Inspection Date: March 29th, 2021

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 –
 - a. A lock on an access gate along the Department of Water and Power's Hayne's cooling channel was found cut. Tidal Influence staff have informed DWP about the damaged lock.
6. Trails – OK
7. Fences –
 - a. A large fence line breach was found along the western fence line near the bike trail entrance gate. Tidal Influence staff has conducted repairs.
8. Homeless – OK

State Lands Parcel

9. Gates – OK
10. Trails – OK
11. Fences
 - a. Two fence post located in the southern corner rusted out at the base and detached from the chain link fence. This has caused a breach in the fence line. (See Photos)
We recommend working with the property owner to replace fence post and resecure chain link fence in order to prevent trespassing or provide Tidal Influence staff with appropriate materials and budget to conduct repairs.
12. Homeless - OK

Hellman

13. Gates – OK

14. Trails –

- a. Minor erosion has occurred to the path leading to the access gate adjacent to Gum Grove Park.
Tidal Influence staff will monitor this erosion. An assessment and repairs will be scheduled once stewardship programs resume to ensure visitor safety.
- b. Vegetation has started to encroach along the stewardship trail system.
Tidal Influence staff will monitor growth and trail maintenance will be scheduled and coordinated to align with stewardship programs resuming to ensure visitor safety.

15. Fences – OK

16. Homeless – OK

Bryant Lease West

17. Gates –

- a. All levee gates were locked following outreach and clean up efforts by the LCWA's homeless relocation contractor. However, upon inspection both gates were found open with damaged latches and the locks and chains have been completely removed. (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 levee path.

18. Trails –

- a. Tidal Influence staff have replaced the rusted out speed limit sign found in this area.

19. Fences –

- a. Fence breach in southeastern corner of property (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff will work to repair the breach in the coming months
- b. Breach found in eastern fence line near levee gates (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff will work to repair the breach in the coming months
- c. Two breaches were found along the eastern fence line near the old encampment site. (See Photos)
Tidal Influence staff will work to repair the breaches in the coming months
- d. Three 'No Trespassing' signs were placed along property fence line. All signs were subsequently removed from their location.
Tidal Influence staff will work to resecure no trespassing signs in the coming months.

20. Homeless – OK

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Field Report Memorandum

To: Sally Gee, LCWA

From: Jesse Aragon, Tidal Influence, LLC

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

Date: May 13th, 2021

Subject: Land Management Field Report

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

Inspection Date: April 29th, 2021

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 –
 - a. A lock on an access gate along Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP) Hayne's cooling channel was found cut. Tidal Influence staff have informed LADWP about the damaged lock. LADWP has replaced the damaged lock.
6. Trails – OK
7. Fences – OK
8. Homeless – OK

State Lands Parcel

9. Gates – OK
10. Trails –
 - a. The sea turtle sculpture was found to have been taken from the property on April 22nd. On April 23rd the statue was located by LCWA's homeless relocation contractor North of 1st street and PCH and was retrieved by Tidal Influence staff. Tidal Influence staff inspected the gates and fence line – no visible damage to locks or fence line appears to have occurred during the turtles removal from the site. (See Photo)
Tidal Influence staff will continue to monitor the site and make updates to site security to prevent future incidents.
11. Fences - OK
12. Homeless - OK

Hellman

13. Gates – OK

14. Trails –

- a. Minor erosion has occurred to the path leading to the access gate adjacent to Gum Grove Park.
Tidal Influence staff will monitor this erosion. An assessment and repairs will be scheduled once stewardship programs resume to ensure visitor safety.
- b. Vegetation has started to encroach along the stewardship trail system. (See Photo)
Tidal Influence staff has conducted trail maintenance and will continue to monitor and schedule as needed to align with stewardship programs resuming to ensure visitor safety.

15. Fences – OK

16. Homeless – OK

Bryant Lease West

17. Gates –

- a. Following last months site inspection LCWA's homeless relocation contractor resecured levee gates. However, upon site inspection both gates were once again found open. (See Photo)
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 levee path.

18. Trails – OK

19. Fences –

- a. Fence breaches have been found in four locations along eastern fence line (See Photos)
 - i. South corner of property.
 - ii. Eastern fence line near levee gates.
 - iii. Two breaches were found along the eastern fence line near the old encampment site.**Tidal Influence staff will work to repair the breaches in the coming months.**

20. Homeless –

- a. A new encampment has established along the eastern fence line adjacent to the southern levee gates. Tidal Influence staff contacted LCWA's homeless relocation contractor who made efforts to reach the individual and remediate the encampment. (See Photo)
Tidal Influence staff will continue to monitor and coordinate with the homeless relocation contractor to remediate the site.
- b. A number of belongings were found in the wetlands hidden amongst vegetation. Tidal Influence staff contacted LCWA's homeless relocation contractor in order to have the belongings removed. (See Photo)
Tidal Influence staff will continue to monitor and coordinate clean up efforts with the homeless relocation contractor.

Map

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Field Report Memorandum

To: Sally Gee, LCWA

From: Jesse Aragon, Tidal Influence, LLC

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

Date: June 7th, 2021

Subject: Land Management Field Report

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

Inspection Date: May 25th, 2021

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 –
 - a. On May 18th the property was broken into and a number of items were stolen including the lessee's equipment. Tidal Influence staff have worked with the lessee and have implemented additional security measures to secure the site.
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 – OK
11. Fences - OK
12. Homeless - OK

Hellman

13. Gates – OK

14. Trails –

- a. The stewardship trail system used during maintenance activities and stewardship events has become overgrown and erosion has occurred in portions of the trail.

Tidal Influence staff will monitor the vegetative growth and erosion. An assessment and maintenance actions will be scheduled in the coming months as stewardship programs resume to ensure visitor safety.

15. Fences – OK

16. Homeless – OK

17. Other –

- a. Orange County Vector Control recently demonstrated their applicator drone for possible use at the Los Cerritos Wetlands South Area. Use of an observation and application drone would reduce the amount of disturbance caused by traditional observation and application methods that include the use of a backpack sprayer. This new method of vector treatment would serve the Los Cerritos Wetlands well due to the reduced disturbance to sensitive species that occur within the vector control inspection and treatment areas. Additionally, the amount of vegetative coverage in the tree stratum on site is low allowing for safety and accessibility for the drone.

Tidal Influence staff will work with Orange County Vector Control to safely implement this new method of inspection and treatment on site.

Bryant Lease West

18. Gates –

- a. Following April's site inspection LCWA's homeless relocation contractor resecured levee gates. However, upon site inspection both gates were once again found open. (See Photo)

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 levee path.

19. Trails – OK

20. Fences –

- a. Fence breaches have been found in four locations along eastern fence line (See Photos)
 - i. South corner of property.
 - ii. Eastern fence line near levee gates.
 - iii. Two breaches were found along the eastern fence line near the old encampment site.

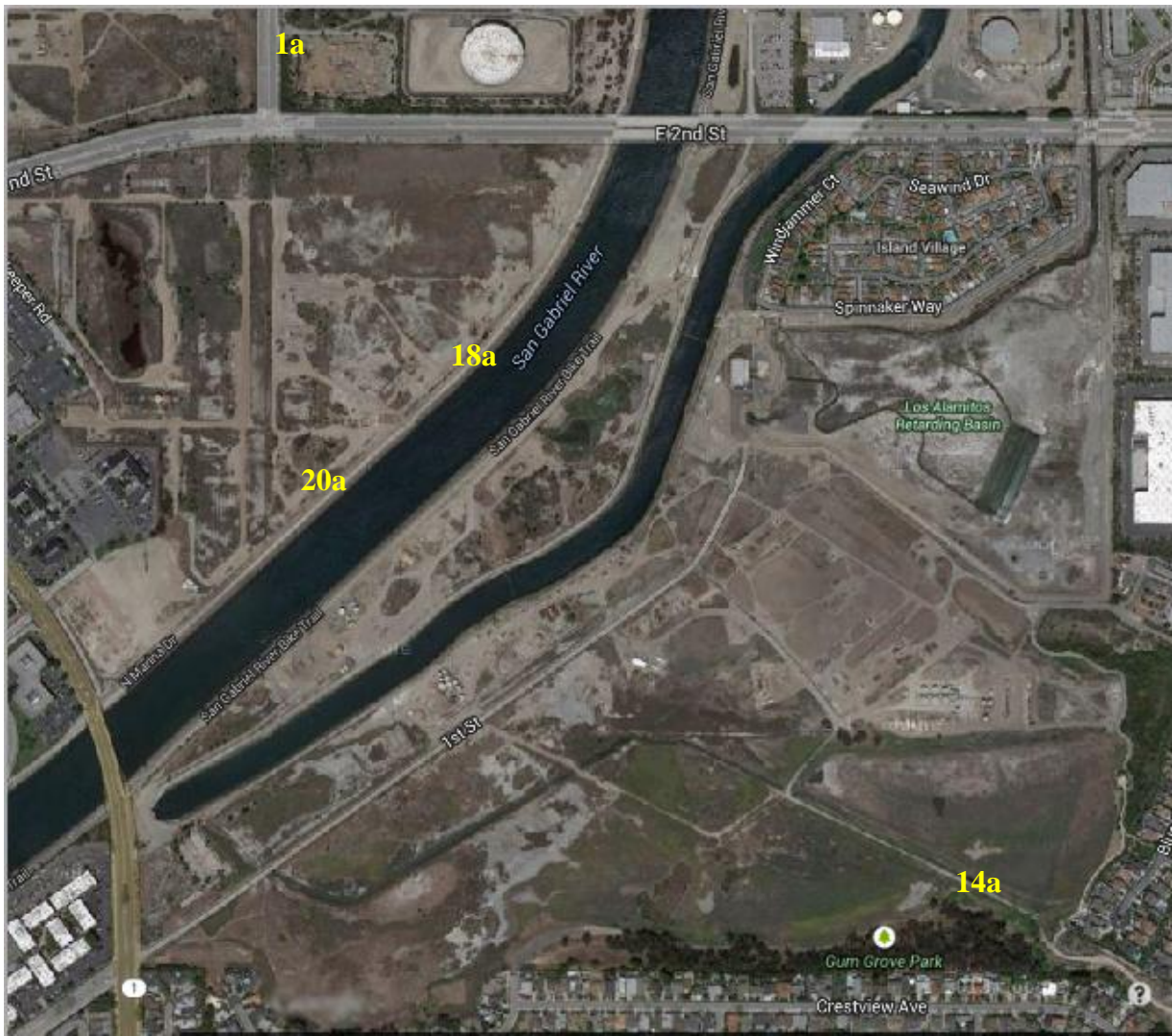
Tidal Influence staff will work to repair the breaches in the coming months.

21. Homeless –

- a. A new encampment was established along the eastern fence line adjacent to the southern levee gates. Tidal Influence staff worked with the LCWA's homeless relocation contractor to remediate and recently completed the remaining clean up of the former encampment. (See Photo)
- b. A number of trash bags were found hidden in the wetland area. Native vegetation was pulled out and used as cover for the bags. (See Photo)
Tidal Influence staff has cleaned up and disposed of the trash bags and will monitor the recovery of the impacted area.

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Zedler Marsh



Hayne's cooling channel gate lock cut



Breach in Western fence line

Zedler Marsh



Trespasser suspected of operating irrigation system

Bryant West Lease



Sparsely vegetated ground where rubble pile stood



Bedding and materials below cattle grates



Damaged speed limit sign



Graffiti on concrete structure remediated

Bryant Lease West



Fence breach in southeast corner of property



Fence breach near levee gates



Fence breach along eastern fence line



Bryant Lease West



Trash bags removed from marsh vegetation



Levee gates open



Encampment next to levee gates remediated

Hellman



Non-native vegetation growing along trail system



Erosion along back trail



Ruts in dirt road and damaged vegetation



Native plants installed on site

Hellman



Access gate obstructed by vegetation



OC Vector Control Applicator Drone

Hellman



Trail maintenance conducted

State Lands



Breach in Southwestern fence line observed



Breach in PCH fence line repaired



Liftable portions of fence line

State Lands



Sea turtle sculpture taken from site and retrieved by Tidal Influence

Homeless Outreach Report

May 16, 2021



Received report of homeless encampment and LCWS went out to investigate and came across Larry who lived on the property 10 years ago, a nice guy.



Quality of life PD came out to offer services, he accepted and we gave him a little time.



