

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

Thursday, September 9, 2021
at
12:30pm

Per Executive Order N-29-20, Paragraph 3, issued by California Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020, and Executive Order N-08-21, issued on June 11, 2021, 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 RMC Staff Services Manager, Salian Garcia, at sgarcia@rmc.ca.gov or at 626-815-1019 x 110.

At the following location:

TELECONFERENCE MEETING VIA ZOOM

ADDRESS:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83579128346?pwd=UGppVGdNaEZKb1dvVDA1Y3dsQUg0UT09>

Or by phone at 1-669-900-9128
Meeting ID: 835 7912 8346
Passcode: 079303

AGENDA

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

*Public participation is welcome. 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 should address the Chair and are encouraged to fill out this [online comment card](#) for the official record on or before **September 8, 2021 by 4:00pm**. All members of the Board will receive all the comments submitted online before the meeting. However, individuals may elect to have their comments read by the Chair during the meeting or read by the commenter. Public comment can be requested and made during the meeting by virtual means or phone during the public comment period. Although not required, in order to facilitate an orderly remote meeting, it is helpful to let the RMC Staff Services Manager 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 Chair, members of the Board are under no obligation to respond to questions posed by speakers but may provide brief responses to any comment made or questions*

posed. Please reach out to Salian Garcia, RMC Staff Services Manager, at sgarcia@rmc.ca.gov or at 626-815-1019 x 110 if you need assistance.

4. Chair's Report
5. Approval of the Minutes, July 1, 2021.

Regular Calendar

6. 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
7. Consideration of a resolution adopting the FY 21/22 Budget.
8. Consideration of a resolution authorizing a lease agreement with Elis Equipment, Inc. as an occupant of the OTD parcel (LA County APN#7237-019-006).
9. Closed Session: Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8, LCWA may hold a closed session to consider the Draft Appraisal Report and the Draft Land Transfer Agreement, and related items, between Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority and Los Cerritos Wetlands, LLC for the APN 7237-019-809; 7237-017-010 thru 014; 018; 019; LCWA Negotiators: Mark Stanley and Property Owner Negotiator: John McKeown and Michael Di Sano. Under Consideration: Price and Terms.
10. Closed Session: Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(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.
11. Oral Communications
 - a. Statements, responses, questions or directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2(a) of the Government Code.
 - b. Future agenda items.
12. Adjournment upon completion of business.

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 Salian Garcia at sgarcia@rmc.ca.gov or at (626) 815-1019 ext 110 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting.

**MINUTES
LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY (LCWA)
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
July 1, 2021**

The meeting was held via Zoom.us. The meeting was called to order by Chair Suzie Price at approximately 12:3 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Roberto Uranga
Ms. Mary Small
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

Anna Christensen requested that Shopkeeper Road in Long Beach be blocked off and the public not be allowed on that street due to birds nesting on that street during 4th of July weekend.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

Vice Chair Price welcomed Mary Small to the Board and thanked the staff for working hard on getting a quorum for this meeting.

5. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS

By acclamation, Board Member Kalmick motioned for Suzie Price to be the Chair. Board Member Uranga seconded the motion.

By acclamation, Madam Chair Price motioned for Mayor Joe Kalmick to be the Vice Chair. Board Member Uranga seconded the motion.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

One set of minutes for Board Meeting from January 7, 2021. Madam Chair motioned to approve the minutes and Board Member Uranga seconded the motion. There were no questions or objections.

Minutes were passed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

8. Consideration of a resolution to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Seal Beach for the Water Relining Project.

Anna Christensen asked if there was any outreach given to the native American tribal representatives for both of these projects. Anna is concerned of the aspect of the digging and cannot tell how deep the digging will be with these projects or the tribal monitoring.

Mr. Stanley stated that both of the public agencies listed in the projects have their own internal requirements that they have to meet in terms of moving forward they both will engage in their public outreach campaign with a firm guideline in terms of public engagement before moving forward with any of these projects.

