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## LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY

100 N Old San Gabriel Canyon Road  
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### **Board Meeting Materials**

May 14, 2008

#### **Board Members**

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

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The public meeting of the  
**Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA)**

will be held on

**Wednesday, May 14, 2008  
at 3:30 p.m.**

at the following location:

**Long Beach Museum of Art**  
2300 East Ocean Boulevard  
Long Beach, CA 90803

**AGENDA**

1. 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.*
2. Approval of February 6, 2007 Minutes
3. Report and discussion on Workplan Implementation.
4. Discussion of proposed Phase I stewardship workplan.
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 authorizing Step 2 Phased Grant Applications to the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for: a) Dean/Berger Acquisition Preliminary Cost, b) Hellman Restoration and Recreational Improvements Conceptual Plan and c) Phase I Restoration and Recreational Improvements Conceptual Plan
7. Consideration of resolution approving a LCWA logo
8. Statements, responses, questions or directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2(a) of the Government Code.
9. Announcement of next meeting – August 13, 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) 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 Belinda V. Faustinos at (626) 815-1019 ext 100 at least 3 days prior to the meeting*

**MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING  
LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY (LCWA)  
FEBRUARY 6, 2008**

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

**New Board member Patrick O'Donnell was sworn in by Mr. Fujimoto.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gary DeLong at 3:01pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chair Gary DeLong  
Mr. Patrick O'Donnell  
Mike Levitt (for Mr. Larson)  
Mary Small (for Vice Chair Schuchat)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mary Parsell, El Dorado Audubon, informed the Board that new ponds in the wetlands have developed due to the recent heavy rain and gave a description of the area, and noted that as a result of the ponds migratory ducks and other species are now in the area.

**3. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 7, 2007 MINUTES**

No corrections were noted.

**Mr. O'Donnell motioned to approve the minutes; Ms. Small seconded the motion. Mr. Levitt abstained. Passed.**

**4. REPORT AND DISCUSSION ON WORKPLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

The Executive Officer gave a brief synopsis on the staff report which included the Phase 1 Access Improvements and the pending application to the Coastal Commission for the drive-way access, the letter that was sent to the President and CEO of Edison by Chair

DeLong and the responses that were received, a brief background summary was given on the Edison parcel, a graphic description was presented on the State Lands Commission parcel, and an update on the Dept. of Water and Power parcel, public access improvements and wetlands restoration was given. It was noted that the logo for the authority is still pending.

Eric Zahn, LCWA Project Manager, gave a brief summary and update on the stewardship activities which included problems regarding homeless people and trash in the area, and clean up efforts.

- 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 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, LUZ TORRES, AND BELINDA V. FAUSTINOS. UNDER CONSIDERATION: PRICE AND TERMS.**

Bob Thiel gave a brief summary regarding the negotiations on the site which included discussions with the seller to resolve outstanding issues which involves the remediation funds, residential property owners along the southern boundary and possible encroachments, and insurance policies and independent review of the policies.

The Executive Officer reported that there has been significant progress made with the negotiations and that staff anticipates that within this calendar year the transaction will be concluded. It was noted that the grant that was on the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) agenda for the month of February has been delayed but that the funds are still secure and that the WCB is still committed to funding the project.

- 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.**

The Executive Officer reported that a new resolution was included in the Board report and that the WCB has requested that staff amend the resolution that was previously adopted. It was noted that the WCB wanted specific approval and authorization to execute the performance on the agreement and to authorize acquisition of the Hellman property. It was also noted that the Board needs to adopt a specific action to authorize the acquisition when the deal is fully complete.

**Mr. O'Donnell moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Levitt seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.**

- 7. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF REMAINING BRYANT TRUST AND DEAN BERGER (FORMERLY KNOWN AS BIXBY RANCH CO.) PROPERTIES.**

Chair DeLong explained that, from the perspective of the City of Long Beach, it is unlikely that there will be development on the property and suggested that the LCWA

have a back-up offer in order to be in the position to acquire the property.

