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LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY

100 N Old San Gabriel Canyon Road
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Board Meeting Materials

February 6, 2008

Board Members

Gary DeLong, City of Long Beach, Chair
Patrick O'Donnell, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, Vice Chair
John Larson, City of Seal Beach
Sam Schuchat, State Coastal Conservancy

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The public meeting of the
Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA)
will be held on
Wednesday, February 6, 2008
at 3:00 p.m.

at the following location:
Long Beach Museum of Art
2300 East Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90803

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comment
Individuals wishing to comment must fill out a comment card at the meeting for the official record and will be allowed three minutes to speak, and representatives of organizations/agencies will be allowed five minutes to speak. Speaker time may be reduced depending on the number of speakers.
3. Approval of November 7, 2007 Minutes
4. Report and discussion on Workplan Implementation.
5. Status report on negotiations for acquisition of the "Hellman" property in the City of Seal Beach. Property Description: Assessor Parcel Nos.: 043-160-31, 043-160-32, 043-160-59 (Portion), 043-160-61 (Portion), 095-010-25 (Portion), 095-010-26 (Portion), 095-010-59 (Portion).
Property Owner: Hellman Properties LLC, A California Limited Liability Company;
Property Owner Negotiator: Jerry Tone.
LCWA Negotiators: Elena Eger, Mary Small, Bob Thiel, Luz Torres and Belinda V. Faustinos
Under Consideration: Price and terms
6. Consideration of resolution amending resolution 2007-5 adopted November 7, 2007 for execution and performance of an agreement with the Wildlife Conservation Board for acquisition of the "Hellman" property.
7. Discussion of potential acquisition of remaining Bryant Trust and Dean Berger (formerly known as Bixby Ranch Co.) properties.
8. Statements, responses, questions or directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2(a) of the Government Code.
9. Announcement of next meeting – May 7, 2008
10. Adjournment upon completion of business.

Public participation is welcome on any agenda item. 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 Belinda V. Faustinos at (626) 458-4315.

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**MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY (LCWA)
NOVEMBER 7, 2007**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gary DeLong at 1:14pm.

The meeting was held at the Long Beach Museum of Art located at 2300 East Ocean Blvd. in Long Beach, CA 90803.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Gary DeLong
Gordon Shanks (for Mr. Larson)
Mary Small (for Mr. Schuchat)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Patrick O'Donnell

STAFF PRESENT:

Belinda Faustinos, Executive Officer
Valerie Thompson, Executive Secretary
Terry Fujimoto, Deputy Attorney General

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr C. J. Hentzen voiced concerns regarding the City of Long Beach's plans for the wetlands.

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Chair DeLong nominated Mr. Schuchat as Vice Chair. No other nominations were forthcoming.

Chair DeLong motioned to close nominations; Ms. Small seconded the motion.

4. APPROVAL OF MAY 2, 2006 MINUTES

No corrections were noted.

Chair DeLong motioned to approve the minutes; Ms. Small seconded the motion. Mr. Shanks abstained. Passed.

5. REPORT AND DISCUSSION ON WORKPLAN IMPLEMENTATION

The Executive Officer introduced new staff member, Pearl Bordas, noting that she will be

staffing LCWA, as well as, pending staff support for the Coyote Creek Watershed plan and the projects on the eastern end of Long Beach.

The Executive Officer reported that staff is in the process of working on the application for road access to the Phase I property. It was noted that the application has to be submitted by the Bryant property owner since the road access will be over their fee ownership of the property that was retained along Second Street.

In regard to the Edison parcel, the Executive Officer reported that staff has not been very successful with trying to get Edison to transfer the deeds to the LCWA. It was noted that despite numerous contacts; Edison has not produced the deeds. Chair DeLong will contact Edison on behalf of the LCWA via correspondence to attempt to resolve the issue.

In regard to the Hellman property, the Executive Officer reported that State Lands Commission staff has been contacted regarding the parcel on Pacific Coast Hwy., which could potentially be used as an access point. It was noted that State Lands Commission has submitted plans, for a building on the site, to the State Architect Dept., and that their funding has been approved. It was also noted that the State Lands Commission is willing to consider working with the LCWA as to how the site can accommodate access into the Hellman property.

In regard to the Department of Water and Power parcel, the Executive Officer reported that staff has not had an opportunity to schedule a meeting with their staff; but that it is on the work program list.

In regard to the Bixby property, the Executive Officer reported that it closed in the previous week and that it is now under the ownership of Tom Dean.