We brought out MSC partners to engage and get Larry on a path for help. Good news Larry accepted and showed up to the MSC for his appointments.



Told Larry to get his things together to get ready at any moment if we get him a room that he cannot take all his belongings including a Harley Davidson.



We brought in a nurse from the Multi Service Center to get his medical papers up to date, the last step before housing.



The next day Larry moved out, this is text book homeless remediation as described in the LCWA guidelines for dealing with the homeless. WE recommend TI maintenance staff finish the cleanup and repair the fencing. LCWS will get new chain and locks to lock the gates on the levy. Thank you.

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Date: July 1, 2021
To: Governing Board Members
From: Salian Garcia, Fiscal Manager
Through: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer
Subject: Item 9e: Receive and File Expenditure Report

Attached as Exhibit A is the FY 2020/2021 Budget with balances as of May 31, 2021.

Key elements of the Expenditure Report for FY 2020/2021 (Exhibit A) are summarized below:

- General Administrative & Operating Revenue is minimal as the Authority is awaiting the lease fees related to Signal Hill Petroleum and the Ascon Landfill Site. These revenues are received once per year and the Authority expects to receive them by the end of July 2021.
- Grant revenue from the RMC and Other-Miscellaneous Revenue line items are higher than budget projections due to recent reimbursements for the grant related to the Bryan Acquisition and for legal services related to Synergy/BOMP.
- Overall Grants and Special Projects Revenue are slightly lower than budget projections as current health mandates deterred project management and operational tasks as well as the loss of an acquisition. Subsequently, Operational and Capital Outlay expenses are below budget projections.
- Grant & Land Management – General Expense is higher than budget projections due to increased work plan management services.
- Capital Outlay Expense is minimal as most grant agreements and contracts became active within the last six months. The Authority expects to reflect recent expenditures for the next Expenditure Report.
- Staff is awaiting reimbursement from several grants and contracts. The revenue will be reflected when submitted costs expended under the grant has been approved for reimbursement and the reimbursement is received.

LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY
REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

	FY 20/21 Budget	As of 05/31/21	Remaining Budget Balance	Remaining % Budget Balance	Actuals % FY21 Budget Spent
Revenues					
General Administrative & Operating Revenue					
JPA Contributions	40,000	39,500	500	1%	99%
Lease Revenue	73,470	21,348	2,779	4%	29%
Contracts	15,520	495	360	2%	3%
Fees	-	90	(90)		
Permits	10,000	10,000	-	0%	100%
Other - Local Revenue	65,000	-	49,057	75%	0%
Subtotal-General Administrative & Operating	203,990	71,433	52,607	26%	35%
Grants and Special Projects Revenue					
Grant - State Coastal Conservancy	10,652	-	-	0%	0%
Grant - Rivers & Mountains Conservancy	152,037	204,962	80	0%	135%
Grant - Other Federal, State, County & Local Funds	100,000	-	-	0%	0%
Mitigation Revenue	-	-	-		
Contracts - Other MOA	10,000	-	-	0%	0%
Other - Donations	-	-	-		
Other - Miscellaneous	5,000	5,080	-	0%	102%
Subtotal-Grants and Special Projects	277,689	210,042	80	0%	76%
Total Revenue	481,679	281,474	52,687	11%	58%
Expenses					
Insurance - D & O Policy	3,043	2,565	-	0%	84%
Audit Services	9,850	-	-	0%	0%
Website	1,000	-	-	0%	0%
Miscellaneous Administrative Costs	1,500	-	-	0%	0%
Administration Expense Subtotal	15,393	2,565	-	0%	17%
Grant & Land Management - General	19,200	15,360	-	0%	80%
Grant Management - Contracted Services	25,000	495	-	0%	2%
Insurance - General Liability/Umbrella	11,751	-	2,471	21%	0%
LCWA Measure A - M/O	81,058	32,775	-	0%	40%
Security	9,570	6,525	-	0%	68%
Signage	3,000	-	-	0%	0%
MOAs	10,000	-	-	0%	0%
Miscellaneous	2,500	-	-	0%	0%
Operational Expense Subtotal	162,079	55,155	2,471	2%	34%
Consultant Services	51,400	5,582	-	0%	11%
Grant - State Coastal Conservancy	-	-	-		
Grant - Rivers & Mountains Conservancy	127,807	84,215	-	0%	66%
Grant - Other Federal, State, County & Local Projects	100,000	21,265	0	0%	21%
Other - Mitigation Projects	25,000	2,735	(0)	0%	11%
Other - Miscellaneous	-	-	-		
Capital Outlay Expense Subtotal	304,207	113,796	0	0%	37%
Total Expense	481,679	171,516	2,471	1%	36%
Ending Net Position	-	109,958	(109,958)		

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Date: July 1, 2021
To: Governing Board Members
From: Salian Garcia, Fiscal Manager
Subject: Item 10: Receive and File the LCWA Annual Audit and Related Reports for Fiscal Year 2019/2020

RECOMMENDATION: That the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority Government Board receive and file the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 LCWA Annual Audit and Related Reports as submitted and detailed in the attached Exhibit A.

BACKGROUND: Attached are the results of the FY 19/20 LCWA Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020 (Exhibit A) and its respective Management Report (Exhibit B).

SUMMARY/FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

- Fedak & Brown LLP conducted the audit with the cooperation of the City of Long Beach and LCWA staff.
- During the FY 2019/2020, the Authority's net position decreased by 0.46% or \$51,440 to \$11,203,939. The decrease in net position is primarily related to the Authority's operations.
- Total revenues increased 3.67% or \$23,206 to \$655,732 primarily due to an increase in program and grants, particularly lease revenue and activities related to Orange County Public Works and Ascon Tarplant Mitigation. Total expenses decreased 1.53% or \$11,008 to \$707,172 primarily due to a decrease in consulting and grant management expenditures from the prior year.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has caused business disruption through mandated and voluntary closings of businesses. While the disruption is expected to be temporary, the related financial impact on the Authority and the duration cannot be estimated at the time of the audit's release (June 9, 2021).
- Capital assets amount to \$11,000,000 with no change from the previous fiscal year.
- The Authority continues to have no long-term debt.
- No material weaknesses or deficiencies in internal control were found or identified. No findings noted in the current fiscal year.

FISCAL INFORMATION: Receive and file of the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 audit has no financial impact.



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Our Mission Statement

“To provide for a comprehensive program of acquisition, protection, conservation, restoration, maintenance and operation, and environmental enhancement of the Los Cerritos Wetlands area consistent with the goals of flood protection, habitat protection and restoration, and improved water supply, water quality, groundwater recharge and water conservation.”

Our Governing Board

Members

State Coastal Conservancy

Chair: Sam Schuchat

Alternate: Joan Cardellino

City of Long Beach

Vice-Chair: Suzie Price

Alternate: Vacant

City of Seal Beach

Member: Joe Kalmick

Alternate: Vacant

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Member: Roberto Uranga

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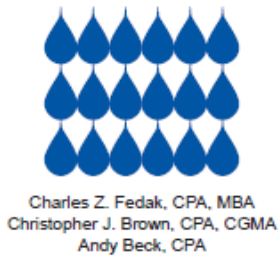
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Financial Section



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Independent Auditor's Report

Governing Board
Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
Long Beach, California

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (Authority) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Authority, as of September 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position, and, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Independent Auditor's Report, continued***Other Matters******Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 6 and the Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund on page 23 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated March 22, 2021 on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance. This report can be found on pages 24 and 25.

**Fedak & Brown LLP**

Cypress, California

March 22, 2021

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020
With Comparative Amounts as of September 30, 2019

As management of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (Authority), we offer readers of the Authority's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities and performance of the Authority for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020. Please read it in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in the accompanying basic financial statements, which follow this section.

Financial Highlights

- The Authority's net position decreased 0.46% or \$51,440 from \$11,203,939 to \$11,152,499 as a result of ongoing operations.
- The Authority's total revenues increased 3.67% or \$23,206 from \$632,526 to \$655,732.
- The Authority's total expenses decreased 1.53% or \$11,008 from \$718,180 to \$707,172.

Using This Financial Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities and performance of the Authority using accounting methods similar to those used by private sector companies. The Statement of Net Position includes all of the Authority's investments in resources (assets), deferred outflows of resources, obligations to creditors (liabilities) and deferred inflows of resources. It also provides the basis for computing a rate of return, evaluating the capital structure of the Authority and assessing the liquidity and financial flexibility of the Authority. All of the current year's revenue and expenses are accounted for in the Statements of Activities. This statement measures the success of the Authority's operations over the past year and can be used to determine the Authority's profitability and credit worthiness.

Government-wide Financial Statements

Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities

One of the most important questions asked about the Authority's finances is, "Is the Authority better off or worse off as a result of this year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the Authority in a way that helps answer this question.

These statements include all assets and deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, using the *accrual basis of accounting*, which is similar to the accounting used by most private sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Authority's *net position* and changes in them. One can think of the Authority's net position – the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources – as one way to measure the Authority's financial health, or *financial position*. Over time, *increases or decreases* in the Authority's net position are one indicator of whether its *financial health* is improving or deteriorating. However, one will need to consider other non-financial factors, however, such as changes in the Authority's organizational agreements to assess the *overall health* of the Authority in future periods.

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Governmental Funds Financial Statements

Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 11 through 22.

Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the Authority's budgetary information and compliance.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

Condensed Statements of Net Position

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Change</u>
Assets:			
Current assets	\$ 294,370	611,428	(317,058)
Capital assets, net	<u>11,000,000</u>	<u>11,000,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets	<u>11,294,370</u>	<u>11,611,428</u>	<u>(317,058)</u>
Liabilities:			
Current liabilities	<u>141,871</u>	<u>407,489</u>	<u>(265,618)</u>
Total liabilities	<u>141,871</u>	<u>407,489</u>	<u>(265,618)</u>
Net position:			
Net investment in capital assets	11,000,000	11,000,000	-
Unrestricted	<u>152,499</u>	<u>203,939</u>	<u>(51,440)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 11,152,499</u>	<u>11,203,939</u>	<u>(51,440)</u>

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Authority, assets of the Authority exceeded liabilities by \$11,152,499 as of September 30, 2020. At the end of fiscal year 2020, the Authority shows a positive balance in its unrestricted net position of \$152,499.

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Government-wide Financial Analysis, continued

Condensed Statements of Activities

<i>Governmental Activities</i>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Change</u>
Expenses:			
Authority operations	\$ 707,172	718,180	(11,008)
Total expenses	<u>707,172</u>	<u>718,180</u>	<u>(11,008)</u>
Revenues:			
Program revenues	591,559	565,432	26,127
General revenues	<u>64,173</u>	<u>67,094</u>	<u>(2,921)</u>
Total revenues	<u>655,732</u>	<u>632,526</u>	<u>23,206</u>
Change in net position	(51,440)	(85,654)	34,214
Net position – beginning of year	<u>11,203,939</u>	<u>11,289,593</u>	<u>(85,654)</u>
Net position – end of year	<u>\$ 11,152,499</u>	<u>11,203,939</u>	<u>(51,440)</u>

The Statement of Activities shows how the government's net position changed during the fiscal year. In the case of the Authority, net position decreased by \$51,440 during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020.

A closer examination reveals that:

The Authority's total revenues from all sources increased 3.67% or \$23,206 to \$655,732. Program revenues increased 4.62% or \$26,127, due to an increase of \$114,485 in capital grants sourcing from private agencies, which were offset by a decrease of \$88,358 in capital grants sourcing from state and county agencies. General revenues decreased 4.35% or \$2,921, primarily due to a decrease of \$3,327 in miscellaneous income, offset by an increase of \$1,157 in rental income.

The Authority's total expenses decreased 1.53%, or \$11,008 to \$707,172, due to decreases of \$26,088 in consulting fees, \$9,811 in land transfer agreement expenses, \$6,768 in grant management, and \$2,417 in grant materials, which were offset by increases of \$28,663 in legal fees and \$5,328 in audit fees from the prior year.

Governmental Funds Financial Analysis

The focus of the Authority's *governmental funds* is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Authority's financing requirements. In particular, the *unreserved fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of the government's net resources for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of September 30, 2020, the Authority's General Fund reported a fund balance of \$152,499. Of the fund balance reported, an amount of \$7,812 is designated as *non-spendable* as it has already been spent towards prepaid insurance. The remaining balance of \$144,687 constitutes the Authority's *unassigned fund balance* that is available for future Authority expenditures.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis, continued
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General Fund Budgetary Highlights

At fiscal year-end, actual expenditures for the General Fund were \$909,901 less than final budgeted expenditures and actual revenues were \$961,341 less than final budgeted revenues. This was principally due to lower than anticipated grant funding in the amount of \$1,158,932 from state and county sources and operating contributions of \$18,670, which were offset by higher than anticipated grant funding in the amount of \$224,624 from private agencies.