The Executive Officer reported that staff met with the representative of Mr. Bryant several months ago and had discussions regarding the retained parcels and the that the representative and Mr. Bryant are aware of what the LCWA's consideration might be given the price that was paid for the Phase 1 parcels. It was noted that the representative and Mr. Bryant are fully aware that this is a project that is a high priority for the LCWA; however, there has been no progress.

There was discussion regarding the unwillingness of the property owner to sell to the LCWA, the LCWA making an offer, and the possibility of development on the property.

It was suggested that staff submit a letter indicating that that the LCWA is interested in acquiring the property using specific language to include "at the current appraised value". It was agreed that staff would contact the property owner verbally and in writing expressing the LCWA's interest in acquiring the property.

Further discussion included the affects of the different seasons on the property and wetlands delineation studies.

**8. 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.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Board meeting will be held on May 7, 2008.

**10. UPON COMPLETION OF BUSINESS**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Gary DeLong at 3:40 p.m.

**Mr. Levitt moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Small seconded.**

**Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority**

Date: May 14, 2008

To: Governing Board Members

From: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

Subject: Agenda Item 3: 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  |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Capital Projects</b>     |  |   |
| 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 is currently determining which option would provide prompt access into Phase I parcels <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If obtaining a Coastal Development Permit for construction of a driveway <b>or</b></li> <li>2. An easement from Berger/Dean to enter the Phase I property through their driveway.</li> </ol> |
| Hellman Acquisition         | Negotiations with the owner, regarding purchase price, terms and environmental clean up.   | Negotiations are underway between the LCWA and Hellman interests. Coastal Conservancy staff will take a recommendation to their Board on June 5 for authorization by the Coastal Conservancy Executive Officer to vote for its acquisition.   |
| 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.                             | Edison has dedicated a 5-acre parcel and LCWA has accepted the offer. Currently LCWA staff is developing a workplan for land management and staff is expecting to issue a Request for Proposals to evaluate the feasibility of using the parcel for natural resource restoration or other purposes.                                 |

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| 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. | No response has been received from State Lands Commission since the last inquiry.<br><br>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; 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. |
| 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 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue.   | Staff has received an interest letter from Jeff Berger and he will contact the LCWA staff to schedule a meeting to discuss possibilities of acquisition.  |
| 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 is developing an Interim Wetland Restoration Plan for Phase I which will include community outreach, design elements and interpretive signage.  |
| Wetlands Stewardship    | Active stewardship of the existing wetlands on the Phase I parcels is critical.   | An interim stewardship plan has been approved. Item 4 on this agenda includes a proposed scope of work for the Phase I property.  |

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| 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.   |
| <b>Administrative/ Management Projects</b>   |  |   |
| 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.   | Staff has developed three designs for consideration.  |
| 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.  |
| 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.   |

**Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority**

Date: May 14, 2008  
To: Governing Board Members  
From: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer  
Subject: Agenda Item 4: Discussion of proposed Phase I stewardship workplan.

**Background**

The LCWA has acquired two properties within the Los Cerritos Wetlands Complex which include Phase I, comprised of approximately 66 acres and the Edison parcel comprised of 5 acres. These lands require an interim plan to manage the land, preserve the existing natural resources and enhance and restore degraded habitat. The attached workplan is proposed for the Phase I properties.

## Phase I Site (Bryant) Habitat Maintenance Scope of Work

Prepared by Eric Zahn  
March, 12<sup>th</sup> 2008

### Tree Trimming:

To prevent establishment of encampments and for fire safety, the consultant will trim all mature non-native trees and shrubs at least 6 feet from the ground. Dead, dying, and immature non-native trees will be removed. Any trees in danger of interfering with utilities will be removed. LCWA staff will pursue the necessary permits for this work.