Board Member Uranga motioned to approve Item 7. Board Member Small seconded the motion. Madam Chair Price motioned to approve Item 8. Vice Chair Kalmick seconded the motion. Board Voted: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions. These items passed.

REGULAR CALENDAR

9. STATUS REPORT ON WORK PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

A. LAND MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Marcello Ceballos stated that in the board packet are the land management reports from December 2020 through May 2021. There have been fence line maintenance and repairs coordinating with surrounding partners including DWP regarding security issues, there has been trash removal, trail maintenance and will continue since the stewardship activities will be back on line.

Marcello mentioned staff was contact by the Orange County Vector Control who recently demonstrated their applicator drone for possible use at the Los Cerritos Wetlands South area which would reduce the amount of disturbance caused by traditional observation and application methods that include the use of a backpack sprayer.

Madam Chair Price asked what agency was using the drones because she has some concerns as to what they would be used for. Marcello answered that it was Orange County Vector Control. Madam Chair Price also expressed her concern as to whether the drones would be used for law enforcement purposes. Marcello answered that it was

all just preliminary talks right now and has not heard that it would be used for law enforcement issues and doesn't think staff would be interested in that aspect. Mr. Stanley suggested that the authority review the activity guidelines to make updates because there is new technology that should probably be considered.

B. LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM COORDINATOR UPDATE

Eric Zahn stated that we would be seeing Jayde on a regular basis due to the Stewardship Program activities back up and running starting this weekend.

Eric also stated that for the past two months his staff has done a bunch of work to figure out how to get the programs running with new safety measures in place. He also mentioned that they hosted a couple of "dry-runs" just to see how the new protocols would work and they are working out the kinks.

Madam Chair Price asked if Eric could email or text the new flyer to her so that it could be put into the July newsletter.

C. HOMELESS RELOCATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Lenny Arkinstall stated that there is no homeless on any of the properties. Lenny also stated that on May 16, 2021 he received a call from the oil company that there was a large encampment on LCWS and found out it was Larry who lived there 10 years ago and had returned. Lenny mentioned quality of life police department was sent out to speak with Larry to offer services, Larry accepted, he showed up to the Multi Service Center for his appointments, got his medical papers up to date and the next day Larry moved out.

Madam Chair Price asked Lenny if he knew if Larry got into any transitional housing or some sort of program. Lenny answered unfortunately not and he is now part of the problem across the street on 2nd and San Gabriel where there is a large encampment that is terrorizing the area but assured us that his group would be on top of it to clear it out.

D. EL DORADO AUDUBON UPDATE

Mary Parsell stated that there was a bird walk on May 1, 2021 and saw 37 species of birds on a beautiful, cloudy day.

Mary concluded with that it was a very good day to see 37 species in about an hour and a half with the next walk being in July. Mary mentioned that there was an issue at Bolsa Chica with a drone scaring off birds out of their nests with lots of writeups about it and it is illegal to fly drones in the area.

E. EXPENDITURES REPORT

Salian Garcia gave a brief synopsis of the FY 2020/2021 budget and summarized the Expenditures and Revenues as of May 31, 2021.

10. RECEIVE AND FILE THE LCWA ANNUAL AUDIT AND RELATED REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020.

Salian stated that Fedak & Brown LLP conducted the audit with the cooperation of City of Long Beach and the LCWA staff.

Salian stated that during the 2019/2020 fiscal year the Authority's net position decreased by 0.46% or \$51,440 to \$11,203.939 primarily related to the Authority's operations which coincides with the pandemic.

Salian further stated that 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. The total expenses decreased 1.53% or \$11,008 to roughly \$707,172 primarily due to a decrease in consulting and grant management expenditures from the prior year.

Salian, in conclusion, stated that capital assets amount to \$11,000,000 with no change from the previous fiscal year, the Authority continues to have no long-term debt and no material weaknesses or deficiencies in internal control were found or identified and no findings were noted in the current fiscal year.