Capital Asset Administration

At the end of fiscal year 2020, the Authority's investment in capital assets amounted to \$11,000,000. This investment in capital assets includes land that is managed by the Authority.

Changes in capital assets for the year were as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>2020</u>
Land	\$ 11,000,000	-	-	11,000,000
Total capital assets, net	\$ <u>11,000,000</u>			<u>11,000,000</u>

Conditions Affecting Current Financial Position

The COVID-19 pandemic in the United States has caused business disruption through mandated and voluntary closings of businesses. While the disruption is currently expected to be temporary, there is considerable uncertainty around the duration of the closings. However, the related financial impact on the Authority and the duration cannot be estimated at this time.

Management is unaware of any other conditions which could have a significant impact on the Authority's current financial position, net position or operating results based on past, present and future events.

Requests for Information

The Authority's basic financial statements are designed to present users with a general overview of the Authority's finances and to demonstrate the Authority's accountability. If you have any questions about the report or need additional information, please contact the Authority at Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority, C/O the City of Long Beach Financial Management Department, 411 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802 or directly at 100 Old San Gabriel Canyon Rd., Azusa, CA 91702, (626) 815-1019.

Basic Financial Statements

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
Statement of Net Position
September 30, 2020

	<u>2020</u>
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents (note 2)	\$ 133,688
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts (note 3)	152,870
Prepaid insurance	<u>7,812</u>
Total current assets	<u>294,370</u>
Non-current assets:	
Capital assets, net (note 4)	<u>11,000,000</u>
Total assets	<u>11,294,370</u>
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	139,971
Security deposit	<u>1,900</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>141,871</u>
Total liabilities	<u>141,871</u>
Net position:	
Net investment in capital assets	11,000,000
Unrestricted	<u>152,499</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 11,152,499</u>

See the accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020

<i>Governmental Activities:</i>	<u>2020</u>
Expenses:	
Authority operations	\$ <u>707,172</u>
Total expenses	<u>707,172</u>
Program revenues:	
Contributions – operating	30,000
Capital grants – state and county	314,800
Capital contributions – private agency	<u>246,759</u>
Total program revenues	<u>591,559</u>
Net program expense	<u>115,613</u>
General revenues:	
Rental income	62,637
Interest earnings	24
Miscellaneous income	<u>1,512</u>
Total general revenues	<u>64,173</u>
Change in net position	(51,440)
Net position – beginning of year	<u>11,203,939</u>
Net position – end of year	\$ <u><u>11,152,499</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental
Type Funds to the Statement of Net Position
September 30, 2020

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Reclassifications & Eliminations</u>	<u>Statement of Net Position</u>
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 133,688	-	133,688
Accounts receivable, net	152,870	-	152,870
Prepaid insurance	7,812	-	7,812
Total current assets	<u>294,370</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>294,370</u>
Non-current assets:			
Capital assets, net	<u>-</u>	11,000,000	11,000,000
Total assets	<u>\$ 294,370</u>	<u>11,000,000</u>	<u>11,294,370</u>
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 139,971	-	139,971
Security deposit	1,900	-	1,900
Total current liabilities	<u>141,871</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>141,871</u>
Total liabilities	<u>141,871</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>141,871</u>
Fund balance: (note 5)			
Nonspendable	7,812	(7,812)	-
Unassigned	144,687	(144,687)	-
Total fund balance	<u>152,499</u>	<u>(152,499)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 294,370</u>		
Net position:			
Net investment in capital assets		11,000,000	11,000,000
Unrestricted		<u>152,499</u>	<u>152,499</u>
Total net position		<u>\$ 11,152,499</u>	<u>11,152,499</u>

Reconciliation:

Fund balance of governmental funds	\$ 152,499
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet.	<u>11,000,000</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 11,152,499</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in
Fund Balance of Governmental Type Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Reclassifications & Eliminations</u>	<u>Statement of Activities</u>
Expenditures/Expenses:			
Authority operations	\$ 707,172	-	707,172
Total expenditures/expenses	<u>707,172</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>707,172</u>
Program revenues:			
Contributions – operating	30,000	-	30,000
Capital grant – state and county	314,800	-	314,800
Capital grant – private agency	246,759	-	246,759
Total program revenues	<u>591,559</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>591,559</u>
Net program expense			<u>115,613</u>
General revenues:			
Rental income	62,637	-	62,637
Interest earnings	24	-	24
Miscellaneous income	1,512	-	1,512
Total general revenues	<u>64,173</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,173</u>
Total revenues	<u>655,732</u>	<u>-</u>	
Excess of revenues over expenditures	(51,440)	51,440	-
Change in net position	-	(51,440)	(51,440)
Fund deficit/Net position – beginning of year	<u>203,939</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,203,939</u>
Fund balance/Net position	<u>\$ 152,499</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,152,499</u>

Reconciliation:

Net changes in fund balance of governmental fund	\$ <u>(51,440)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ <u>(51,440)</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020

(1) Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Organization and Operations of the Reporting Entity

In February 2006, a joint powers agreement was adopted among the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, State Coastal Conservancy, City of Long Beach, and the City of Seal Beach. The agreement established the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (Authority). Each party shall, subject to the availability of funds, make equal annual contributions (minimum \$5,000 and maximum \$25,000) to, or on behalf of, the Authority. The purpose of the Authority is to provide for a comprehensive program of acquisition, protection, conservation, restoration, maintenance and operation, and environmental enhancement of the Los Cerritos Wetlands area consistent with the goals of flood protection, habitat protection and restoration and improved water supply, water quality, groundwater recharge and water conservation. The Authority has the ability to acquire and own real property, although it does not have the power of eminent domain. A second major purpose of the Authority is to conduct restoration planning and implement that restoration.

The Authority entered into an agreement of land transfer with the Trust for Public Land for approximately 68 acres of property and surface rights; commonly known as the Bryant property in Long Beach, California. The Bryant property has been an active oil field for several decades and currently contains several active oil wells and associated pipelines, roads and buildings.

The acquisition of the Bryant property involved several legal agreements as follows:

- Land Transfer Agreement - Under this agreement the Trust for Public Lands would cause the conveyance of surface fee interest in the 68 acres to the Authority. The Authority would not acquire the mineral rights or the lessor's interest in the oil and gas lease. The Authority would accept title to the surface fee interest property as-is, subject to the Land Use Agreement and the Indemnification Agreement as discussed below.
- Land Use Agreement - This agreement is between Trust for Public Lands, Signal Hill Petroleum, and the Authority, acknowledging the intended use of the conveyed property and the retained property by Signal Hill Petroleum and the Authority. The purpose of the agreement is to ensure the intended use and access of the property for both the Authority and Signal Hill Petroleum.
- Termination of Oil and Gas Lease and Grant of Easement Agreement – This agreement is to define the specific access over and use of the surface property that the Authority grants Signal Hill Petroleum to allow for the existing and future oil operations. The agreement also defines conditions for the oil operations to ensure that they are consistent with the Authority's intended use for habitat restoration and public access. The Authority grants specific easements to Signal Hill Petroleum for oil operations. The easement shall expire when all oil operations are abandoned, and Signal Hill Petroleum shall pay rent of \$25,000 per year to the Authority for the use of these easements.
- Environmental Indemnity Agreement- Under the terms of this agreement, Signal Hill Petroleum indemnifies parties from liabilities associated with any release of materials generated from the oil or gas operations beyond the levels accepted for industrial use. This indemnification only includes liabilities associated with past and future environmental releases associated with oil and gas operations but not for liability for contamination that is unrelated to those activities.

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements, continued
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020

(1) Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

B. Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

The *basic financial statements* of the Authority are composed of the following:

- Government-wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements
- Notes to the basic financial statements

Government-wide Financial Statements

These statements are presented on an *economic resources* measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, all of the Authority's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, including capital assets, are included in the accompanying Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Activities presents changes in net position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred. The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. The types of transactions reported as program revenues for the Authority are to be reported in three categories, if applicable: 1) charges for services, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions. Charges for services include revenues from customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function. Grant and contributions include revenues restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

These statements include a Balance Sheet and a Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances for all major governmental funds. Accompanying these statements is a schedule to reconcile and explain the differences in net position as presented in these statements to the net position presented in the Government-wide Financial Statements.

Governmental funds are accounted for on a spending or *current financial resources* measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, only current assets and liabilities are included on the Balance Sheet. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Under modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Accordingly, revenues are recorded when received in cash, except that revenues subject to accrual (generally 60-days after year-end) are recognized when due. The primary sources susceptible to accrual for the Authority are interest earnings, investment revenue and operating and capital grant revenues. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. However, exceptions to this rule include principal and interest on debt, which are recognized when due.

The Authority reports the following major governmental fund:

General Fund – is a government's only operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Authority, except those required to be accounted for in another fund when necessary.

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements, continued
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(1) Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

C. Financial Statement Elements

1. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported changes in the Authority's net position during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. Uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported changes in the Authority's net position during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

3. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Authority has contracted with the City of Long Beach Treasurer's Office to act as its fiscal agent. Substantially all of the Authority's cash is held in a financial institution bank account. The Authority considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

4. Accounts Receivable and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The Authority extends credit to customers in the normal course of operations. When management deems customer accounts uncollectible, the Authority uses the allowance method for the reservation and write-off of those accounts.

5. Prepaids

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs or deposits applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements.

6. Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded in the government-wide financial statements. Included in capital assets is land held by the Authority. Donated assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Capital outlay is recorded as expenditures of the General Fund and as assets in the government-wide financial statements to the extent the Authority's capitalization threshold is met.

7. Net Position/Fund Balances

The financial statements utilize a net position presentation. Net position categories are follows:

- **Net Investment in Capital Assets** – Consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization, and reduced by outstanding balances of any debt, or other long-term borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- **Restricted** – Consists of assets that have restrictions placed upon their use by external constraints imposed either by creditors (debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through enabling legislation.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements, continued
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(1) Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

C. Financial Statement Elements, continued

7. Net Position/Fund Balances, continued

- **Unrestricted** – Consists of the net amount of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of the net investment in capital assets or restricted component of net position.

8. Fund Equity

The financial statements, governmental funds report fund balance as non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the Authority is bound to honor constraints on how specific amounts can be spent.

- **Non-spendable fund balance** – amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not spendable in form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- **Restricted fund balance** – amounts with constraints placed on their use that are either (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions enabling legislation.
- **Committed fund balance** – amounts that can only be used for specific purposes determined by formal action of the Authority's highest level of decision-making authority (the Governing Board) and that remain binding unless removed in the same manner. The underlying action that imposed the limitation needs to occur no later than the close of the reporting period.
- **Assigned fund balance** – amounts that are constrained by the Authority's intent to be used for specific purposes. The intent can be established at either the highest level of decision-making, or by a body or an official designated for that purpose. This is also the classification for residual funds in the Authority's special revenue funds.
- **Unassigned fund balance** – the residual classification for the Authority's general fund that includes amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other funds, the unassigned classification is used only if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceed the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes.

The Governing Board established, modifies, or rescinds fund balance commitments and assignments by passage of an ordinance or resolution. This is done through adoption of the budget and subsequent budget amendments that occur throughout the year.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Authority's policy to use restricted resources first, followed by the unrestricted, committed, assigned and unassigned resources as they are needed.

Fund Balance Policy

The Authority believes that sound financial management principles require that sufficient funds be retained by the Authority to provide a stable financial base at all times. To retain this stable financial base, the Authority needs to maintain an unrestricted fund balance in its funds sufficient to fund cash flows of the Authority and to provide financial reserves for unanticipated expenditures and/or revenue shortfalls of an emergency nature. Committed, assigned and unassigned fund balances are considered unrestricted.

The purpose of the Authority's fund balance policy is to maintain a prudent level of financial resources to protect against reducing service levels or raising taxes and fees because of temporary revenue shortfalls or unpredicted one-time expenditures.