| Tree Species                    | Common Name           | Total # | Cost |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|------|
| <i>Myoporum laetum</i>          | Cajeput Tree          | 62      | TBD  |
| <i>Washintonia</i> spp.         | Fan Palms             | 35      | TBD  |
| <i>Acacia pycnantha</i>         | Golden Wattle         | 16      | TBD  |
| <i>Eucalyptus globulus</i>      | Blue Gum Tree         | 7       | TBD  |
| <i>Cortaderia selloana</i>      | Pampas Grass          | 7       | TBD  |
| <i>Schinus terebinthifolius</i> | Brazilian Pepper Tree | 5       | TBD  |
| <i>Phoenix canariensis</i>      | Canary Palm           | 5       | TBD  |
| <i>Nicotiana glauca</i>         | Tobacco Tree          | 1       | TBD  |

### Weed Management:

To eliminate fire hazards, all dead and/or dying vegetative debris will be removed from the property by the consultant. Special focus will be paid around pipes or other utilities/facilities. The consultant will also remove annual weeds each spring. Different methods will be used depending on the size of the infestation, the species of plant, and the location of the infestation. Manual removal will be utilized with smaller infestations or with weeds growing around ecological sensitive areas or utilities. Weed whackers will be utilized for larger more established infestations in non-sensitive areas. This work will be done in two phases and species priority will be determined by a resource specialist. LCWA staff will pursue the necessary permits for this work.

#### Phase 1: to be completed Spring 2008

- Immediate management of weeds or vegetative debris around pipes and other utilities/facilities that may pose fire hazards
- Eradication of non-native weeds from ecological sensitive areas

#### Phase 2: to be completed after Phase 1 completion

- Removal of weed infestations from non-sensitive areas that may spread into other areas.
- Continued monitoring of weeds around utilities and ecological sensitive areas.

### Trash Management:

The San Gabriel River, wind, and trespassers are the three vectors that allow trash and debris to enter the property. To prevent trash from entering via the river, the consultant will install a small boom system inside of the culvert of Zedler Marsh. The consultant and LCWA staff will

cooperate to organize regular community clean-ups to remove trash that eludes the boom or is blown onto the property from surrounding urban areas. Debris from encampments will be properly disposed by the consultant, with the assistance the City of Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine Bureau.

**Site Security:**

To prevent trespassing and unauthorized vehicle entrance, Signal Hill Petroleum has agreed to design and install a gate on the East parcel that will separate the Bryant Trust Land from the LCWA Land. Signal Hill Petroleum and LCWA staff will design a plan to improve fencing along the “old bridge” portion of the West Parcel. Ownership signage will be designed by LCWA staff and installed in appropriate areas throughout the property.

**Homeless Remediation:**

With no incomplete fencing around the property perimeter, enforcement of trespassing is a perpetual task. Regular site visitation and monitoring will occur by all parties to ensure the safety of the oil operations and to assess ecological impacts by any occupants. Encampments within 100 feet of any oil operations will be removed by consultants immediately. Otherwise the trimming of low growing trees and perimeter fencing improvements should keep this from being an issue in the future.

**Road Maintenance:**

Signal Hill Petroleum and LCWA staff will work to identify the roads throughout the property that can be retired. In order to ensure safe access to utilities and to reduce dust pollution, Signal Hill Petroleum will identify roads in need of maintenance. Signal Hill Petroleum, with the support of LCWA staff, will pursue the necessary permits required for road repair.

## Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Date: May 14, 2008

To: Governing Board Members

From: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

Subject: Item 6: Consideration of resolution authorizing Step 2 Phased Grant Applications to the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for: a) Dean/Berger Acquisition Preliminary Cost, b) Hellman Restoration and Recreational Improvements Conceptual Plan and c) Phase I Restoration and Recreational Improvements Conceptual Plan

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the LCWA authorize staff to proceed with the completion of the Step 2 phased applications for the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy grant program for: 1) Bixby/Dean Acquisition, 2) Hellman Site Restoration and Recreational Improvements and 3)Phase I Site Restoration and Recreational Improvements.

