

**Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority**

**Date:** December 14, 2011

**To:** Governing Board Members

**From:** Joan Cardellino, Interim Executive Officer

**Subject:** Agenda Item 9: Consideration of resolution authorizing an extension of one year to the following Memorandums of Agreements: 1. Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewards; 2. Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust; 3. Save Our Beach and 4. El Dorado Audubon.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The LCWA authorize an extension of one year to the following Memorandums of Agreements: 1. Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewards; 2. Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust; 3. Save Our Beach; and 4. El Dorado Audubon.

**BACKGROUND:** These Memorandums of Agreements with 1. Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewards; 2. Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust; 3. Save Our Beach; and 4. El Dorado Audubon were executed in 2010 and since then, these MOAs have successfully implemented the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program (LCWSP) by engaging the community, leverage funding for the LCWSP and providing technical services such as weed abatement, public tour/nature walks, trash clean-ups and bird walks. Most recently, the Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust was awarded a grant from the Community Wetland Restoration Grant Program to continue funding of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program through September 2012.

The LCWA continues to work with local non-profit groups to develop and implement the LCWSP through the MOAs. These MOAs are critical for allowing public access into the Los Cerritos Wetlands and the public becoming active participates in stewardship activities. Without the MOAs, the LCWA does not have staff to administer, manage and implement a public program or even allow public access into the Los Cerritos Wetlands. The organizations which administer the MOAs are highly qualified to provide such services, including organizing and engaging the community, distributing information for habitat restoration events to the public at-large, and are leaders who represent the LCWSP well. These non-profits continue to successfully implement the goals of the LCWSP, including, promoting community involvement through environmental education, maintenance, restoration, and monitoring of the wetlands.

In addition, these non-profits which manage the MOAs have abided to the LCWA set conditions for administration, which are: 1) any public events must be consistent with all applicable access agreements, 2) the MOAs will be at no cost to the LCWA, 3) the MOAs must meet all insurance and liability provisions that may be recommended by the LCWA legal counsel and 4) the entity has a proven ability to render such services.

The MOAs (Exhibit A) are proposed to be extended for one additional year through December 31, 2012. These MOAs are essential to meet the LCWA's goals set forth in the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program and meet the LCWA's programmatic objectives of providing for a thriving wetlands ecosystem.

**FISCAL:** The extension of the MOA with each organization is at no cost to the LCWA.

**Exhibit A****Memorandum of Agreement****Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewards, Inc.  
and  
The Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority**

Whereas, The Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewards, Incorporated (Stewards) was established in 1994 as a 501c3 non-profit organization in the State of California with a main focus of stewardship for the Los Cerritos Wetlands and other natural areas throughout the City of Long Beach. Stewardship activities include natural habitat maintenance for the City of Long Beach, eradication of non-native invasive weeds, mulching, planting native plants, and the removal of debris and trash; and

Whereas, The Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA) was established as a joint powers authority formed by San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC), State Coastal Conservancy (SCC), City of Long Beach (LBC) and City of Seal Beach (SBC) to provide for a comprehensive program of acquisition, protection, conservation, restoration, maintenance and operation and environmental enhancement of the Los Cerritos Wetlands area consistent with the goals of flood protection, habitat protection and restoration, and improved water supply, water quality, groundwater recharge and water conservation; and

Whereas, the LCWA adopted the Los Cerritos Wetlands Interim Stewardship Program (Interim Stewardship Program) on August 1, 2007 to promote community involvement with environmental education, maintenance, restoration, and monitoring of the wetland areas owned by the LCWA; and

Whereas, this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) provides the Stewards with the authorization to enter into all LCWA properties in order for the Stewards to conduct and implement the Interim Stewardship Program. Further the Stewards has provided the LCWA with all the necessary insurance and liability provisions as recommended by legal counsel; and

Whereas, the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewards Regular Scheduled Activities provides a partial list of some of the opportunities in which the public can participate and more importantly indicates the dates and times the Stewards will be accessing LCWA properties; and

Whereas, the Stewards obtained the necessary easements, access, and rights of entry for entering into all the necessary properties to conduct their program; and

Whereas, the Stewards and Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (hereinafter referred collectively as the "Parties") have a mutual interest in the implementation of the Interim Stewardship Program which will promote and provide leadership in conservation and educate its members and the community so they may appreciate wetland habitat conservation and become stewards of the Los Cerritos Wetlands; and

NOW THEREFORE The Parties agree to the following memorandum of agreement:

**I. IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED:**

- A. The Parties agree to this MOA and are authorized to enter into this MOA for implementation of the Interim Stewardship Program.
- B. The Parties agree all inquiries, authorizations and permissions to enter LCWA properties can only be granted by the LCWA Property Manager and in compliance with the Interim Stewardship Program. The Stewards does not have the authority to grant permission to a third party to enter and use the LCWA properties.
- C. The Parties agree to update, expand and utilize the LCWA Volunteer Database to inform the public of upcoming events.
- D. The Parties agree that all work contemplated under this agreement must be consistent with the terms of the LCWA joint powers agreement, Interim Stewardship Program and the bylaws established by the Stewards. Should there be any conflicts between the terms and conditions of the LCWA joint powers agreement, Interim Stewardship Program and the bylaws established by the Stewards, the terms and conditions of the LCWA joint powers agreement shall control first, then the Interim Stewardship Program, followed by the MOA and then the Stewards bylaws.
- E. The effective date of the MOA is the date in which all parties have executed the MOA. The term of the MOA shall commence on the effective date through December 31, 2012. The term may be extended for additional years by mutual written agreement of the parties.
- F. No alteration or variation of the terms of this MOA shall be valid unless made in a written amendment to this MOA and signed by the parties hereto and no oral understanding or agreement incorporated herein shall be binding on any of the parties hereto.
- G. Coordination and communications between the Stewards and LCWA will be clear, concise and consistent in order to effectively implement the Interim Stewardship Program and avoid conflicts of scheduled tours, educational programs and other uses of the site. The Stewards and LCWA Project Manager will communicate (email, voicemail or written notification) on a weekly basis or when necessary on upcoming events. This information will be mutually shared with El Dorado Audubon and Friends of Colorado Lagoon and all communications will be conducted via LCWA Project Manager, first.
- H. Neither the LCWA nor any officer, agent or consultant thereof is responsible for any injury, damage or liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the Stewards under or in connection with any work, authority or jurisdiction conferred upon the Stewards and arising under this MOA. It is understood and agreed that the Stewards shall fully defend, indemnify and save harmless the LCWA and all its officers, agent or consultant from all claims, suits or actions of every name, kind and description brought forth under, including, but not limited to, tortious, contractual, inverse condemnation and other theories or

assertions of liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the Stewards under this MOA.

- I. Neither the Stewards nor any officer or employee thereof is responsible for any injury, damage or liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the LCWA under or in connection with any work, authority or jurisdiction conferred upon by the LCWA and arising under this Agreement. It is understood and agreed that LCWA shall fully defend, indemnify and save harmless the Stewards and all its officers and employees from all claims, suits or actions of every name, kind and description brought forth under, including, but not limited to, tortious, contractual, inverse condemnation and other theories or assertions of liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the LCWA under this MOA.

## **II. Responsibilities of each of the Parties**

### **A. Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewards**

1. The Stewards can pursue funding from state, federal and local grants and from private funding sources, which will contribute to community-based restoration programs with opportunities for public participation and foster stewardship of the Los Cerritos Wetlands and will fully implement the Interim Stewardship Program. Further, the LCWA will provide the Stewards with the necessary Letters of Commitment and Support for any funds grants submitted.
2. The Stewards will act as the fiscal agent and administer grants if awarded with a provision the LCWA Project Manager will have oversight and final decisions for management of all grants awarded. Quarterly Reports/Expenditures, Invoices, changes to the Work Program, Schedule and Budget will require review by 1. Project Manager assigned to administer the grant independent of the Stewards and LCWA and 2. LCWA Project Manager and once all agreed parties have reviewed the appropriate documents it will require final approval by the LCWA Project Manager before submitting any documents to the Granting Agency.
3. To retain all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to costs incurred, including support data for cost proposals, and make such materials available to the LCWA at all reasonable times during the life of this MOA. LCWA or any duly authorized representative of the joint powers authority shall have access to any books, records, and documents of the Stewards that are pertinent to this MOA for audits, examinations, excerpts, and transactions, and copies thereof shall be furnished if requested.
4. The Stewards will develop a work program that is consistent with the LCWA Interim Stewardship Program within 30 days if grants are awarded. The work program will require final sign-off by the LCWA Project Manager before submitting to the Granting Agency.

5. Submit a work program for Regular Scheduled Activities including all Community-base stewardship activities within 30 days of execution of this MOA. This work program will provide a list of some of the opportunities the public can participate and more importantly indicates the dates and times the Stewards will be accessing LCWA properties.
6. Provide homeless remediation for the ongoing homeless activities and provide the homeless with opportunities and available resources for relocation.
7. If resources are available, the Stewards will patrol LCWA properties and immediately report any illegal activities to the LCWA Property Manager. If during these patrols, an emergency occurs and immediate response is necessary, the Stewards must notify (email/voicemail/written notification) LCWA Property Manager within one day of the action taken and record and document all activities.
8. Care for the LCWA properties through regular scheduled habitat maintenance activities such as trash removal, weed eradication, etc. to preserve the integrity and health of the existing habitat. The Stewards will submit quarterly reports due March 30, June 30, September 30 and December 30 of all activities performed during these quarterly periods. Quarterly Reports will include the following
  - a. Emergency Activities and Response Actions Taken
  - b. Regular scheduled activities to maintain the integrity and health of the habitat
  - c. Provide a checklist of species observed including any special status species and nesting belding's Savannah sparrows
9. Sponsor The Annual Zelder Marsh Clean-up and provide the necessary tools and volunteer training.
10. Update the Stewards website <http://www.lcwstewards.org/lcws/index.html> to publicize all LCWA and the Stewards upcoming public events.
11. Ensure the safety of all volunteers involved with the Stewardship Program and utilize the attached Liability Waiver.
12. The Stewards must provide personal restoration equipment, educational tools, (binoculars, computers, camera equipment) and any other equipment necessary for the implementation of the Interim Stewardship Program.
13. Coordinate with the LCWA on announcements of scheduled tours, educational programs and other uses of the site in order to avoid conflicting uses of the site.
14. Provides in kind operating costs, printing, postage, office supplies, rent and telephone services.

