

**MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY (LCWA)
AUGUST 10, 2011**

The meeting was held at the Long Beach Yacht Club, 6201 Appian Way
Skipper's Cove Conference Room, Long Beach, CA 90803.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gary DeLong at 2:01 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Gary DeLong, Chair
Mr. Sam Schuchat, Vice Chair
Ms. Ellery Deaton
Mr. Patrick O'Donnell

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Joan Cardellino, Interim Executive Officer
Valerie Thompson, Executive Secretary
Terry Fujimoto, Deputy Attorney General

STAFF ABSENT:

None

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schuchat made a comment regarding Item 6 (grant funds from the Coastal Conservancy for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Conceptual Restoration Plan) and comments made by Joan Cardellino. Ms. Cardellino mentioned that she thought that her comment was that State Coastal Conservancy had no intention of being the sole funder and that it was agreed to bring the item back to the Board at a future meeting to discuss a funding plan.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the minutes as amended; Ms. Deaton seconded the motion. Unanimously passed

4. STATUS REPORT ON WORKPLAN IMPLEMENTATION INCLUDING LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM AND LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS CONCEPTUAL RESTORATION PLAN.

Ms. Cardellino gave a brief update on the Los Cerritos Wetlands Conceptual Restoration Plan and Market Place Marsh appraisal. There was discussion regarding funding of the conceptual plan.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the item; Vice Chair Schuchat seconded the motion. Unanimously passed. Item received and filed.

5. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICES LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM FOR FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT A COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM FOCUSED ON THE ENHANCEMENT, RESTORATION AND OVERALL IMPROVEMENT OF ZELDER MARSH'S COASTAL HABITATS (LCWA08005).

Ms. Cardellino gave a brief update regarding the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services' offer to allocate additional funding to the LCWA for the project.

Ms. Deaton moved to approve the item; Vice Chair Schuchat seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

6. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION, ASSURANCES AND RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE COASTAL CONSERVANCY FOR THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS CONCEPTUAL RESTORATION PLAN CONTINGENT UPON THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2011 COASTAL CONSERVANCY BOARD APPROVAL. (LCWA08009).

Ms. Cardellino informed the Board that that approval of the item would authorize LCWA staff to apply for a grant in the amount of \$225,000, from the State Coastal Conservancy, and to authorize the LCWA Executive Officer to enter into any necessary agreements in order to receive the funds. It was also noted that the funding would be used to cover the additional properties that are not publicly held and to provide funding for a project manager provided by the City of Long Beach.

Vice Chair Schuchat moved to approve the item; Mr. O'Donnell seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

7. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING LCWA BUDGET FY 11/12.

There was no report given as the staff report was self-explanatory. Ms. Deaton had questions regarding the budget for 2013, and identifying necessary funding from member agencies.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the item; Ms. Deaton seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

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

There were comments regarding the El Dorado Audubon walks on Hellman property.

11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on November 9, 2011.

12. ADJOURNMENT UPON COMPLETION OF BUSINESS

Chair DeLong adjourned the meeting at 2:20p.m.