In regard to the Bryant property, the Executive Officer reported that staff held a meeting with the Bryant's representative and that they have the property on the market for \$18 million, and that staff expressed the LCWA's interest in the property; but have yet to receive feedback from the Bryant's representative, Kevin Brazil.

In regard to Wetlands Restoration, the Executive Officer reported that until more property is acquired there will be no further action on restoration planning.

In regard to the Stewardship Plan, the Executive Officer reported that staff is in the process of determining the type of signage that will be used on the property purchased under Phase 1. It was noted that staff is in the process of having logos designed for the LCWA.

Ms. Small moved to have the report received and filed; Mr. Shanks seconded the motion.

- 6. STATUS REPORT ON NEGOTIATIONS FOR ACQUISITION OF THE "HELLMAN" PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF SEAL BEACH. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: ASSESSOR PARCEL NOS.: 043-160-31, 043-160-32, 043-160-59 (PORTION), 043-160-61 (PORTION), 095-010-25 (PORTION OF), 095-010-26 (PORTION), 095-010-59 (PORTION). PROPERTY OWNER: HELLMAN PROPERTIES LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; PROPERTY OWNER NEGOTIATOR: JERRY TONE. LCWA NEGOTIATORS: ELENA EGER, MARY SMALL, BOB THIEL, PEARL**

BORDAS, AND BELINDA V. FAUSTINOS. UNDER CONSIDERATION: PRICE AND TERMS.

This item was heard after Items 7 and 8.

Mr. Shanks was in abstention during the closed session.

The Board meeting was called into closed session at approximately 1:33pm by Terry Fujimoto.

Closed session concluded at approximately 1:54pm.

Mr. Fujimoto reported that no action was taken during the closed session.

- 7. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND PERFORMANCE OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD FOR ACQUISITION OF THE "HELLMAN" PROPERTY.**

There was an outline of the terms of the agreement included in the Board report and the Executive Officer gave an overview of the terms.

Ms. Small moved to adopt the resolution; Chair DeLong seconded the motion. Mr Shank abstained. Passed.

- 8. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 07/08 BUDGET.**

The Executive Officer pointed out a correction that was made to the carry over balance on page 14 of the Board report. It was explained that the amount previously entered was an approximation; but since the posting of the Board report to the LCWA website, staff was given the actual carry over balance by the City of Long Beach, which was \$31,153.

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

No statements, responses, questions or directions to staff were forthcoming.

- 10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Board meeting will be held on February 6, 2008.

- 11. UPON COMPLETION OF BUSINESS**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Gary DeLong at 2:03 p.m.

Chair DeLong moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Small seconded.