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements, continued
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020

(1) Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued**C. Financial Statement Elements, continued****9. Budgetary Policies**

The Authority follows specific instructions in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements. Each year the Authority's Executive Officer prepares and submits an operating and capital budget to the Board of Directors no later than September. The basis used to prepare the budget does not differ substantially in form from the modified accrual basis of accounting. The adopted budget becomes operative on October 1. The Board of Directors must approve all supplemental appropriations to the budget and transfers between major accounts.

(2) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents as of September 30, consist of the following:

	<u>2020</u>
Deposits held with financial institutions	\$ <u>133,688</u>

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for *deposits* is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The California Government Code and the Authority's investment policy does not contain legal or policy requirements that would limit the exposure to custodial credit risk for deposits, other than the following provision for deposits: The California Government Code requires that a financial institution secure deposits made by state or local governmental units by pledging securities in an undivided collateral pool held by a depository regulated under state law (unless so waived by the governmental unit). The market value of the pledged securities in the collateral pool must equal at least 110% of the total amount deposited by the public agencies. The Authority had deposits with a bank balance of \$133,688 as of September 30, 2020. Of the bank balance, up to \$250,000 is federally insured and any remaining balance is collateralized in accordance with the Code; however, the collateralized securities are not held in the Authority's name.

(3) Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts as of September 30, consist of the following:

	<u>2020</u>
Accounts receivable	\$ 22,663
Accounts receivable – member agencies	46,979
Accounts receivable – grants	<u>108,228</u>
Subtotal accounts receivable	177,870
Allowance for doubtful accounts	<u>(25,000)</u>
Total accounts receivable, net	\$ <u><u>152,870</u></u>

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements, continued
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020

(4) Capital Assets

Changes in capital assets for the year were as follows:

	Balance 2019	Additions	Deletions	Balance 2020
Land	\$ 11,000,000	-	-	11,000,000
Total capital assets, net	\$ <u>11,000,000</u>			<u>11,000,000</u>

(5) Fund Balance

Fund balances are presented in the following categories: Non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned (See Note (1)C.8 for a description of these categories). A detailed schedule of fund balance and their funding composition at September 30, 2020, is as follows:

Fund Balance Category	
Nonspendable:	
Prepaid insurance	\$ 7,812
Unassigned fund balance:	<u>144,687</u>
Total fund balance	\$ <u>152,499</u>

(6) Land Option and Exchange Agreement

On September 27, 2016, the Authority entered into a land exchange option agreement with Los Cerritos Wetlands, LLC (the LLC). Terms of the agreement call for non-refundable consideration in the amount of \$300,000 to be paid to the Authority for an initial option term of 4 years, with an optional term of 4 years thereafter. The agreement provides a right of termination clause in the event the LLC determines to terminate the agreement. Upon termination, the agreement calls for the Authority to refund the LLC \$200,000 within the first year of the agreement, or \$100,000 if exercised within second year of the agreement.

As of September 30, 2020, the Authority and the LLC had exercised the right to extend the term of the Land Exchange Agreement option to September 2, 2024.

(7) Risk Management

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Authority has purchased various commercial insurance policies to manage the potential liabilities that may occur from the previously named sources.

Settled claims have not exceeded any of the coverage amounts in any of the last three fiscal years and there were no reductions in the Authority's insurance coverage during the years ending September 30, 2020, 2019, and 2018. Liabilities are recorded when it is probable that a loss has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated net of the respective insurance coverage. Liabilities include an amount for claims that have been incurred but not reported (IBNR). There were no IBNR claims payable as of September 30, 2020, 2019, and 2018.

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements, continued
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020

(8) Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements Issued, Not Yet Effective

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued several pronouncements prior to September 30, 2020, that have effective dates that may impact future financial presentations.

The following pronouncement implementation dates have been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic:

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 84

In January 2017, the GASB issued Statement No. 84 – *Fiduciary Activities*. The objective of this Statement is to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported.

This Statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and (2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. Separate criteria are included to identify fiduciary component units and postemployment benefit arrangements that are fiduciary activities.

This Statement describes four fiduciary funds that should be reported, if applicable: (1) pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, (2) investment trust funds, (3) private-purpose trust funds, and (4) custodial funds. Custodial funds generally should report fiduciary activities that are not held in a trust or equivalent arrangement that meets specific criteria.

The requirements of this Statement were effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018; however, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the effective date has been postponed by one year. Earlier application is encouraged.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 87

In June 2017, the GASB issued Statement No. 87 – *Leases*. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. This Statement increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities.

The requirements of this Statement were effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019; however, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the effective date has been postponed by 18 months. Earlier application is encouraged.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 89

In June 2018, the GASB issued Statement No. 89 – *Accounting for Interest Cost incurred Before the End of a Construction Period*. The objectives of this Statement are (1) to enhance the relevance and comparability of information about capital assets and the cost of borrowing for a reporting period and (2) to simplify accounting for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period.

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements, continued
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020

(8) Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements Issued, Not Yet Effective, continued

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 89, continued

This Statement establishes accounting requirements for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period. Such interest cost includes all interest that previously was accounted for in accordance with the requirements of paragraphs 5–22 of Statement No. 62, *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements*, which are superseded by this Statement. This Statement requires that interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period be recognized as an expense in the period in which the cost is incurred for financial statements prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. As a result, interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period will not be included in the historical cost of a capital asset reported in a business-type activity or enterprise fund.

This Statement also reiterates that in financial statements prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus, interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period should be recognized as an expenditure on a basis consistent with governmental fund accounting principles.

The requirements of this Statement were effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019; however, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the effective date has been postponed by one year. Earlier application is encouraged. The requirements of this Statement should be applied prospectively.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 90

In August 2018, the GASB issued Statement No. 90 – *Majority Equity Interests—an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61*. The primary objectives of this Statement are to improve the consistency and comparability of reporting a government’s majority equity interest in a legally separate organization and to improve the relevance of financial statement information for certain component units. It defines a majority equity interest and specifies that a majority equity interest in a legally separate organization should be reported as an investment if a government’s holding of the equity interest meets the definition of an investment. A majority equity interest that meets the definition of an investment should be measured using the equity method, unless it is held by a special-purpose government engaged only in fiduciary activities, a fiduciary fund, or an endowment (including permanent and term endowments) or permanent fund. Those governments and funds should measure the majority equity interest at fair value.

For all other holdings of a majority equity interest in a legally separate organization, a government should report the legally separate organization as a component unit, and the government or fund that holds the equity interest should report an asset related to the majority equity interest using the equity method. This Statement establishes that ownership of a majority equity interest in a legally separate organization results in the government being financially accountable for the legally separate organization and, therefore, the government should report that organization as a component unit.

This Statement also requires that a component unit in which a government has a 100 percent equity interest account for its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources at acquisition value at the date the government acquired a 100 percent equity interest in the component unit. Transactions presented in flows statements of the component unit in that circumstance should include only transactions that occurred subsequent to the acquisition.

The requirements of this Statement were effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018; however, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the effective date has been postponed by one year. Earlier application is encouraged. The requirements should be applied retroactively, except for the provisions related to (1) reporting a majority equity interest in a component unit and (2) reporting a component unit if the government acquires a 100 percent equity interest. Those provisions should be applied on a prospective basis.

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements, continued
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020

(8) Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements Issued, Not Yet Effective, continued

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 91

In May 2019, the GASB issued Statement No. 91 – *Conduit Debt Obligations*. The primary objectives of this Statement are to provide a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers and eliminate diversity in practice associated with (1) commitments extended by issuers, (2) arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations, and (3) related note disclosures. This Statement achieves those objectives by clarifying the existing definition of a conduit debt obligation; establishing that a conduit debt obligation is not a liability of the issuer; establishing standards for accounting and financial reporting of additional commitments and voluntary commitments extended by issuers and arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations; and improving required note disclosures.

This Statement also addresses arrangements—often characterized as leases—that are associated with conduit debt obligations. In those arrangements, capital assets are constructed or acquired with the proceeds of a conduit debt obligation and used by third-party obligors in the course of their activities. Payments from third-party obligors are intended to cover and coincide with debt service payments. During those arrangements, issuers retain the titles to the capital assets. Those titles may or may not pass to the obligors at the end of the arrangements.

This Statement requires issuers to disclose general information about their conduit debt obligations, organized by type of commitment, including the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the issuers' conduit debt obligations and a description of each type of commitment. Issuers that recognize liabilities related to supporting the debt service of conduit debt obligations also should disclose information about the amount recognized and how the liabilities changed during the reporting period.

The requirements of this Statement were effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2020; however, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the effective date has been postponed by one year. Earlier application is encouraged.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 92

In January 2020, the GASB issued Statement No. 92 – *Omnibus 2020*. The objectives of this Statement are to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements.

The requirements of this Statement were as follows: (1) The requirements related to the effective date of Statement 87 and Implementation Guide 2019-3, reinsurance recoveries, and terminology used to refer to derivative instruments are effective upon issuance; (2) The requirements related to intra-entity transfers of assets and those related to the applicability of Statements 73 and 74 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2020; (3) The requirements related to application of Statement 84 to postemployment benefit arrangements and those related to nonrecurring fair value measurements of assets or liabilities are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2020; and (4) The requirements related to the measurement of liabilities (and assets, if any) associated with AROs in a government acquisition are effective for government acquisitions occurring in reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2020; however, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the effective date has been postponed by one year. Earlier application is encouraged and is permitted by topic.

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements, continued
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(8) Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements Issued, Not Yet Effective, continued

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 93

In March 2020, the GASB issued Statement No. 93 – *Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates*. The objective of this Statement is to address accounting and financial reporting implications that result from the replacement of an IBOR. This Statement achieves that objective by: (1) Providing exceptions for certain hedging derivative instruments to the hedge accounting termination provisions when an IBOR is replaced as the reference rate of the hedging derivative instrument's variable payment; (2) Clarifying the hedge accounting termination provisions when a hedged item is amended to replace the reference rate; (3) Clarifying that the uncertainty related to the continued availability of IBORs does not, by itself, affect the assessment of whether the occurrence of a hedged expected transaction is probable; (4) Removing LIBOR as an appropriate benchmark interest rate for the qualitative evaluation of the effectiveness of an interest rate swap; (5) Identifying a Secured Overnight Financing Rate and the Effective Federal Funds Rate as appropriate benchmark interest rates for the qualitative evaluation of the effectiveness of an interest rate swap; (6) Clarifying the definition of reference rate, as it is used in Statement 53, as amended; and (7) Providing an exception to the lease modifications guidance in Statement 87, as amended, for certain lease contracts that are amended solely to replace an IBOR as the rate upon which variable payments depend.

The requirements of this Statement were effective as follows: (1) The removal of LIBOR as an appropriate benchmark interest rate is effective for reporting periods ending after December 31, 2021; and (2) All other requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2020; however, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the effective dates have been postponed by one year. Earlier application is encouraged.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 94

In March 2020, the GASB issued Statement No. 94 – *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*. The primary objective of this Statement is to improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public-public partnership arrangements (PPPs). As used in this Statement, a PPP is an arrangement in which a government (the transferor) contracts with an operator (a governmental or nongovernmental entity) to provide public services by conveying control of the right to operate or use a nonfinancial asset, such as infrastructure or other capital asset (the underlying PPP asset), for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. Some PPPs meet the definition of a service concession arrangement (SCA), which the Board defines in this Statement as a PPP in which (1) the operator collects and is compensated by fees from third parties; (2) the transferor determines or has the ability to modify or approve which services the operator is required to provide, to whom the operator is required to provide the services, and the prices or rates that can be charged for the services; and (3) the transferor is entitled to significant residual interest in the service utility of the underlying PPP asset at the end of the arrangement.

This Statement also provides guidance for accounting and financial reporting for availability payment arrangements (APAs). As defined in this Statement, an APA is an arrangement in which a government compensates an operator for services that may include designing, constructing, financing, maintaining, or operating an underlying nonfinancial asset for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction.

The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022, and all reporting periods thereafter. Earlier application is encouraged.

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements, continued
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020

(8) Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements Issued, Not Yet Effective, continued

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 96

In May 2020, the GASB issued Statement No. 96 – *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. This Statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset—an intangible asset—and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. To the extent relevant, the standards for SBITAs are based on the standards established in Statement No. 87, Leases, as amended.