11. CONSIDERATION OF A 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**

Sally Gee stated that LCWA has been able to successfully implement the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Plan as a result of partnerships with three non-profit organizations and without the MOA's the LCWA does not have staff to administer, manage and implement public programs.

Sally also stated that past MOA's have helped to establish the procedures and communications to conduct stewardship programming on LCWA property and these long-term agreements maintain those established procedures. Sally mentioned that the terms of the MOA's would be effective by the date of execution going forward unless and until it is terminated by either party or amended and the parties of the MOA's may for any reason terminate the MOA's by providing prior notification.

Board Member Uranga asked if there was a time limit with these agreements. Mr. Stanley answered that due to the organizations benefitting from the programs, since LCWA will not incur any costs or there is no financial exchange between the organizations and LCWA the authority is leaving the terms for these agreements up to the parties discretion of when they would like to terminate the agreement.

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

12. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS HABITAT RESTORATION PLAN.

Eric Zahn stated that 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.

Eric also stated that in January of this year the LCWA certified the Final PEIR which brings us to this final task associated with the planning process to develop a habitat restoration plan that conforms to the analyses presented in the PEIR.

Eric explained that a draft of the LCW Habitat Restoration Plan was circulated for public review from March 1, 2021 to March 25, 2021, LCWA hosted a public meeting on March 18, 2021 during which the contents of the Plan were presented and a question and answer session was held.

Eric further explained that the Plan was also circulated to the LCWA's Technical Advisory Committee on February 8, 2021 and the committee met on April 12, 2021 to discuss the TAC's comments on the Plan.

Eric mentioned that a total of 8 comment letters were received from the public and TAC including 2 letters from local tribal groups. Eric stated that a matrix was developed in order to respond to these comments and direct edits to the draft Restoration Plan and 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.

Eric concluded with the adoption of the Plan would not incur any cost to the LCWA and any future phases of implementation of the Plan will require additional funding for restoration design planning, environmental compliance, public outreach and construction.

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

13. **CLOSED SESION: 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: MARKSTANLEY AND PROPERTY OWNER NEGOTIATOR: JOHN MCKEOWN AND MICHAEL DI SANO. UNDER CONSIDERATION: PRICE AND TERMS.**

- 14. 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 2:00 pm and ended approximately at 2:28 pm. The Board received information and advice and provided direction.

15. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

Next meeting will be August 5, 2021.

B. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

16. ADJOURNMENT UPON COMPLETION OF BUSINESS

Chair Price adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:35 p.m.

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Suzie Price
Chair

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Dena Williams
Board Secretary

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority**Date: September 9, 2021****To: Governing Board Members****From: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer****Subject: Item 6: 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:

September 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>Funding was received from 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> <p>The FEIR was certified by the LCWA Board on January 7, 2021. The Los Cerritos Wetlands Habitat Restoration Plan was adopted by the LCWA Board on July 1, 2021.</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. Supporting project level biological surveys have been completed and reports are currently being developed.
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.	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

Task	Description	Status
Lease Agreements		
<p>OTD/Edison Parcel Los Angeles County APN 7237-019-809</p> <p>Ellis Equipment, Inc. Lease Agreement</p> <p>Lease Fee = \$2,222 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: \$323,563.37</p>	<p>The LCWA was successfully awarded the grant funds for the Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Project. Implementation of the project has commenced.</p> <p>See Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Project under Capital Projects & Initiatives for updates.</p>
<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: \$228,072.84</p>	<p>The LCWA was successfully awarded the grant funds for the Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Project. Implementation of the project has commenced.</p> <p>See Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Project under Capital Projects & Initiatives for updates.</p>
<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>	<p>The LCWA was successfully awarded the grant funds for the Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Project. Implementation of the project has commenced.</p> <p>See Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Project under Capital Projects & Initiatives for updates.</p>