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Date: February 6, 2008

To: Governing Board Members

From: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

Subject: Agenda Item 5: Status report on Workplan Implementation

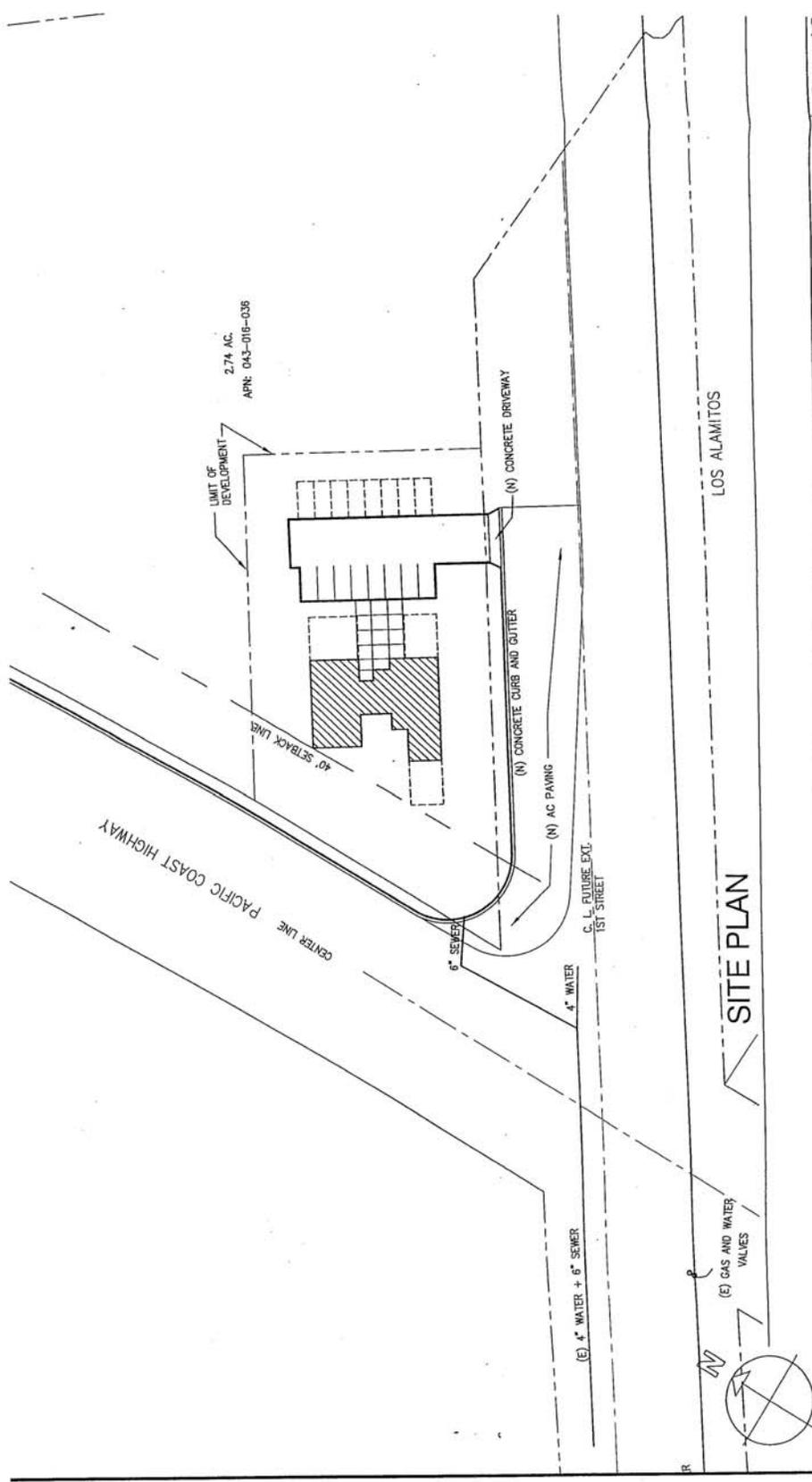
Background

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:

Name	Description	Status
Capital Projects		
Phase I Access Improvements	Work on this project will involve the planning and implementation of road access to the Phase I west parcel, fencing of the property boundary and preliminary signage.	Staff has submitted the required information to Mr. Bryant. Once they have reviewed the documentation an application for the driveway access must be submitted to the Coastal Commission for approval.
Hellman Acquisition	This project will involve negotiations with the owner, regarding purchase price, terms and environmental clean up.	Negotiations are underway between the LCWA and Hellman interests. There will be a closed session update on this agenda.
Edison Parcel	On February 2, 2007 the LCWA accepted this 5.11 acre parcel consistent with the offer made on May 30, 2001 by, Southern California Edison.	The offer has been recorded however SCE has not transferred the deed to the LCWA. See attached letter to SCE and response. The grant agreement between the Coastal Conservancy and the LCWA has been received. Staff is expecting to issue a Request for Proposals to evaluate the feasibility of using the parcel for natural resource restoration purposes once the site becomes accessible.
State Lands Parcel	This property has been owned by the State Lands Commission for many years and may present opportunities for expansion of wetlands, providing access to both the Hellman and Phase I properties, recreational access and resource education.	State Lands is investigating building a small office at this site, but they are very open to cooperating with the restoration program. RMC Staff contacted David Brown, Chief of Administrative & Information Service and received the proposed site plan, presented in the exhibits. David Brown informed the RMC Staff that they will work cooperatively with the LCWA to develop a site plan which incorporates access into the Hellman and Phase I sites.

