

May 5, 2022 – Item 12

RESOLUTION 2022-04

RESOLUTION OF THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY  
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE  
A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH AES REDONDO BEACH, LLC  
TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THEIR VOLUNTARY  
ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS GRANT PROGRAM

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, AES Corporation committed to investing in additional voluntary environmental benefits for watershed improvements and community benefits for receiving an extension for Once Through Cooling (OTC) operations at the Redondo Beach Generating Station (RBGS); and

WHEREAS, AES Redondo Beach, LLC (AES) is a subsidiary of AES Corporation; and

WHEREAS, AES proposes to grant \$1,000,000 to the LCWA to support planning, engineering, restoration, and rehabilitation of the Los Cerritos Wetlands; and

WHEREAS, this LCWA desires to enter in to an agreement with AES to commit the grant funds and establish a workplan to support rehabilitation of the Los Cerritos Wetlands; 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 May 5, 2022.
4. AUTHORIZES the Executive Officer to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Agreement with AES Redondo Beach, LLC to accept funds from their Voluntary Environmental Benefits Grant Program.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY  
On May 5, 2022

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Suzie Price  
LCWA Board Chair

ATTEST:

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Elizabeth St. John.  
Deputy Attorney General