<p>Regional Parks and Open Space District Measure A Maintenance and Servicing Funds</p> <p>Zedler Marsh Urban Trails System Maintenance and Servicing</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>Grant funds to maintain Proposition A funded development of new trails, landscaping, signage, and native plant nursery.</p> <p>Performance Period November 1, 2020 – October 31, 2021</p> <p>Total Funding \$66,474.21 Funding Remaining \$18,711.01</p>	<p>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.</p>
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Consultant Contracts - ACTIVE		
<p>LCWA 19501 Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewards Homeless Liaison Contract Amended</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>The Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewards and the LCWA have a mutual interest in the implementation of the Stewardship Program which will promote and provide leadership in conservation for educating members as well as the community to further the appreciation of the wetlands' habitat conservation.</p>	<p>The contract addresses the safety and security of the LCWA properties and meets the LCWA goals and objectives. Currently the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewards are coordinating any removal of homeless encampments at several locations within the LCWA properties.</p> <p>The contract with LCWS was renewed on May 2, 2019 (LCWA Resolution 2019 – 07) for three years until May 2, 2022, with the option of 2 one-year extensions.</p>
<p>LCWA 19502 Moffat & Nicole Mitigation Bank Technical Review</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>The LCWA is currently working with BOMP on the formation of the Upper Los Cerritos Wetlands Mitigation Bank. Additional technical services were needed to review the mitigation bank.</p>	<p>A contract was approved at the August 1, 2019 Board meeting (LCWA Resolution 2019 – 11) for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.</p>
<p>LCWA 19503 RWG Law Mitigation Bank Legal Services</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>The LCWA is currently working with BOMP on the formation of the Upper Los Cerritos Wetlands Mitigation Bank. Additional legal services were needed to review the mitigation and associated documents.</p>	<p>A contract was approved at the August 1, 2019 Board meeting (LCWA Resolution 2019 – 11) for services rendered based on a fee schedule.</p>

<p>LCWA 19504 RWG Law Puvunga Wetlands Protectors v. California Coastal Commission, et al Legal Services</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>The LCWA has been named as a real party in interest on the matter of Puvunga Wetlands Protectors v. California Coastal Commission, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCP00435. This lawsuit challenges a coastal development permit issued by the California Coastal Commission, which relates to the Land Swap Option Agreement (Option Agreement) entered into on September 2, 2016 with Los Cerritos Wetlands, LLC (the LLC). Thus, LCWA must retain outside counsel to represent it in this litigation.</p>	<p>A contract was ratified at the August 1, 2019 Board meeting (LCWA Resolution 2019 – 10) for services rendered based on a fee schedule.</p>
<p>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>
<p>City of Seal Beach Waterline Relining Project</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</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>Active</u></p>	<p>The LCWA entered into a Memorandum of Agreement in order to provide a citizen science sea turtle monitoring program for the general public.</p>	<p>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 was approved by the LCWA Board on July 1, 2021.</p>
<p>LCWA13000 Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust Memorandum of Agreement</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>The LCWA entered into a MOA with the Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust for stewardship services of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program</p>	<p>Please see the attached Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program Summary Report.</p> <p>A long term agreement was approved by the LCWA Board on July 1, 2021.</p>

Task	Description	Status
Memorandum of Understanding/Agreements		
<p>Memorandum of Agreement with the El Dorado Audubon</p> <p><u>Active</u></p>	<p>El Dorado Audubon is working with the LCWA to develop bird walks at LCWA Phase 2 properties.</p>	<p>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 was approved by the LCWA Board on July 1, 2021.</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: Jesse Aragon, Tidal Influence, LLC

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

Date: July 19th, 2021

Subject: Land Management Field Report

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

Inspection Date: June 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. As a response to increased trespassing Tidal Influence staff has updated southern gate entrance security to prevent trespassing.
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. On the morning of June 24th Tidal Influence staff was informed of a break in at our Hellman equipment storage facility. The facility was found left open with damaged locks, and missing valuables. A breach was found in the fence line shared with the electronic entrance gate. After contacting local authorities Tidal influence staff has repaired the breached fence line and resecured the facility.

Tidal Influence staff has held a security meeting and are actively working to implement new security updates on the property to prevent another incident from occurring.