Name	Description	Status
DWP Parcel (PCH)	This site poses significant opportunities for enhancing public access to the eastern side of the Los Cerritos Wetlands area adjoining the San Gabriel River.	Staff will work with the City of LA Department of Water and Power to identify access and improvement opportunities.
Dean (Bixby) Parcels	This is the largest single private ownership in the Los Cerritos Wetlands Area comprised of ~ 186 acres both north and south of 2 nd Avenue.	Staff has been advised that this property reportedly closed escrow on Oct. 31 and there was a discussion of this item at the last meeting. No progress has been reported since.
Bryant Retained Parcels	This property is comprised of the 13.87 gross acres of Bryant retained property.	Staff has been advised that this property has been placed on the market for an asking price of \$18,000,000. Staff has met with both Mr. Kevin Brazil and their real estate agents where we expressed our ongoing interest in purchasing the retained parcel.
Wetlands Restoration	Restoration and enhancement of existing wetlands function is one of the primary objectives of the LCWA.	Staff will make specific recommendations for further action on this item at subsequent meetings
Wetlands Stewardship	Active stewardship of the existing wetlands on the Phase I parcels is critical.	An interim stewardship plan has been approved. Attached is a current report on stewardship activities.
Public Access Improvements	Public access for wildlife viewing and enjoyment may involve site improvements.	Public access to the wetlands will be addressed as part of a comprehensive plan for the site.
Administrative/ Management Projects		
LCWA Logo Development	Agency identification via a logo has been and will be a necessary tool for public education about the LCWA and our work.	The public will be given an opportunity to submit designs for the logo. Administration of logo development will be handled by the new project manager.
Short & Long Term JPA Staffing Issues	Staff work is currently provided by each of the partner agencies however it is recognized that hiring/contracting for agency staff may be necessary in the future.	Staff from each of the partner entities continue to work on various aspects of the workplan.

Name	Description	Status
Short & Long Term Property Management Issues	Property management services for the Phase I parcels are expected to be minimal until further restoration of the site is initiated.	Long term property management issues need to be addressed by either transferring the land after the restoration is complete to a trustee agency or identifying some type of long term funding mechanism for on-going LCWA management. Short term management issues will be addressed by the project manager and JPA partner agencies.
Funding Opportunities	Identification of funding opportunities for new acquisitions, restoration, stewardship, education and interpretation projects are critical to the success of the LCWA.	Staff will evaluate the opportunities for obtaining funds including the settlement trust fund for LCWA purposes on an ongoing basis.
Public Records Act Policy	Each public agency must establish a public records act policy.	Staff will bring this to the Board at a future meeting.



SITE PLAN

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January 7th, 2008

Stewardship Report 2007

Prepared for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Joint Powers Authority
Prepared by Eric Zahn, RMC Biological Consultant

Currently the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority now owns about 71 acres of land within the authority's boundary. In Spring 2007 the LCWA acquired an approximately 5 acre parcel, on the northeast corner of Studebaker Road and Second Street, that was formerly owned by Southern California Edison. Furthermore, 2007 was the first complete year that the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority has owned year 66 acres of wetlands formerly owned by the Bryants. The following report details the stewardship activity on both of these properties for the year of 2007.

EDISON PARCEL

- There is no stewardship activity to report for this site as staff has not received access. Funding is in place to develop a wetlands restoration feasibility study for this site.
- Currently, there are as many as 3 permanent homeless encampments on the parcel, just outside of the property's fence line. The encampments are hidden from public view by a berm planted with non-native trees that separates the property from the street. It is suggested that these encampments be removed before staff initiates any fieldwork on this property.

BRYANT PARCELS

- About 4 permanent homeless encampments existed on both parcels of the property at the end of 2006. Signal Hill Oil workers reported that the homeless were building fires near a 4 inch gas line. LCWA staff also observed that individuals were cutting down and removing vegetation on site, building piles of debris, and also had several dogs in their camps. It was determined that several of their practices posed noticeable dangers to the public and to the natural ecology. Throughout the year Lenny Arkinstall, Executive Director of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewards, and homeless advocates from the City of Long Beach cooperated to humanly remove these camps.
- This removal of homeless from the Bryant property was successful for several months; however, one encampment has been reestablished on the eastern parcel. The occupants continue to degrade the site and have built a permanent fire ring. Lenny Arkinstall and City Advocates visited the camp in October of 2007, asked the occupants to leave, and posted signs alerting the trespassing individual. The occupant has yet to respond to their request and continues to take up residence in the southwestern corner of the west parcel. LCWA staff needs to give official permission to the Long Beach Police Department in order to have the occupants removed from the site. It is also suggested that LCWA staff meet with Lenny Arkinstall and Signal Hill Oil to put together a plan for dealing with this issue in the future.
- At the request of LCWA, LA County Flood Control representatives put locks on two gates along the San Gabriel River that give easy access to the west parcel. LCWA staff should continue to monitor these gates to ensure they remain locked.
- A large graffiti sign (spelling S-P-A-I-N) on one of the oil mule fences on the western parcel was removed. It is uncertain who cleaned up the graffiti but it likely was done by

Signal Hill Oil workers.