**BACKGROUND:** In November the staff completed Step 1 applications for grants for various projects in the LCWA jurisdiction to the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. At this time the RMC is requesting that the LCWA either complete the Step 2 Application for each project or defer the project to the next round in the spring of 2009. The projects that staff recommends for a Phased Step 2 Application are as follow:

### **Dean/Berger (formerly Bixby) Acquisition Preliminary Costs**

Project Cost: \$150,000

This grant request was submitted by the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority staff to negotiate the surface rights of 185 acre property located on the eastern most portions of the Authority's boundaries. The purchase of this property will enhance and provide public access to 45 acres of pristine tidal salt marsh habitat, as well as several acres of brackish marsh mixed with an abundance of degraded salt marsh. Costly Hydrological restoration and habitat restoration will be needed to improve the habitat value. A network of public recreation trails will also be included. Recently an interest letter was received on March 11, 2008 from the new property owner Jeff Berger to engage in discussions for the sale of the property (Exhibit A). The expenses that could be covered by this grant request are: consultants, preliminary title reports, wetlands delineation, environmental assessment, appraisal, etc.

### **Hellman Site Restoration and Recreational Improvements Conceptual Plan Development**

Project Cost \$500,000

This grant request was submitted by the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority staff to initiate restoration of the salt marsh and upland habitat on 100 acres of wetlands located on the Hellman Property. A large part of this project will involve a costly hydrological engineering aspect intended to improve the tidal flushing on site. This will also improve the recreational access by linking the San Gabriel River Bike Trail and Hellman Site with neighboring parks and communities of Seal Beach. The phased grant application would include the preliminary studies and planning necessary to undertake this effort immediately after the property is acquired by the LCWA and in coordination with restoration opportunities in adjacent sites such as the Bryant (Phase I and retained) and Berger/Dean properties.

**Phase I Site Restoration and Recreational Improvements Conceptual Plan Development**

Project cost: \$500,000

This grant request was submitted by the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority for restoration and recreational improvements to the 66 acre Phase I site. The property is adjacent to the Los Cerritos Wetlands and will allow enhancement of a small tidal marsh on the east parcel, while fully restoring the degraded historic wetlands on the west side of the San Gabriel River. Funding will also allow for the design of public trails connecting the communities of Southeast Long Beach and Seal Beach in addition to developing a comprehensive restoration plan for the Phase I site. The phased grant application would include the preliminary studies and planning necessary to undertake this effort in coordination with restoration opportunities in adjacent sites such as the Hellman, Bryant retained and Berger/Dean properties.

May 14, 2008 - Item 6A

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-02

RESOLUTION OF THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2002, THE WATER, SECURITY, CLEAN DRINKING WATER, COASTAL AND BEACH PROTECTION ACT OF 2002, AND THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROP 84) FOR DEAN/BERGER ACQUISITION PRELIMINARY COSTS

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 of an environmental enhancement of the Los Cerritos Wetlands; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40) in 2002, and the Water, Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50), and the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) which provides funds for the RMC Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant program in its jurisdiction, setting up necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by RMC require the Applicant's Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of the Application before submission of said Application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant will enter into a Contract with the State of California for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; NOW

*Therefore be it resolved that the WCA hereby:*

1. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. ADOPTS the staff report dated May 15, 2008.

3. AUTHORIZES application for funds from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Grant Program for the Dean/Berger Acquisition Preliminary Cost project.

*~ End of Resolution ~*

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the  
LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY  
ON May 14, 2008.

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Gary De Long, Chair

ATTEST:

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Terry Fujimoto  
Deputy Attorney General

May 14, 2008 - Item 6B

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-03

RESOLUTION OF THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2002, THE WATER, SECURITY, CLEAN DRINKING WATER, COASTAL AND BEACH PROTECTION ACT OF 2002, AND THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROP 84) FOR HELLMAN RESTORATION AND RECREATIONAL IMPROVMENTS CONCEPTUAL PLAN

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 of an environmental enhancement of the Los Cerritos Wetlands; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40) in 2002, and the Water, Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50), and the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) which provides funds for the RMC Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant program in its jurisdiction, setting up necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by RMC require the Applicant's Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of the Application before submission of said Application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant will enter into a Contract with the State of California for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; NOW

*Therefore be it resolved that the WCA hereby:*

1. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. ADOPTS the staff report dated May 15, 2008.