The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022, and all reporting periods thereafter. Earlier application is encouraged.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 97

In June 2020, the GASB issued Statement No. 97 – *Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans—an amendment of GASB Statements No. 41 and No. 84, and a supersession of GASB Statement No. 32*. The primary objectives of this Statement are to (1) increase consistency and comparability related to the reporting of fiduciary component units in circumstances in which a potential component unit does not have a governing board and the primary government performs the duties that a governing board typically would perform; (2) mitigate costs associated with the reporting of certain defined contribution pension plans, defined contribution other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plans, and employee benefit plans other than pension plans or OPEB plans (other employee benefit plans) as fiduciary component units in fiduciary fund financial statements; and (3) enhance the relevance, consistency, and comparability of the accounting and financial reporting for Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 457 deferred compensation plans (Section 457 plans) that meet the definition of a pension plan and for benefits provided through those plans.

The requirements of this Statement that (1) exempt primary governments that perform the duties that a governing board typically performs from treating the absence of a governing board the same as the appointment of a voting majority of a governing board in determining whether they are financially accountable for defined contribution pension plans, defined contribution OPEB plans, or other employee benefit plans and (2) limit the applicability of the financial burden criterion in paragraph 7 of Statement 84 to defined benefit pension plans and defined benefit OPEB plans that are administered through trusts that meet the criteria in paragraph 3 of Statement 67 or paragraph 3 of Statement 74, respectively, are effective immediately. The requirements of this Statement that are related to the accounting and financial reporting for Section 457 plans are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021. For purposes of determining whether a primary government is financially accountable for a potential component unit, the requirements of this Statement that provide that for all other arrangements, the absence of a governing board be treated the same as the appointment of a voting majority of a governing board if the primary government performs the duties that a governing board typically would perform, are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021. Earlier application of those requirements is encouraged and permitted by requirement as specified within this Statement. The Board considered the effective dates for the requirements of this Statement in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and in concert with Statement No. 95, Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance.

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements, continued
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(9) Commitments and Contingencies

Grant Awards

Grant funds received by the Authority are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Such an audit could lead to requests for reimbursements to the grantor agencies for expenditures disallowed under terms of the grant. Management of the Authority believes that such disallowances, if any, would not be significant.

Litigation

In the ordinary course of operations, the Authority is subject to claims and litigation from outside parties. After consultation with legal counsel, the Authority believes the ultimate outcome of such matters, if any, will not materially affect its financial condition.

COVID-19 Pandemic

In December 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus has spread around the world resulting in business and social disruption. The coronavirus was declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the World Health Organization on January 30, 2020. The operations and business results of the Authority could potentially be adversely affected by this global pandemic. The extent to which the coronavirus may impact business activity or investment results will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted, including new information which may emerge concerning the severity of the coronavirus and the actions required to contain the coronavirus. The Authority has not included any contingencies in the financial statements specific to this issue.

(10) Subsequent Events

Events occurring after September 30, 2020, have been evaluated for possible adjustment to the financial statements or disclosure as of March 22, 2021, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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Required Supplementary Information

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020

	Adopted Original Budget	Board Approved Changes	Revised Budget	Actual Budgetary Basis	Variance Positive (Negative)
Expenditures/Expenses:					
Authority operations:					
Services and supplies	\$ 114,324	-	114,324	-	114,324
Capital outlay	1,502,749	-	1,502,749	707,172	795,577
Total expenditures/expenses	1,617,073	-	1,617,073	707,172	909,901
Program revenues:					
Contributions – operating	48,670	-	48,670	30,000	(18,670)
Capital grant – state and county	1,473,732	-	1,473,732	314,800	(1,158,932)
Capital grant – private agency	22,135	-	22,135	246,759	224,624
Total program revenues	1,544,537	-	1,544,537	591,559	(952,978)
General revenues:					
Rental income	72,536	-	72,536	62,637	(9,899)
Interest earnings	-	-	-	24	24
Miscellaneous income	-	-	-	1,512	1,512
Total general revenues	72,536	-	72,536	64,173	(8,363)
Total revenues	1,617,073	-	1,617,073	655,732	(961,341)
Excess(deficiency) of revenues over(under) expenditures	-	-	-	(51,440)	(1,871,242)
Fund balance – beginning of year	203,939		203,939	203,939	
Fund balance – end of year	\$ 203,939		203,939	152,499	

Notes to Required Supplementary Information

(1) Budgets and Budgetary Data

The Authority follows specific instructions in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements. Each year the Authority's Executive Officer prepares and submits an operating and capital budget to the Board of Directors no later than September. The basis used to prepare the budget does not differ substantially in form from the modified accrual basis of accounting. The adopted budget becomes operative on October 1. The Board of Directors must approve all supplemental appropriations to the budget and transfers between major accounts.

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Report on Internal Controls and Compliance



**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting
And on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial
Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

Governing Board
Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
Long Beach, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (Authority) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprises the Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 22, 2021.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Authority's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting
and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements
Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, continued**

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Fedak & Brown LLP

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Cypress, California
March 22, 2021

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Management Report

September 30, 2020



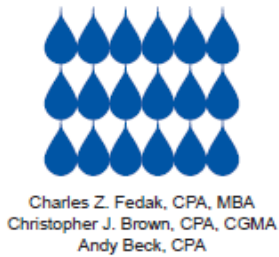
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Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Management Report

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Item 10: FY 19/20 Audit

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Long Beach, California

Dear Members of the Board:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (Authority) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited period described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weakness. Given these limitations during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Summary of Current Year Comments and Recommendations

Our comments, all of which have been discussed with the appropriate members of management, are summarized as follows:

Disclosure of Audit Adjustments and Reclassifications

As your external auditor, we assume that the books and records of the Authority are properly adjusted before the audit begins. In many cases, however, audit adjustments and reclassifications are made in the normal course of the audit process to present the Authority's financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America or for comparison purposes with the prior year. For the Board of Directors to gain a full and complete understanding and appreciation of the scope and extent of the audit process we have presented these audit adjustments and reclassifications as an attachment to this letter. There can be very reasonable explanations for situations of having numerous adjustments as well as having no adjustments at all. However, the issue is simply disclosure of the adjustments and reclassifications that were made and to provide the Board of Directors with a better understanding of the scope of the audit.

Summary of Current Year Comments and Recommendations, continued

Management's Response

We have reviewed and approved all of the audit adjustment and reclassification entries provided by the auditor and have entered those entries into the Authority's accounting system to close-out the Authority's year-end trial balance as of September 30, 2020.

Status of Comments and Recommendations Made in the Previous Year

Disclosure of Audit Adjustments and Reclassifications

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Management's Response

We have reviewed and approved all of the audit adjustment and reclassification entries provided by the auditor and have entered those entries into the Authority's accounting system to close-out the Authority's year-end trial balance as of September 30, 2019.

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This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management and the Board of Directors of the Authority. Though restricted in use, letters issued in connection with an audit of a governmental unit may be a matter of public record.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us during our examination. We would be pleased to discuss the contents of this letter with you at your convenience. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

Fedak & Brown LLP

Fedak & Brown LLP

Cypress, California

March 22, 2021

APPENDIX

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Audit/Finance Committee Letter

September 30, 2020



Fedak & Brown LLP

Certified Public Accountants

Item 10: FY 19/20 Audit

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Board of Directors
Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
Long Beach, California

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (Authority) for the year ended September 30, 2020. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, Government Auditing Standards and the Uniform Guidance), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Authority are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted, and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2020.

We noted no transactions entered into by the Authority during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Management's Judgments, Accounting Estimates and Financial Disclosures

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the Authority's financial statements is:

Management's estimate of the fair value of cash and cash equivalents is based on information provided by financial institutions. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the fair value of cash and cash equivalents in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure affecting the financial statements is:

The disclosure of fair value of cash and cash equivalents in Note 2 to the basic financial statements represents amounts susceptible to market fluctuations.

The disclosures in the basic financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Generally Accepted Auditing Standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, except those that are considered trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management as follows:

There were two (2) audit adjustments entries made to the original trial balance presented to us to begin our audit. These journal entries were prepared by the auditor (see a listing of those entries attached on page 4 of this report).

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the Management Representational Letter to the Auditor dated March 22, 2021.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves the application of an accounting principal to the Authority's basic financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Authority's auditor. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund and the Management Discussion and Analysis, which is required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

Restrictions on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors and management of the Authority and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this letter, which is a matter of public record.

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

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Conclusion

We appreciate the cooperation extended us by Hannah Gardener, Performance Audit Manager, Michael Carrigg, Senior Accountant, Jennifer Mota, Accounting Technician at the City of Long Beach and Salian Garcia, Staff Services Manager at the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority, in the performance of our audit testwork.

We will be pleased to respond to any questions you have about the foregoing. We appreciate the opportunity to continue to be of service to the Authority.

Fedak & Brown LLP

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Cypress, California

March 22, 2021

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
Schedule of Adjusting Journal Entries
September 30, 2020

Account	Description	Debit	Credit
Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 1			
AJE - To accrue an invoice from Environmental Science Associates for Los Cerritos Wetlands Plan consulting services performed September 2020.			
501	Consulting Fees	\$ 7,487.90	
302	Accounts Payable		7,487.90
Total		7,487.90	7,487.90
Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 2			
AJE - To accrue an invoice from Integra Realty Resources for appraisal services for the Synergy Oil & Gas Site for June 2020 - September 2020.			
501	Consulting Fees	7,080.00	
302	Accounts Payable		7,080.00
Total		7,080.00	7,080.00
Total Adjusting Journal Entries		14,567.90	14,567.90
Total All Journal Entries		\$ 14,567.90	14,567.90

Legend:

AJE	Audit Adjusting Journal Entry
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Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Date: July 1, 2021

To: Governing Board Members

From: Sally Gee, Project Manager

Through: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

Subject: Item 11: Consideration of a resolution authorizing execution of Long-term Memorandum of Agreements for the Los Cerritos Wetland Stewardship Program with the A) Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust, B) El Dorado Audubon, and C) Aquarium of the Pacific.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA) authorize execution of Long-term Memorandum of Agreements for the Los Cerritos Wetland Stewardship Program with the A) Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust, B) El Dorado Audubon, and C) Aquarium of the Pacific.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: LCWA has been able to successfully implement the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Plan (LCWSP) (2014; 2018) as a result of partnerships with the Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust (LCWLT), El Dorado Audubon, and Aquarium of the Pacific through Memorandum of Agreements (MOAs). These MOAs are highly beneficial for allowing public access into the Los Cerritos Wetlands and the public becoming active participants in stewardship activities. Without the MOAs, the LCWA does not have staff to administer, manage and implement public programs, or sufficient time to allow public access into the Los Cerritos Wetlands.

This resolution would approve entering long-term MOAs with the above three Stewardship Partners (Exhibit A – LCWLT, Exhibit B – Audubon, Exhibit C – AOP) to continue to implement the goals of the LCWSP, including, promoting community involvement through environmental education, maintenance, restoration, and monitoring of the wetlands. Past MOAs have helped to establish the procedures and communications to conduct stewardship programming on LCWA property, and these long-term agreements maintain those established procedures. The terms of the MOAs would be effective by the date of execution going forward unless and until it is terminated by either party or amended. Parties of the MOAs may for any reason terminate the MOAs by providing prior notification.

Stewardship organization abide standards established by the LCWA. LCWA set conditions for administration, which are:

1. Any public events must be consistent with all applicable access agreements,
2. The MOAs will be at no cost to the LCWA,
3. The MOAs must meet all insurance and liability provisions that may be recommended by LCWA legal counsel.
4. The entity has a proven ability to render such services.

Each Stewardship partner conducts various programming on the Los Cerritos Wetlands.

- A. The LCWLT engages in community education activities, including tours of the property owned by the LCWA, to inform groups and individuals about the value of the Los Cerritos Wetlands ecosystem, and participates in clean-up and other restoration measures involving the public.

The LCWLT sponsors three different monthly guided tours around the wetlands on the first Saturday of every month, which have been popular with community members. Those include the Raptor Rumble, Heron Hike, and Turtle Trek. In addition, the LCWLT have supported summer educational fieldtrips to the wetlands for youth through the Be SAFE Program, as well as habitat restoration and monitoring throughout the wetlands.

- B. El Dorado Audubon leaders have extensive experience and knowledge in bird identification and have collected data for Los Cerritos Wetlands through bird walks since 2009. Further, their long-term goal is to provide experienced and knowledgeable Audubon staff to be part of the comprehensive educational wetland programs to share the importance of wetlands with the community.