- The western parcel contains much dead vegetative debris that has been cut by homeless. This debris needs to be removed from site for fire safety. Likewise, both parcels also contain dead brush from annual plants that should be appropriately cleared for fire safety.
- LCWA staff has identified locations for property ownership signage. Trespassing by the public and use of the land for unpermitted activities has been observed on several occasions. Signs will help control this issue.

EDUCATION AND STEWARDSHIP EVENTS

- On October 13th, 2007 LCWA staff hosted a tour of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Complex for Madelyn Glickfield's Environmental Science class from UCLA. A total of 45 students attended the tour. The tour was of the entire wetlands complex and involved a visit to Zedler Marsh to demonstrate the importance of tidal influence. No volunteer work was done on site.
- On October 6th, 2007 the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewards hosted the second annual Joy Zedler Marsh Clean-Up on the east Bryant parcel. LCWA staff was present throughout the event to escort volunteers and provide supervision. A total of 33 volunteers attended the event and removed 25 bags of debris from this small wetland. Pictures of the event are below. All debris was properly disposed of by the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewards.

The debris and volunteers



Two truckloads of trash



SPECIES RICHNESS for BRYANT PARCELS

This list includes all the native organisms observed by LCWA staff on both parcels of the former Bryant property. Non-native plants are also included.

Native Plants

*Frankenia salina** - Alkali Heath
*Juncus acutus** - Spiny Rush
*Distichlis spicata** - Salt Grass
*Salicornia virginica** - Pickleweed
*Salicornia subterminalis** - Glasswort
*Salicornia bigelovii** - Annual Pickleweed
*Batis maritima** - Saltwort
*Monanthochloe littoralis** - Shoregrass
*Jaumea Carnosa** - Salty Susan
*Spergularia marina** - Sand Spurry
*Cressa trunxilensis** - Alkali Weed
*Limonium californicum** - Sea Lavender; Marsh Rosemary
*Triglochin cocinum** - Arrow-Grass
Scirpus spp. - Tule/Bulrush
Typha spp. - Cattail
Malvella leprosa – Alkali Mallow
Isocoma menziesii - Goldenbush
Baccharis salicifolia - Mulefat
Baccharis pilularis – Coyote Bush
Baccharis emorii – Emorys Baccharis
Heliotropium curassavicum – Seaside Heliotrope
Centromadia parryi ssp. *australis* - Southern Tarplant (species of special concern)
Ulva spp. – Sea Lettuce (algae)

*salt marsh plant

Exotic Plants

Acacia spp.
Eucalyptus spp. – Gum Trees
Myoporum laetum – Lollypop Tree
Raphanus sativus – Wild Radish *Brassica nigra* – Black Mustard
Centaurea melitensis - Napa Thistle *Xanthium strumarium* – cocklebur
Atriplex semibaccata - Australian Saltbush
Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum – Slender-Leafed Iceplant
Mesembryanthemum crystallinum – Crystalline Iceplant
Salsola sp. - Russian Thistle
Rumex crispus – Curly dock
Cortedaria seloana -Pampas Grass
Washingtonia robusta – Mexican Fan Palm

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Phoenix canariensis – Canary Island Date Palm

Riscinus communis – Castor Bean
Carpobrotus edulis – Hottentot Fig
Cotula coronopifolia – brass buttons
Paraphols incruva – Sickle Grass
Polypogon monspeliensis – Rabbits Foot Grass
Nicotiana glauca – Tree Tobacco

Animals

Birds

Belding's Savannah Sparrow – *Passerculus sandwichensis beldingi* endangered species (1 pair in Zedler Marsh; 1 pair in Callaway Marsh; 2-4 pairs in west parcel)

California Least Tern - *Sterna antillarum* (fishing in Zedler Marsh) endangered species

California Brown Pelican – *Pelecanus occidentalis* endangered species

Forsters Tern – *Sterna forsteri*

Willet – *Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*

Killdeer – *Charadrius vociferus*

Mallards – *Anas platyrhynchos*

Long-Billed Dowitcher – *Limnodromus scolopaceus*

Turkey Vulture – *Cathartes aura*

Great Blue Heron – *Ardea herodias*

Cliff Swallow - *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*

Western Kingbird - *Tyrannus verticalis*

Cinnamon Teal – *Anas cyanoptera*

Anna's Hummingbird – *Calypte anna*

Belted King Fisher - *Ceryle alcyon*

Osprey – *Pandion haliaetus*

White Crowned Sparrow – *Zonotrichia leucophrys*

Marsh Wren – *Cistothorus palustris*

Canada Geese – *Branta canadensis*

Snowy Egret – *Egretta thula*

Great Egret – *Ardea alba* Marbled Godwit – *Limosa fedoa*

White-Tailed Kite – *Elanus leucurus*

Buffle Head – *Bucephala albeola*

American Widgeon – *Anas americanus*

Black Pheobe – *Sayornis nigricans*

Loggerhead Shrike – *Lanius ludovicianus* (Species of special concern)