Bryant Lease West

18. Gates –

- a. Levee gates 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. In April trash bags containing various items were found on site with native vegetation pulled out and used as cover for the bags. Concurrent with the latest encampment clean up Tidal influence staff removed and disposed of the bags. Trash bags were once again found hidden under the removed vegetation.

Tidal Influence staff will dispose of the trash in the coming months and continue to monitor the vegetative recovery of the site.

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: Jesse Aragon, Tidal Influence, LLC

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

Date: August 26th, 2021

Subject: Land Management Field Report

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

Inspection Date: July 27th, 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 – 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 has conducted vegetative maintenance along the trails system. To ensure visitor safety Tidal Influence staff will continue to monitor trail conditions as stewardship programs continue.

- b. In order to better understand effects of urbanization on small mammal communities CSULB's Mammal Lab requested to install wildlife cameras and small mammal traps in 2 different locations along Los Cerritos Wetland's Hellman Trail system. Prior to installation, Tidal Influence staff met with the researchers to ensure no biological resources would be impacted. The installation and small mammal surveys took place from July 15th to July 18th with the cameras set to be retrieved after a 30 day period.

15. Fences – OK

16. Homeless – OK

17. Other –

- a. On the morning of July 12th Tidal Influence staff was informed of a theft at the Hellman Oil Property. Tidal Influence's security footage was shared with the Hellman's and local authorities. Tidal Influence staff is continuing to implement new security updates to prevent another incident from occurring.

Bryant Lease West

18. Gates –

- a. Levee gates 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.

The breaches in the South corner of the property and Eastern fence line near the levee gates have been repaired.

Tidal Influence staff will continue to monitor the condition of the fence line and conduct repairs in the coming months.

21. Homeless –

- a. A new encampment was established along a breached portion of the Eastern fence line. Tidal Influence staff and the LCWA homeless contractor coordinated with local authorities to remediate the encampment.
- b. Trash bags containing various items were found on site with native vegetation pulled out and used as cover for the bags. Tidal Influence staff removed the trash and will continue to monitor the vegetative recovery of the site in the coming months.

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.



Bryant Lease West



Fence breach in southeast corner of property



Fence breach near levee gates



Fence breach along eastern fence line





Trash hidden among vegetation



Levee gates open

Hellman



Fence breach repaired



Access gate obstructed by vegetation

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
prepared for Board Meeting -- September 9, 2021

El Dorado Audubon

Here are the avian species observed July & August 2021 bird/nature walks



Los Cerritos Wetlands
Jul 10, 2021 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

20 species (+2 other taxa)

Killdeer 7
Lesser Yellowlegs 1
gull sp. 15
Forster's Tern 2
Great Blue Heron 3
Great Egret 2

Snowy Egret 3
Turkey Vulture 1
Osprey 1
Red-tailed Hawk 2
American Kestrel 2
Black Phoebe 3
Cassin's Kingbird 2
American Crow 5
Northern Rough-winged Swallow 7
Barn Swallow 15
swallow sp. 30
Bushtit 25
House Wren 2
European Starling 5
Northern Mockingbird 3
House Finch 35

Los Cerritos Wetlands

Jul 28, 2021 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

16 species (+2 other taxa)

Mourning Dove 5
Allen's Hummingbird 3
hummingbird sp. 2
Killdeer 2
Double-crested Cormorant 5
Great Blue Heron 2
Great Egret 2
Snowy Egret 3
Turkey Vulture 1
Osprey 1
Cooper's Hawk 1
Red-tailed Hawk (calurus/alascensis) 2
Bushtit 15
House Wren 3
Northern Mockingbird 3
House Finch 75
Acanthis/Spinus sp. 3
Common Yellowthroat 2

Los Cerritos Wetlands

Aug 14, 2021 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

23 species (+2 other taxa)

Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon) 2
Eurasian Collared-Dove 1
Mourning Dove 12
Allen's Hummingbird 2
hummingbird sp. 1
Killdeer 3
Western Gull 3
gull sp. 15
Double-crested Cormorant 5
Great Blue Heron 4
Great Egret 1
Snowy Egret 1
Turkey Vulture 1
Red-tailed Hawk 2
American Kestrel 2
Cassin's Kingbird 2
Northern Rough-winged Swallow 3
Barn Swallow 45
Bushtit 21
House Wren 1
Northern Mockingbird 1
House Finch 50
Lesser Goldfinch 2
Hooded Oriole 1
Common Yellowthroat 3

Los Cerritos Wetlands

Aug 28, 2021 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

17 species (+3 other taxa)

Mourning Dove 8
hummingbird sp. 2

Killdeer 3
Long-billed Curlew 1
Western Sandpiper 1
shorebird sp. 5
gull sp. 1
Double-crested Cormorant 1
Great Egret 2
Turkey Vulture 1
Osprey 2
White-tailed Kite 1
Northern Harrier 0
Cooper's Hawk 1
Belted Kingfisher 1
American Kestrel 2
Black Phoebe 1
Bushtit 7
House Wren 3
House Finch 25
Common Yellowthroat 1

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Date: September 9, 2021
To: Governing Board Members
From: Salian Garcia, Fiscal Manager
Through: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer
Subject: Item 6e: Receive and File Expenditure Report

Attached as Exhibit A is the FY 2020/2021 Budget with balances as of August 30, 2021

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

- Grant - Rivers & Mountains Conservancy Revenue line item is higher than budget projections primarily due to reimbursements for LCWA17001 Bryan Acquisition were received after the previous year was closed to accruals.
- Other-Miscellaneous Revenue line item is higher than budget projections due to receipt of reimbursements for legal services invoices, late fees collected on lease payments, and payment from the Department of Transportation for the TIP easement.
- 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.
- Capital Outlay Expense is minimal as most grant agreements and contracts became active within the last six months. The Authority expects grant and contract activity to become more vigorous in the upcoming fiscal year.
- Administration Expense are slightly lower than budget projections. However, these line items are generally one-time expenses and the Authority does not expect to exceed this budget item.
- 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 08/30/21	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	70,720	65,266	-	0%	92%
Contracts	15,160	495	-	0%	3%
Fees	2,511	889	0	0%	35%
Permits	10,000	10,000	-	0%	100%
Other - Local Revenue	-	-	-		
Subtotal-General Administrative & Operating	138,391	116,150	500	0%	84%
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	117,161	49,057	-	0%	42%
Mitigation Revenue	58,438	27,054	(11,066)	-19%	46%
Contracts - Other MOA	-	-	-		
Other - Donations	-	-	-		
Other - Miscellaneous	5,000	12,180	-	0%	244%
Subtotal-Grants and Special Projects	343,288	293,254	(10,989)	-3%	85%
Total Revenue	481,679	409,404	(10,489)	-2%	85%
Expenses					
Insurance - D & O Policy	3,043	2,786	257	8%	92%
Audit Services	9,850	9,850	-	0%	100%
Website	1,000	300	700	70%	30%
Miscellaneous Administrative Costs	1,500	-	-	0%	0%
Administration Expense Subtotal	15,393	12,936	957	6%	84%
Grant & Land Management - General	42,000	30,000	30	0%	71%
Grant Management - Contracted Services	25,000	495	-	0%	2%
Insurance - General Liability/Umbrella	11,751	9,280	2,471	21%	79%
LCWA Measure A - M/O	69,058	42,966	-	0%	62%
Stewardship Program	12,000	9,000	-		
Security	9,570	6,525	-	0%	68%
Signage	3,000	-	-	0%	0%
OTD Security Deposits	-	-	-		
MOAs	10,000	4,129	-	0%	41%
Miscellaneous	2,500	-	-	0%	0%
Operational Expense Subtotal	184,879	102,395	14,501	8%	55%
Consultant Services	51,400	9,542	-	0%	19%
Grant - State Coastal Conservancy	-	-	-		
Grant - Rivers & Mountains Conservancy	127,807	84,323	-	0%	66%
Grant - Other Federal, State, County & Local Projects	28,762	63,702	-	0%	221%
Other - Mitigation Projects	73,438	27,998	(11,066)	-15%	38%
Other - Miscellaneous	-	-	-		
Capital Outlay Expense Subtotal	281,407	185,564	(11,066)	-4%	66%
Total Expense	481,679	300,896	4,391	1%	62%
Ending Net Position	-	108,508	(108,508)		