El Dorado Audubon hosts two bird walks per month on the wetlands and have uploaded their data on E-bird. They tour the Hellman site on the second Saturday of each month, and the Zedler Marsh site on the fourth Saturday of each month.

- C. The Aquarium coordinates and conducts the Sea Turtle Monitoring Citizen Science Program in partnership with the LCWA, Tidal Influence, California State University, Long Beach, and NOAA Fisheries, which promotes and provides leadership in conservation and educates the community so they may appreciate wetland habitat conservation and become stewards of the Los Cerritos Wetlands.

The Aquarium hosts monthly Sea Turtle Monitoring events on the first Saturdays of each month as part of a community science program. Additionally, the Aquarium has supplied complementary tickets to the Aquarium for raffle to volunteers at the LCWA's monthly habitat restoration events.

BACKGROUND: The Stewardship partners are highly qualified to provide educational programming services including organizing and engaging the community, distributing information for habitat restoration events to the public at-large, and are leaders who represent the LCWSP.

The LCWA entered a MOA with the LCWLT in 2012 (LCWA Resolution 12-04) and amended it in 2016 (LCWA Resolution 16-04) to implement the LCWSP. The LCWLT has been successfully engaging the community, leverage funding for the LCWSP, and providing services for public tour/nature walks since 2012.

The LCWA entered a MOA with El Dorado Audubon in 2012 and amended it in 2016 to implement the LCWSP. El Dorado Audubon has been successfully engaging the community, leveraging funding and volunteers for the LCWSP, and providing services for bird walks since 2012.

The LCWA entered a MOA with the Aquarium of the Pacific in 2013 and amended it in 2016 to implement the LCWSP. The Aquarium of the Pacific has been engaging the community, leveraging funding and research for the LCWSP, and providing services for sea turtle monitoring since 2013.

FISCAL: This MOA will not incur any costs to the LCWA, nor the LCWSP. The Stewardship Partners are responsible for providing for themselves any equipment needed for stewardship or educational purposes.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS LAND TRUST****AND****THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY****2021**

WHEREAS, the Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust of Long Beach and Seal Beach (LCWLT) is a non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of California, organized for the specific purposes of, but are not limited to: the preservation of the Los Cerritos Wetlands and associated watershed for scientific, historic, educational, ecological, recreational, scenic or open space opportunities with the intent of increasing wetland biodiversity and environmental quality; and

WHEREAS, the LCWLT engages in community education activities, including tours of the property owned by the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA), to inform groups and individuals about the value of the Los Cerritos Wetlands ecosystem, and participates in clean-up and other restoration measures involving the public; and

WHEREAS, the LCWA was established as a joint powers authority formed by the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC), State Coastal Conservancy (SCC), City of Long Beach (CLB) and City of Seal Beach (CSB) to provide for a comprehensive program of acquisition, protection, conservation, restoration, maintenance, operation, and environmental enhancement of the Los Cerritos Wetlands area consistent with the goals of flood protection, habitat protection and restoration, and improved water supply, water quality, groundwater recharge and water conservation; and

WHEREAS, the LCWA adopted the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program (LCWSP) on December 14, 2011 to promote community involvement with environmental education, maintenance, restoration, and monitoring of the wetland areas owned by the LCWA; and

WHEREAS, this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) provides the LCWLT with the authorization to enter into all LCWA properties in order for the LCWLT to conduct and implement the LCWSP; and

WHEREAS, the LCWLT has provided a Regular Scheduled Activities document which includes a complete list of opportunities the public can participate in and more importantly indicates the dates and times the LCWLT will be accessing LCWA properties. Also the LCWLT continues to update their online calendar <http://lcwlandtrust.org/>; and

WHEREAS, the LCWLT obtained the necessary easements, access, and rights of entry for entering into all the necessary properties to conduct their programs; and

WHEREAS, the LCWLT and the LCWA (hereinafter referred collectively to as the “Parties”) have a mutual interest in the implementation of the LCWSP which will promote and provide leadership in conservation and educate its members and the community so they may appreciate wetland habitat conservation and become stewards of the Los Cerritos Wetlands; and

NOW THEREFORE the Parties, each acting through duly authorized officers, enter into the following Memorandum of Agreement:

I. IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED:

- A. Parties agree to this MOA and are authorized to enter into this MOA for implementation of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program.
- B. LCWLT has provided the LCWA with all the necessary insurance and liability provisions as recommended by legal counsel which includes: the LCWLT shall continuously maintain a comprehensive general liability insurance policy with at least \$1,000,000 per claim and \$1,000,000 aggregate, which shall name the LCWA, its officers, board members, employees, representatives and agents as additional insured. Such comprehensive general liability insurance shall insure against any claims arising out of or associated with the LCWLT’s operation and use of the LCWA properties, including but not limited to, claims for personal injury, death, and damage to real or personal property. LCWLT shall maintain such insurance and liability provisions continuously while this MOA is in full force and effect, and shall provide confirmation that such policies remain in effect upon request by LCWA at any time during the term of this MOA.
- C. The Parties agree to send a representative to the quarterly LCW Partners Meeting and attend the LCWA Board Meetings and to provide updates on their ongoing public programs. In addition, the parties agree to provide updates at each of the quarterly LCWA Board Meetings with written and oral reports.
- D. The Parties agree that all inquiries, authorizations and permissions to enter LCWA properties can only be granted by the LCWA Property Manager or the LCWA Stewardship Coordinator in compliance with the LCWSP. The LCWLT does not have the authority to grant permissions of this MOA to a third party to enter and use the LCWA properties.
- E. The Parties agree that all work contemplated under this MOA must be consistent with the terms of the LCWA joint powers authority agreement, LCWSP, and the bylaws established by the LCWLT. Should there be any conflicts between the terms and conditions of the LCWA joint powers authority agreement, LCWSP, and the bylaws established by the LCWLT, the terms and conditions of the LCWA joint powers authority agreement shall control first, followed by the LCWSP, followed by the LCWLT bylaws.
- F. The term of the MOA shall be effective upon the last date of any Party to execute this MOA and shall be in effect from that date going forward unless and until it is terminated by either party, or superseded by agreement.
- G. No alteration or variation of the terms of this MOA shall be valid unless made in a written amendment to this MOA and signed by the parties hereto and no oral understanding or agreement incorporated herein shall be binding on any of the parties hereto.

- H. Either Party to this MOA may for any reason terminate this MOA by providing written notification 30 days prior to termination.
- I. Coordination and communications between the LCWLT and LCWA will be clear, concise and consistent in order to effectively implement the LCWSP and avoid conflicts of scheduled tours, educational programs and other uses of the site. LCWLT and the LCWA Stewardship Coordinator will communicate (email, voicemail or written notification) on a weekly basis or when necessary regarding upcoming events. This information will be mutually shared with all the LCWA Partners, including El Dorado Audubon and the Aquarium of the Pacific and other local organizations or individuals wishing to access the LCWA properties. All communications with other groups and individuals will first be conducted via the LCWA Stewardship Coordinator.
- J. Neither the LCWA nor any officer, agent or consultant thereof is responsible for any injury, damage, or liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the LCWLT under or in connection with any work, authority or jurisdiction conferred upon the LCWLT and arising under this MOA. It is understood and agreed that the LCWLT shall fully defend, indemnify and save harmless the LCWA and all its officers, agents or consultants from all claims, suits or actions of every name, kind and description brought forth under, including, but not limited to, tortious, contractual, inverse condemnation and other theories or assertions of liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the LCWLT under this MOA.
- K. Neither the LCWLT nor any officer or employee thereof is responsible for any injury, damage or liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the LCWA under or in connection with any work, authority or jurisdiction conferred upon by the LCWA and arising under this MOA. It is understood and agreed that LCWA shall fully defend, indemnify and save harmless the LCWLT and all its officers and employees from all claims, suits or actions of every name, kind and description brought forth under, including, but not limited to, tortious, contractual, inverse condemnation and other theories or assertions of liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the LCWA under this MOA.

II. Responsibilities of the Parties

A. Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust:

1. Can pursue funding from state, federal and local grants and from private funding sources, which will contribute to community-based restoration programs with opportunities for public participation and foster stewardship of the Los Cerritos Wetlands and will fully implement the LCWSP. Further, the LCWA will provide the LCWLT with the necessary Letters of Commitment and Support for any grants submitted.
2. Act as the fiscal agent and administer grants if awarded with a provision that the LCWA Project Manager will have oversight and final decisions for management of all grants awarded. Quarterly Reports/Expenditures, Invoices, changes to the Work Program, Schedule and Budget will require review by the LCWLT Project Manager assigned to administer the grant and the LCWA Project Manager. Final approval will be required by the LCWA Project Manager before submitting any documents to the Granting Agency.

3. Must retain all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to costs incurred, including support data for cost proposals, and make such materials available to the LCWA at all reasonable times during the term of the grant and for three years following the termination or completion of any grants completed during the life of this MOA. LCWA or any duly authorized representative of the joint powers authority shall have access to any books, records, and documents of the LCWLT that are pertinent to this MOA for audits, examinations, excerpts, and transactions, and copies thereof shall be furnished if requested.
4. Develop a work program that is consistent with the LCWSP within 30 days of grants awarded. The work program will require final approval by the LCWA Project Manager before submitting to the Granting Agency.
5. Update the LCWLT website and online calendar at <http://www.lcmlandtrust.org/index.html> in order to publicize all LCWA and LCWLT upcoming public events.
6. Perform all work in accordance with all policies, procedures, practices, and standards of the LCWA.
7. Obtain prior approval of the LCWA for any educational tours or stewardship activities, including tour leaders and their credentials.
8. Ensure the safety of all volunteers involved with the LCWSP and have all volunteers sign the attached Liability Waiver every time volunteers access the LCWA properties. These liability waiver forms must be scanned and emailed to the LCWA Stewardship Coordinator and the LCWA Project Manager on a quarterly basis.
9. Coordinate with the LCWA Stewardship Coordinator on announcements of scheduled tours, educational programs and other uses of the site in order to avoid conflicting uses of the site.
10. Undertake no stewardship activities without the supervision of an ecologist approved by the LCWA.
11. Share with the LCWA with any biological data or other information that might be collected during activities.
12. Will not incur any costs to the LCWA and its Stewardship Program. Will be responsible for providing for itself any equipment needed for stewardship or educational purposes.

B. Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority:

1. Provide LCWLT with the necessary keys to enter all LCWA properties.
2. Provides in kind services through staff resources, operating costs, printing, postage, office supplies, rent and telephone services, not to exceed \$500 in value, annually.

3. Coordinate with the LCWLT on announcements of scheduled tours, educational programs and other uses of the site in order to avoid conflicting uses of the site.
4. Updated and kept current the LCWSP as necessary. Additionally these updates will be distributed directly to the President of the LCWLT to allow for timely implementation of these updates in their program.
5. Apply for and retain all necessary regulatory permits such as Coastal Development Permits and obtain right of entry permits for implementation of the Stewardship Program.
6. Provide oversight and final decisions for management of all grants awarded.

This Memorandum of Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority and the Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust and may be modified only by further written Agreement between the parties hereto.