Lesser Scaup – *Aythya affinis*

Double-Crested Cormarant – *Phalacrocorax auritis*

House Finch – *Carpodacus mexicanus*

House Sparrow – *Passer domesticus*

Mourning Dove – *Zenaida macroura*

American Avocet – *Recurvirostra americana*

Black bellied plover – *Pluvialis squatarola*

Caspian Tern – *Sterna caspia*
European Starling – *Sturnus vulgaris*
Least Sandpipers – *Calidris minutilla*
Long Billed Curlew -*Numenius americanus*
Northern Mockingbird – *Mimus polyglottos*
Red-Tailed Hawk – *Buteo jamaicensis*
Red Winged Black Bird – *Agelaius phoeniceus*
Rock Pigeon – *Columba livia*
Short-Billed Dowitcher – *Limnodromus griseus*
Western Gull – *Larus occidentalis*
Barn Swallow – *Hirundo rustica*
Western Sandpiper – *Calidris mauri*
American Crow – *Corvus brachyrhynchos*
American Kestrel – *Falco sparverius*
Western Meadowlark – *Sturnella neglecta*

Invertebrates

Wandering Skipper – *Panoquina errans* endangered species
Salt Marsh Tiger Beetle – *Cicindella* spp. (Species of special concern)
California Horn Snail – *Cerithidia californica*
Striped Shore Crab – *Pachygrapsus crassipes*

Mammals

Coyote -*Canis latrans*
Western Harvest Mouse -*Reithrodontomys megalotis* (Species of Special Concern)

Fishes

Topsmelt – *Atherinops affinis* Stripped Mullet -*Mugil cephalus*

Reptiles

Side Blotch Lizard – *Uta stansburiana*

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Date: February 6, 2008

To: Governing Board Members

From: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

Subject: Agenda Item 5: Status report on negotiations for acquisition of the "Hellman" property in the City of Seal Beach. Property Description: Assessor Parcel Nos.: 043-160-31, 043-160-32, 043-160-59 (Portion), 043-160-61 (Portion), 095-010-25 (Portion), 095-010-26 (Portion), 095-010-59 (Portion).

Staff will give an update on the status of negotiations in closed session.

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Date: February 6, 2008

To: Governing Board Members

From: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

Subject: Agenda Item 6: Consideration of resolution amending resolution 2007-5 adopted November 7, 2007 for execution and performance of an agreement with the Wildlife Conservation Board and to authorize acquisition of the "Hellman" property.

Recommendation

That the LCWA authorize amending resolution 2007-5 adopted November 7, 2007 for the execution and performance of an agreement with the Wildlife Conservation Board and to authorize acquisition of the "Hellman" property

Background

The Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB), a state agency, has been a partner in the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project since its formation and has been an active grantor of funds for major acquisition projects. The Hellman property in particular has been a high priority for the Wetlands Recovery Project and WCB. Funds for the acquisition have been identified by the WCB and a grant agreement has been drafted for this project. However, staff has been advised that the resolution adopted in November does not comply with the terms and conditions required by WCB therefore the resolution has been revised to: 1) authorize the execution and performance of grant agreement WC-6020RN and 2) to authorize acquisition of the "Hellman" property by the LCWA (Grantee)

February 6, 2008, Agenda Item 6

RESOLUTION 2008-01

RESOLUTION OF THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY (LCWA)
AUTHORIZING AN AMENDED RESOLUTION FOR THE EXECUTION AND PERFORMANCE
OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD AND ACQUISITION
OF THE "HELLMAN" PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (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 grant agreement with the Wildlife Conservation Board will provide funds for acquisition of a critical property in 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. AUTHORIZES the execution and performance of a grant agreement with the Wildlife Conservation Board
4. AUTHORIZES acquisition of the "Hellman" property.
5. AUTHORIZES the Executive Officer to execute the agreement consistent with the conditions specified in WCB Grant Agreement # WC-6020RN.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY on February 6, 2008.

Chair

Attest:

Terry Fujimoto, Deputy Attorney General