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Date: September 9, 2021

To: Governing Board Members

From: Salian Garcia, Fiscal Manager

Through: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer

Subject: Item 7: Consideration of resolution authorizing staff to adopt the LCWA Budget Fiscal Year 2021/2022

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends adoption of the LCWA Budget Fiscal Year 2021/2022 as submitted and detailed in the attached Exhibit A.

BACKGROUND: In accordance with the provisions of the Joint Powers Agreement, approval of the LCWA budget by the LCWA Board is required. The attached Consolidated Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021/2022 (Exhibit A) includes three revenues and expenditure components: 1) Administration, 2) Operational, and 3) Capital Outlay. Total budgeted revenue for FY 21/22 is **\$455,111** and expenditures are balanced with revenues. Total revenues for FY 21/22 have decreased by \$26,568 from budgeted FY 20/21 revenues of \$481,679 primarily due to the expected decrease of acquisition activities and contracts scheduled to end by December 2020, offset with increased lease revenue. Subsequently, the LCWA expects a year-to-year decrease in Expenses, plus incremental budget changes in grant and land management services, consultant services, and administrative expenditures.

The revenues, in combination with recent grants from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, State Coastal Conservancy, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration, will allow public programming to continue as part of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority Stewardship Program (LCWASP) through September 2022. The Authority also benefits from bird walks led by the El Dorado Audubon that contributes the total hours of in-kind stewardship participation and homeless relocation services provided by the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewards.

Administration expenses in the amount of \$14,407 are detailed by line item in the attached budget summary. The expenses under general administrative costs include website maintenance and annual audit services with the City of Long Beach.

Operational expenses consist of the LCWASP and Property Management expenditures. The FY 21/22 total budget is \$170,704 and is consistent with the annualized revenues and expenditures at a minimum to operate, manage, and maintain the LCWA properties. The current budget for the LCWASP includes expenses related to the Zedler Marsh with reimbursement from Los Angeles County Regional Parks and Open Space District through Measure A and the Memorandum of Agreement with Southern California Edison to accept compensatory mitigation funds. The Capital Outlay budget is in the amount of \$270,000.

FISCAL INFORMATION: The LCWA FY 2021/2022 Budget has a balanced budget of \$455,111.