For the Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust

Signed: _____
John Fries, President

Date _____

For the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Signed: _____
Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

Date _____

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**EL DORADO AUDUBON****AND****LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY****2021**

WHEREAS, The El Dorado Audubon was established as a California Chapter of the National Audubon Society for the conservation of native birds and their habitats, provide leadership in conservation and educates its members and the community so they may appreciate birds and participate in the society's conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, The Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA) was established as a joint powers authority formed by the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC), State Coastal Conservancy (SCC), City of Long Beach (LBC) and City of Seal Beach (SBC) to provide for a comprehensive program of acquisition, protection, conservation, restoration, maintenance, operation, and environmental enhancement of the Los Cerritos Wetlands area consistent with the goals of flood protection, habitat protection and restoration, and improved water supply, water quality, groundwater recharge and water conservation; and

WHEREAS, the LCWA adopted the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program (LCWSP) on December 14, 2011 to promote community involvement with environmental education, maintenance, restoration, and monitoring of the wetland areas owned by the LCWA; and

WHEREAS, El Dorado Audubon leaders have extensive experience and knowledge in bird identification and have collected data for Los Cerritos Wetlands tours since 2009. Further the long term goal is to provide experienced and knowledgeable Audubon staff to be part of the comprehensive educational wetland programs to share the importance of wetlands and Los Cerritos Wetlands in particular with the community; and

WHEREAS, this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) provides El Dorado Audubon with the authorization to enter into all LCWA properties in order for El Dorado Audubon to conduct and implement the LCWSP. Further El Dorado Audubon is a named insured on the LCWA liability insurance policy; and

WHEREAS, the El Dorado Audubon has provided a Regular Scheduled Activities document which includes a complete list of opportunities the public can participate in and more importantly indicates the dates and times the El Dorado Audubon will be accessing LCWA properties; and

WHEREAS, El Dorado Audubon has obtained the necessary rights of entry for entering into all the necessary properties to conduct their programs; and

WHEREAS, El Dorado Audubon and the LCWA (hereinafter referred collectively to as the "Parties") have a mutual interest in the implementation of the LCWSP which will promote and provide leadership in conservation and educate its members and the community so they may appreciate wetland habitat conservation and become stewards of the Los Cerritos Wetlands; and

NOW THEREFORE the Parties, each acting through duly authorized officers, enter into the following Memorandum of Agreement:

I. IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED:

- A. The Parties agree to this MOA and are authorized to enter into this MOA for implementation of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program.
- B. The Parties agree to send a representative to the quarterly LCW Partners Meeting and attend the LCWA Board Meetings and to provide updates on their ongoing public programs. In addition, the parties agree to provide updates at each of the quarterly LCWA Board Meetings with written and oral reports.
- C. The Parties agree that all inquiries, authorizations and permissions to enter LCWA properties can only be granted by the LCWA Property Manager or the LCWA Stewardship Coordinator in compliance with the LCWSP. El Dorado Audubon does not have the authority to grant permissions of this MOA to a third party to enter and use the LCWA properties.
- D. The Parties agree that all work contemplated under this MOA must be consistent with the terms of the LCWA joint powers authority agreement, LCWSP, and the bylaws established by El Dorado Audubon. Should there be any conflicts between the terms and conditions of the LCWA joint powers authority agreement, LCWSP, and the bylaws established by El Dorado Audubon, the terms and conditions of the LCWA joint powers authority agreement shall control first, followed by the LCWSP, followed by the El Dorado Audubon bylaws.
- E. The term of the MOA shall be effective upon the last date of any Party to execute this MOA and shall be in effect from that date going forward unless and until it is terminated by either party, or superseded by agreement.
- F. No alteration or variation of the terms of this MOA shall be valid unless made in a written amendment to this MOA and signed by the parties hereto and no oral understanding or agreement incorporated herein shall be binding on any of the parties hereto.
- G. Either Party to this MOA may for any reason terminate this MOA by providing written notification 60 days prior to termination.
- H. Coordination and communications between El Dorado Audubon and LCWA will be clear, concise and consistent in order to effectively implement the LCWSP and avoid conflicts of scheduled tours, educational programs and other uses of the site. El Dorado Audubon and the LCWA Stewardship Program Coordinator will communicate (email, voicemail or written notification) at least monthly or when necessary regarding upcoming events. This information will be mutually shared with all the LCWA Partners, including Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust (LCWLT), Aquarium of Pacific and other local organizations or individuals wishing to access the LCWA properties. All communications with other groups and individuals will first be conducted via the LCWA Stewardship Coordinator.
- I. Coordination and communications between El Dorado Audubon and LCWA for uses of the Los Cerritos Wetlands area will be monthly in order to avoid conflicts of scheduled tours, educational programs and other uses of the site.

- J. Neither the LCWA nor any officer, agent or consultant thereof is responsible for any injury, damage, or liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by El Dorado Audubon under or in connection with any work, authority or jurisdiction conferred upon El Dorado Audubon and arising under this MOA. It is understood and agreed that El Dorado Audubon shall fully defend, indemnify and save harmless the LCWA and all its officers, agents or consultants from all claims, suits or actions of every name, kind and description brought forth under, including, but not limited to, tortious, contractual, inverse condemnation and other theories or assertions of liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the El Dorado Audubon under this MOA.
- K. Neither El Dorado Audubon nor any officer or employee thereof is responsible for any injury, damage or liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the LCWA under or in connection with any work, authority or jurisdiction conferred upon by the LCWA and arising under this MOA. It is understood and agreed that LCWA shall fully defend, indemnify and save harmless El Dorado Audubon and all its officers and employees from all claims, suits or actions of every name, kind and description brought forth under, including, but not limited to, tortious, contractual, inverse condemnation and other theories or assertions of liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the LCWA under this MOA.

II. Responsibilities of each of the Parties

A. El Dorado Audubon

1. Develop a work program that is consistent with the LCWSP within 30 days if grants are awarded. The work program will require final sign-off by the LCWA Project Manager before submitting to the Granting Agency.
2. Update El Dorado Audubon website and online calendar at <http://eldoradoaudubon.org/events> to publicize all LCWA and El Dorado Audubon upcoming public events.
3. Perform all work in accordance with all policies, procedures, practices, and standards that the LCWA would normally follow.
4. Obtain prior approval of the LCWA for any educational tours or stewardship activities, including tour leaders at least 1-month in advance of the events.
5. Ensure the safety of all volunteers involved with the LCWSP and have all volunteers sign the attached Liability Waiver every time volunteers access the LCWA properties. These liability waiver forms must be provided to the LCWA Stewardship Coordinator and the LCWA Project Manager on a quarterly basis.
6. Coordinate with the LCWA Stewardship Coordinator on announcements of scheduled tours, educational programs and other uses of the site in order to avoid conflicting uses of the site at least 1-month in advance.
7. Will keep data collected current and updated on e-Bird.
8. Provide personal binoculars, computers, camera equipment and any other equipment necessary for the implementation of the Stewardship Program.

9. Provide in kind operating costs, printing, postage, office supplies, rent and telephone services, and will not incur any costs to the LCWA and its Stewardship Program.

B. Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

1. Provide El Dorado Audubon with the necessary keys to enter all LCWA properties.
2. Provide in kind operating costs, printing, postage, office supplies, rent and telephone services not to exceed \$500 in value, annually.
3. Coordinate with the El Dorado Audubon on announcements of scheduled tours, educational programs and other uses of the site in order to avoid conflicting uses of the site.
4. Update and keep current the LCWSP as necessary. Additionally, these updates will be distributed directly to the President and the Conservation Chair of El Dorado Audubon to allow for a timely implementation of these updates in their program.
5. Provide a link on the LCWA's website for El Dorado Audubon and a description of the organization in order to promote the stewardship work El Dorado Audubon does throughout southern California.
6. Apply for and retain all necessary regulatory permits such as Coastal Development Permits and obtain right of entry permits for implementation of the Stewardship Program.
7. Provide oversight and final decisions for management of all grants awarded.
8. Suggest activities suitable for the El Dorado Audubon when appropriate.

This Memorandum of Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority and El Dorado Audubon and may be modified only by further written Agreement between the parties hereto.

For the El Dorado Audubon

Signed: _____
Mary Parsell, President

Date _____

For the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Signed: _____
Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

Date _____

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC****AND****THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY****2021**

WHEREAS, the Aquarium of the Pacific (hereinafter referred to as the Aquarium) is a non-profit organization with a mission to instill a sense of wonder, respect, and stewardship for the Pacific Ocean, its inhabitants, and ecosystems and a vision to create an aquarium dedicated to conserving and building Natural Capital (Nature and Nature's services) by building Social Capital (the interactions between and among peoples); and

WHEREAS, the Aquarium coordinates and conducts the Sea Turtle Monitoring Citizen Science Program (see attached) in partnership with the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA), Tidal Influence, California State University, Long Beach, and NOAA Fisheries on the property owned by the LCWA; and

WHEREAS, the LCWA was established as a joint powers authority formed by the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC), State Coastal Conservancy (SCC), City of Long Beach (LBC) and City of Seal Beach (SBC) to provide for a comprehensive program of acquisition, protection, conservation, restoration, maintenance, operation, and environmental enhancement of the Los Cerritos Wetlands area consistent with the goals of flood protection, habitat protection and restoration, and improved water supply, water quality, groundwater recharge and water conservation; and

WHEREAS, the LCWA adopted the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program (LCWSP) on December 14, 2011 to promote community involvement with environmental education, maintenance, restoration, and monitoring of the wetland areas owned by the LCWA; and

WHEREAS, this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) provides the Aquarium with the authorization to enter into all LCWA properties in order for the Aquarium to conduct and implement the Sea Turtle Monitoring Citizen Science Program.

WHEREAS, the Aquarium has provided a Regular Scheduled Activities document which includes a complete list of opportunities the public can participate in and more importantly indicates the dates and times the Aquarium will be accessing LCWA properties; and

WHEREAS, the Aquarium obtained the necessary easements, access, and rights of entry for entering into all the necessary properties to conduct their program; and

WHEREAS, the Aquarium and the LCWA (hereinafter referred collectively to as the "Parties") have a mutual interest in the implementation of the Sea Turtle Monitoring Citizen Science Program which will promote and provide leadership in conservation and educate its members and the community so they may appreciate wetland habitat conservation and become stewards of the Los Cerritos Wetlands; and

NOW THEREFORE the Parties, each acting through duly authorized officers, enter into the following Memorandum of Agreement:

I. IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED:

- A. Parties agree to this MOA and are authorized to enter into this MOA for implementation of the Sea Turtle Monitoring Citizen Science Program.
- B. The Aquarium has provided the LCWA with all the necessary insurance and liability provisions as recommended by legal counsel which includes: the Aquarium shall continuously maintain a comprehensive general liability insurance policy with at least \$1,000,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 aggregate, which shall name the LCWA, its officers, board members, employees, representatives and agents as additional insured. Such comprehensive general liability insurance shall insure against any claims arising out of or associated with the Aquarium's operation and use of the LCWA properties, including but not limited to, claims for personal injury, death, and damage to real or personal property. The Aquarium shall maintain such insurance and liability provisions continuously while this MOA is in full force and effect, and shall provide confirmation that such policies remain in effect upon request by LCWA at any time during the term of this MOA.
- C. The Parties agree to send a representative to the quarterly LCW Partners Meeting and attend the LCWA Board Meetings, and to provide updates on their ongoing public programs. In addition, the parties to agree to provide updates at each of the quarterly LCWA Board Meetings with written and oral reports.
- D. The Parties agree that all inquiries, authorizations and permissions to enter LCWA properties can only be granted by the LCWA Property Manager or the LCWA Stewardship Coordinator in compliance with the LCWSP. The Aquarium does not have the authority to grant permissions of this MOA to a third party to enter and use the LCWA properties.
- E. The Parties agree that all work contemplated under this MOA must be consistent with the terms of the LCWA joint powers authority agreement, LCWSP, and the bylaws established by the Aquarium. Should there be any conflicts between the terms and conditions of the LCWA joint powers authority agreement, LCWSP, and the bylaws established by the Aquarium, the terms and conditions of the LCWA joint powers authority agreement shall control first, followed by the LCWSP, followed by the Aquarium bylaws.
- F. The term of the MOA shall be effective upon the last date of any Party to execute this MOA and shall be in effect from that date going forward unless and until it is terminated by either party, or superseded by agreement. This MOA is essential to meet the LCWA's goals set forth in the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program and meets the LCWA's programmatic objectives of providing for a thriving wetlands ecosystem.
- G. No alteration or variation of the terms of this MOA shall be valid unless made in a written amendment to this MOA and signed by the parties hereto and no oral understanding or agreement incorporated herein shall be binding on any of the parties hereto.
- H. Either Party to this MOA may for any reason terminate this MOA by providing written notification 30 days prior to termination.