3. AUTHORIZES application for funds from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Grant Program for the Hellman Restoration and Recreational Improvements Conceptual Plan.

*~ End of Resolution ~*

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the  
LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY  
ON May 14, 2008.

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Gary De Long, Chair

ATTEST:

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Terry Fujimoto  
Deputy Attorney General

May 14, 2008 - Item 6C

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-04

RESOLUTION OF THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY  
AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE  
CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS,  
AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2002, THE WATER,  
SECURITY, CLEAN DRINKING WATER, COASTAL AND BEACH  
PROTECTION ACT OF 2002, AND THE SAFE DRINKING WATER,  
WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND  
COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROP 84) FOR PHASE  
I RESTORATION AND RECREATIONAL IMPROVMENTS  
CONCEPTUAL PLAN

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WHEREAS, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant program in its jurisdiction, setting up necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by RMC require the Applicant's Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of the Application before submission of said Application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant will enter into a Contract with the State of California for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; NOW

*Therefore be it resolved that the WCA hereby:*

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3. AUTHORIZES application for funds from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Grant Program for the Phase I Restoration and Recreational Improvements Conceptual Plan.

*~ End of Resolution ~*

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Gary De Long, Chair

ATTEST:

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Terry Fujimoto  
Deputy Attorney General

**Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority**

Date: May 14, 2008

To: Governing Board Members

From: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

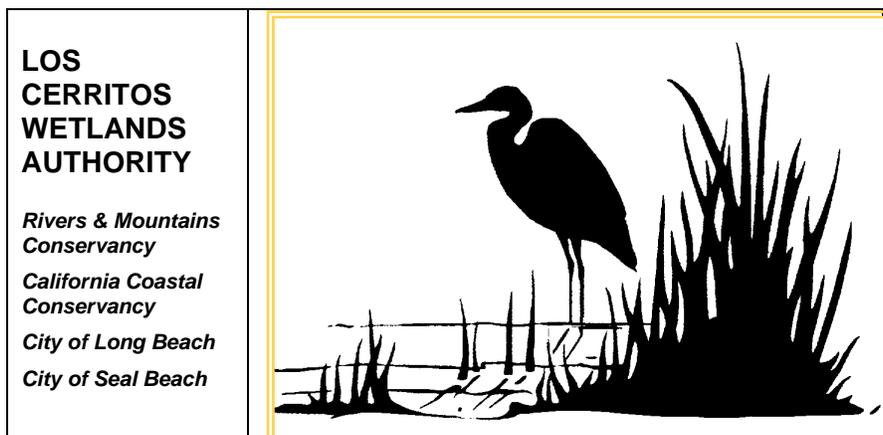
Subject: Agenda Item 7: Consideration of resolution approving a LCWA logo

**Recommendation:** That the LCWA authorize one of the following logos for use in the all of the LCWA pamphlets, brochures, websites and all other LCWA printed materials.

**Background:** The LCWA staff and community members have developed the following logos to embody and symbolize the Los Cerritos Wetlands. The first logo denotes a great white egret (*Ardea alba*) on the edges of the wetlands. The second logo incorporates the same graphic image with a more stylized use of the acronym.

The third logo uses the image of two small hills draining into the wetlands; “los cerritos” translates into Spanish as “little hills” and conveys the complexities of a wetland and is representative of the entire San Gabriel River watershed by denoting the headwaters from the mountains and the watershed continues downstream pass the two hills in the logo and flows into San Gabriel River and finally drains into the wetlands.

Lastly, staff has included the graphic we are currently using for our publications for your consideration.





Rivers & Mountains Conservancy - California Coastal Conservancy - City of Long Beach - City of Seal Beach

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