Exhibit A

Item 7: FY21/22 Budget

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

	FY 20/21 Budget	As of 08/30/21	Additional Projected through 09/30/21	Projected FYE 20/21	Remaining Budget Balance	Remaining % Budget Balance	Actuals % FY21 Budget Spent	Projected % of FY2021 Budget	Proposed FY 21/22 Budget	% Change FY22 over FY21
Revenues										
General Administrative & Operating Revenue										
JPA Contributions	40,000	39,500	-	39,500	500	1%	99%	99%	40,000	0.0%
Lease Revenue	70,720	65,266	5,454	70,720	-	0%	92%	100%	72,723	3%
Contracts	15,160	495	14,665	15,160	-	0%	3%	100%	-	-100.0%
Fees	2,511	889	1,622	2,511	0	0%	35%	100%	2,500	-0.4%
Permits	10,000	10,000	-	10,000	-	0%	100%	100%	10,000	0.0%
Other - Local Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal-General Administrative & Operating	138,391	116,150	21,741	137,891	500	0%	84%	100%	125,223	-9.5%
Grants and Special Projects Revenue										
Grant - State Coastal Conservancy	10,652	-	10,652	10,652	-	0%	0%	100%	45,230	324.6%
Grant - Rivers & Mountains Conservancy	152,037	204,962	(53,005)	151,957	80	0%	135%	100%	45,212	-70.3%
Grant - Other Federal, State, County & Local Funds	117,161	49,057	68,104	117,161	-	0%	42%	100%	144,550	-
Mitigation Revenue	58,438	27,054	42,450	69,504	(11,066)	-19%	46%	119%	50,000	-14.4%
Contracts - Other MOA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Other - Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Other - Miscellaneous	5,000	12,180	(7,180)	5,000	-	0%	244%	100%	10,000	0.0%
Subtotal-Grants and Special Projects	343,288	293,254	61,023	354,277	(10,989)	-3%	85%	103%	294,992	-14.1%
Total Revenue	481,679	409,404	82,764	492,168	(10,489)	-2%	85%	102%	420,215	-12.8%
Expenses										
Insurance - D & O Policy	3,043	2,786	-	2,786	257	8%	92%	92%	3,307	8.7%
Audit Services	9,850	9,850	-	9,850	-	0%	100%	100%	10,100	2.5%
Website	1,000	300	-	300	700	70%	30%	30%	500	-50.0%
Miscellaneous Administrative Costs	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	-	0%	0%	100%	500	-66.7%
Administration Expense Subtotal	15,393	12,936	1,500	14,436	957	6%	84%	94%	14,407	-6.4%
Grant & Land Management - General	42,000	30,000	11,970	41,970	30	0%	71%	100%	42,000	0.0%
Grant Management - Contracted Services	25,000	495	24,505	25,000	-	0%	2%	100%	-	-100.0%
Insurance - General Liability/Umbrella	11,751	9,280	-	9,280	2,471	21%	79%	79%	10,208	-13.1%
LCWA Measure A - M/O	69,058	42,966	26,092	69,058	-	0%	62%	100%	16,000	-76.8%
Stewardship Program	12,000	9,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	12,000	-
Security	9,570	6,525	3,045	9,570	-	0%	68%	100%	11,600	21.2%
Signage	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-	0%	0%	100%	2,000	-33.3%
OTD Security Deposits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
MOAs	10,000	4,129	5,871	10,000	-	0%	41%	-	10,000	-
Miscellaneous	2,500	-	2,500	2,500	-	0%	0%	100%	2,000	-20.0%
Operational Expense Subtotal	184,879	102,395	79,983	170,378	14,501	8%	55%	92%	105,808	-42.8%
Consultant Services	51,400	9,542	41,858	51,400	-	0%	19%	100%	25,000	-51.4%
Grant - State Coastal Conservancy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,000	#DIV/0!
Grant - Rivers & Mountains Conservancy	127,807	84,323	43,484	127,807	-	0%	66%	100%	40,000	-68.7%
Grant - Other Federal, State, County & Local Projects	28,762	63,702	(34,940)	28,762	-	0%	221%	100%	120,000	-
Other - Mitigation Projects	73,438	27,998	56,506	84,504	(11,066)	-15%	38%	115%	75,000	2.1%
Other - Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	-	0.0%
Capital Outlay Expense Subtotal	281,407	185,564	106,910	292,473	(11,066)	-4%	66%	104%	300,000	6.6%
Total Expense	481,679	300,896	188,393	477,288	4,391	1%	62%	99%	420,215	-12.8%
Ending Net Position	-	108,508	(105,629)	14,879	(108,508)				-	0.0%

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RESOLUTION 2021 – 12

RESOLUTION OF THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY (LCWA)
AUTHORIZING STAFF TO ADOPT THE LCWA BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022

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 joint powers agreement provides for the adoption of an annual budget; 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 the staff report dated September 9, 2021.
4. ADOPTS FY 2021/2022 LCWA Budget and authorizes the Executive Officer to make budget amendments as necessary.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY on September 9, 2021.

Suzie Price
LCWA Board Chair

ATTEST:

Elizabeth St. John
Deputy Attorney General