- I. Coordination and communications between the Aquarium and LCWA will be clear, concise and consistent in order to effectively implement the LCWSP and avoid conflicts of scheduled tours, educational programs and other uses of the site. The Aquarium and LCWA Stewardship Coordinator will communicate (email, voicemail or written notification) on a monthly basis or when necessary regarding upcoming events. This information will be mutually shared with all the LCWA Partners, including the Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust and El Dorado Audubon and other local organizations or individuals wishing to access the LCWA properties. All communications with other groups and individuals will first be conducted via the LCWA Stewardship Coordinator.
- J. Neither the LCWA nor any officer, agent or consultant thereof is responsible for any injury, damage, or liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the Aquarium under or in connection with any work, authority or jurisdiction conferred upon the Aquarium and arising under this MOA. It is understood and agreed that the Aquarium shall fully defend, indemnify and save harmless the LCWA and all its officers, agents or consultants from all claims, suits or actions of every name, kind and description brought forth under, including, but not limited to, tortious, contractual, inverse condemnation and other theories or assertions of liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the Aquarium under this MOA.
- K. Neither the Aquarium nor any officer or employee thereof is responsible for any injury, damage or liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the LCWA under or in connection with any work, authority or jurisdiction conferred upon by the LCWA and arising under this MOA. It is understood and agreed that LCWA shall fully defend, indemnify and save harmless the Aquarium and all its officers and employees from all claims, suits or actions of every name, kind and description brought forth under, including, but not limited to, tortious, contractual, inverse condemnation and other theories or assertions of liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the LCWA under this MOA.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

A. Aquarium of the Pacific:

1. Can pursue funding from state, federal and local grants and from private funding sources, which will contribute to community-based restoration programs with opportunities for public participation and foster stewardship of the Los Cerritos Wetlands and will fully implement the LCWSP. Further, the LCWA will provide the Aquarium with the necessary Letters of Commitment and Support for any grants submitted.
2. Act as the fiscal agent and administer grants if awarded with a provision that the Aquarium Project Manager and the LCWA Project Manager are Co-PIs and the Aquarium Project Manager will have oversight and final decisions for management of all grants awarded to the Sea Turtle Citizen Science Program. Quarterly Reports/Expenditures, Invoices, changes to the Work Program, Schedule and Budget will require review by the Aquarium and LCWA Project Managers.

3. Develop a work program that is consistent with the LCWSP within 30 days if grants are awarded. The work program will require final sign-off by the Aquarium Project Manager before submitting to the Granting Agency.
4. Provide up to 50 complimentary tickets for admission to the Aquarium of the Pacific to the Stewardship Program for volunteer rewards and incentives, annually. Update the Stewardship Program website and Aquarium online calendar to publicize all LCWA and Aquarium upcoming public events.
5. Perform all work in accordance with all policies, procedures, practices, and standards of the LCWA.
6. Obtain prior approval of the LCWA for any educational tours or stewardship activities, including tour leaders and their credentials.
7. Ensure the safety of all volunteers and have all volunteers sign the Liability Waiver, provided by the Aquarium prior to their first session on LCWA properties.
8. Coordinate with the LCWA Stewardship Coordinator on announcements of scheduled tours, educational programs and other uses of the site in order to avoid conflicting uses of the site.
9. Undertake no stewardship activities without the supervision of a biologist approved by the LCWA.
10. Share with the LCWA any biological data or other information that might be collected during activities.
11. Will not incur any costs to the LCWA and its Stewardship Program. Will be responsible for providing for itself any equipment needed for stewardship or educational purposes.

B. Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority:

1. Provide Aquarium with the necessary keys/combinations to enter the LCWA properties and facilities.
2. Provide storage space for Aquarium equipment and materials necessary to perform research activities associated with the Sea Turtle Monitoring Citizen Science Program.
3. Coordinate with the Aquarium on announcements of scheduled tours, educational programs and other uses of the site in order to avoid conflicting uses of the site.
4. Update and keep current the LCWSP as necessary. Additionally these updates will be distributed directly to the Aquarium Program Manager to allow for timely implementation of these updates in their program.
5. Apply for and retain all necessary regulatory permits such as Coastal Development Permits and obtain right of entry permits for implementation of the Sea Turtle Monitoring Citizen Science Program.

This Memorandum of Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority and the Aquarium of the Pacific and may be modified only by further written Agreement between the parties hereto.

For the Aquarium of the Pacific

Signed: _____
Peter Kareiva, President and CEO

Date _____

For the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Signed: _____
Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

Date _____

Sea Turtle Monitoring Citizen Science Program*

Synopsis: The Sea Turtle Monitoring Citizen Science Program at the Los Cerritos Wetlands enables citizens to collect important baseline data and see first-hand the connection between a charismatic and endangered marine species, the Los Cerritos Wetlands, the ocean, and our urban influence. Originally funded by the Aquarium of the Pacific's Marine Conservation Research Institute, the program now consists of more than 60 citizen science volunteers. The program has been collecting data since October 2012.

Goal: *To improve estimates of the total number of individuals and determine areas most highly frequented in order to better understand the population dynamics of Pacific green sea turtles in the San Gabriel River, while simultaneously inspiring citizens to consider our connection to this endangered species throughout our watersheds.*

Location/Date/times: Monitoring sessions take place at 10 stations along the San Gabriel River bike trail (between PCH and 7th St) the first Saturday of every month from 9a-9:30a. Volunteers are asked to arrive around 8:15a at the dirt lot off Westminster (DWP Light) where they are directed to park on the side of the dirt road.

Partners: *Aquarium of the Pacific, Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority, Tidal Influence, NOAA Fisheries, and California State University, Long Beach.*

**This program, schedule and tasks may require revisions and updates as necessary but these revisions are only approved by the LCWA Property Manager. Note: The number of volunteers has grown substantially. NOAA has expressed interest in adding an afternoon session. The Aquarium is still working out the logistics, but these shifts would also take place the first Saturday of the month.*

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RESOLUTION 2021 – 10

RESOLUTION OF THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF LONG-TERM MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENTS
FOR THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM WITH THE
A) LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS LAND TRUST,
B) EL DORADO AUDUBON, AND
C) AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC

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

WHEREAS, the LCWA 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 LCWA has acquired certain properties which will require active stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the LCWA had adopted a Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program; and

WHEREAS, this action will authorize execution of long-term Memorandum of Agreements for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program with the A) Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust, B) El Dorado Audubon, and C) Aquarium of the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the LCWA hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the LCWA.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. ADOPTS staff report dated July 1, 2021.
4. AUTHORIZES execution of long-term Memorandum of Agreements for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program with the A) Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust, B) El Dorado Audubon, and C) Aquarium of the Pacific.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY
On July 1, 2021

LCWA Board Chair

ATTEST:

David Edsall, Jr.
Deputy Attorney General

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Date: July 1, 2021

To: Governing Board Members

From: Sally Gee, Project Manager
Eric Zahn, Principal, Tidal Influence

Through: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

Subject: Item 12: Consideration of a resolution adopting the Los Cerritos Wetlands Habitat Restoration Plan

RECOMMENDATION: That the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA) adopt the Los Cerritos Wetlands Habitat Restoration Plan.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Following certification of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Plan Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) by the LCWA Governing Board, the Los Cerritos Wetlands Habitat Restoration Plan was finalized with input from public agencies, tribal representatives, stakeholders, landowners, and the community. The restoration design presented in the Los Cerritos Wetlands Habitat Restoration Plan is informed by the PEIR and public input while maintaining consistency with the framework provided by the Los Cerritos Wetlands Conceptual Restoration Plan (CRP). The purpose of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Habitat Restoration Plan is to provide a conceptual basis of design from a habitat perspective for the restoration of the entire Los Cerritos Wetlands Complex, and to provide guidance for future phases of the restoration process. Due to its size, the Plan is not attached to this report, but may be downloaded on the LCWA website at: https://intoloscerritoswetlands.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/LCW-Restoration-Plan-Final-5_26_21.pdf.

The Los Cerritos Wetlands Habitat Restoration Plan contains the following sections:

- Executive Summary. This section summarizes the contents of the Plan
- Chapter 1, Introduction. This section discusses the need for restoration, the Program EIR and the organization of the Plan.
- Chapter 2, Goals and Objectives. This section reviews the goals and objectives of the LCWA's restoration planning program.
- Chapter 3, Opportunities and Constraints. This section reviews the opportunities for habitat restoration in LCW and discusses the constraints that exist to implement restoration projects.
- Chapter 4, Planning Framework. This section presents the historical and current ecological conditions of LCW and discusses the practice of restoring ecosystem processes and how to build ecological resilience. This section also analyzes the regional and local needs for this project.
- Chapter 5, Previous Restoration Designs. This section puts into context the previous restoration design iterations performed by the LCWA (CRP and PEIR) and discusses how this Plan conforms to and complements those previous efforts.

- Chapter 6, Basis of Design for Restoration of LCW. This section broadly discusses what habitat should be prioritized for restoration throughout LCW and speaks to how to restore and consider hydrology/hydraulics, sea level rise resilience, and landforms across the program area.
- Chapter 7, Site-specific Design Considerations. This section presents the elements to consider for restoring specific sites within the program area. It discusses the restoration targets for different habitat types and how to implement restoration actions with multiple benefits and project phasing. It also discusses challenges associated with soil contamination, permitting, water quality and public access.
- Chapter 8, Refined Restoration Designs. This section discusses all of the areas within the program and provides references for where to find information about the different planning efforts. It focuses most on the near-term projects and presents a refined restoration plan for the South LCWA site and provides more insight into the culvert alternative for the Central Area. out the long-term phase.
- Chapter 9, Implementation Guidance. This section provides details for how to implement a restoration project in LCW and uses the South LCWA site as the example. It discusses adaptive management/restoration practices, soils, revegetation strategies, final grading, ecosystem monitoring, and on-site species/habitat mitigation.
- Chapter 10, Next Steps. This section discusses the next phase of project level planning at the South LCW site and presents the steps to filling data gaps, designing public access elements, and permitting. It also provides a tentative timeline for this next level of planning in the South LCWA site.
- Chapter 11, Literature Cited. This section presents all of the references for the citations provided in the previous chapters.

BACKGROUND: On January 7, 2021 the LCWA certified the Final PEIR prepared for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Plan and adopted the Findings and Facts, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. The final task associated with this planning process was to develop a habitat restoration plan that conforms to the analyses presented in the PEIR.

A draft of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Habitat Restoration Plan (Plan) was circulated for public review from March 1, 2021 – March 25, 2021. As part of this review process the LCWA hosted a public meeting via Zoom on March 18, 2021 during which the contents of the Plan were presented and a question and answer session was held. Furthermore, the Plan was also circulated to the LCWA's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on February 8, 2021. The LCWA's TAC is a consortium of regulatory, permitting, and partner agencies who have historically advised on the LCWA's restoration planning efforts. This committee met on April 12, 2021, to discuss the TAC's comments on the Plan.

A total of 8 comment letters were received from the Public and TAC including 2 letters from local tribal groups. The LCWA identified 91 individual comments on the content of the Restoration Plan within these letters. A matrix was developed in order to respond to these comments and direct edits to the draft Restoration Plan. The final Plan reflects responses to these comments which included making revisions to clarify sections regarding cultural resources, existing and potential biological resources, the planning process, special status species and plant communities, oil operations, public access, interpretive elements, restoration strategies, next phases of planning, and the timeline.

FISCAL: Adoption of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Habitat Restoration Plan will not incur any cost for the LCWA. Future phases of implementation of the Plan will require additional funding for restoration design planning, environmental compliance, public outreach, and construction.

July 1, 2021 – Item 12

RESOLUTION 2021 – 11

RESOLUTION OF THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY
ADOPTING THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS
HABITAT RESTORATION PLAN

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

WHEREAS, the LCWA 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 Habitat Restoration Plan proposes a restoration program for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Complex; and

WHEREAS, the proposed program identifies conceptual restoration designs for approximately 503 acres of land located on the border of Orange County and Los Angeles County in the cities of Seal Beach and Long Beach, to restore wetland, transition, and upland habitats throughout the program area; and

WHEREAS, a Program Environmental Impact Report was previously certified to act as a public document used by local regulators and the public in their review of the potential environmental impacts of proposed activities, alternatives, and mitigation measures that would minimize or avoid potential environmental effects, and may be used to evaluate a plan or program that has multiple components (projects and actions) or addresses a series of actions that are related; and

WHEREAS, the LCWA is the Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) responsible for preparing the Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the proposed program (Final PEIR); and

WHEREAS, the Los Cerritos Wetlands Habitat Restoration Plan provides more description for the implementation of near-term projects within the Program Area as contemplated in the Final PEIR, a copy of which is incorporated into this Resolution by this reference as if fully set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the future restoration projects will require adoption of the Restoration Plan;

WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); NOW

Therefore be it resolved, that the LCWA hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the LCWA.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. FINDS that the Los Cerritos Wetlands Habitat Restoration Plan was presented to the LCWA Governing Board, and the LCWA Governing Board has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Plan.
4. FINDS that the Plan reflects the LCWA Governing Board's independent judgement and analysis.
5. ADOPTS the staff report dated July 1, 2021.
6. ADOPTS the Los Cerritos Wetlands Habitat Restoration Plan.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY
On July 1, 2021

LCWA Board Chair

ATTEST:

David Edsall, Jr.
Deputy Attorney General