15. To perform all work in accordance with all policies, procedures, practices, and standards that the LCWA would normally follow.

**B. Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority**

1. Provides the Stewards with the necessary keys to enter all LCWA properties.
2. Provides in kind operating costs, printing, postage, office supplies, rent and telephone services, not to exceed \$5,000 in value.
3. Coordinate with the Stewards on announcements of scheduled tours, educational programs and other uses of the site in order to avoid conflicting uses of the site.
4. Stewardship Program will be updated and kept current as necessary additionally these updates will be distributed directly to the President of the Stewards to allow for timely implementation of these updates in their program.
5. LCWA will apply and retain all necessary regulatory permits such as Coastal Development Permits and obtain right of entry permits for implementation of the Interim Stewardship Program.
6. LCWA will provide oversight and final decisions for management of all grants awarded.

**For the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewards**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Lenny Arkininstall, President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**For the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Gary DeLong, Chair of Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Memorandum of Agreement**

**Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust  
and  
The Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority**

WHEREAS the Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust (LCWLT) is a non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of California to acquire, restore and preserve the San Gabriel River estuary (Los Cerritos Wetlands); and

WHEREAS the LCWLT engages in community education activities, including tours of the property owned by the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA), to inform groups and individuals about the value of the Los Cerritos Wetlands ecosystem, and participates in clean-up and other restoration measures involving the public; and

WHEREAS the LCWA was established as a joint powers authority formed by San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC), State Coastal Conservancy (SCC), City of Long Beach (LBC) and City of Seal Beach (SBC) to provide for a comprehensive program of acquisition, protection, conservation, restoration, maintenance, and operation and environmental enhancement of the Los Cerritos Wetlands area consistent with the goals of flood protection, habitat protection and restoration, and improved water supply, water quality, groundwater recharge and water conservation; and

WHEREAS the LCWLT has the right of entry into the (LCWA) properties in order to conduct their educational and stewardship program and further has provided LCWA with all the necessary insurance and liability provisions recommended by legal counsel; and

WHEREAS the LCWLT and the LCWA (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties") have a mutual interest in the implementation of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program, including the "Broad Community support and participation" anticipated in the introduction to the program,

NOW THEREFORE the Parties, each acting through duly authorized officers, enter into the following Memorandum of Agreement (MOA):

**I. General Conditions**

- A. The Parties to the MOA are the LCWLT and the LCWA.
- B. The Parties agree to fully execute this agreement in order to fully implement the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program.
- C. The term of agreement shall commence with the approval of this MOA by all Parties through December 31, 2012. The term may be extended by mutual agreement of all Parties.
- D. Coordination and communications between LCWLT and LCWA for uses of the LCWA property will be weekly in order to avoid conflicts of scheduled tours, educational programs, and other uses of the site.

- E. Neither the LCWA nor any officer, agent or consultant thereof is responsible for any injury, damage or liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the LCWLT under or in connection with any work, authority or jurisdiction conferred upon the LCWLT and arising under this MOA. It is understood and agreed that the LCWLT shall fully defend, indemnify and save harmless the LCWA and all its officers, agent or consultant from all claims, suits or actions of every name, kind and description brought forth under, including, but not limited to, tortious, contractual, inverse condemnation and other theories or assertions of liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the LCWLT under this MOA.
- F. Neither the LCWLT nor any officer or employee thereof is responsible for any injury, damage or liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the LCWA under or in connection with any work, authority or jurisdiction conferred upon by the LCWA and arising under this Agreement. It is understood and agreed that LCWA shall fully defend, indemnify and save harmless the LCWLT and all its officers and employees from all claims, suits or actions of every name, kind and description brought forth under, including, but not limited to, tortious, contractual, inverse condemnation and other theories or assertions of liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the LCWA under this MOA.

## **II. Responsibilities of the Parties**

### **A. Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust:**

1. Will obtain prior approval of the LCWA for any educational tours or stewardship activities, including tour leaders and their credentials.
2. Will undertake no stewardship activities without the supervision of a biologist approved by the RMC.
2. Will provide LCWA with any biological data or other information that might be revealed during activities, and
3. Will not incur any costs to the LCWA and its Stewardship Program. Will be responsible for providing for itself any equipment needed for stewardship or educational purposes.

### **B. Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority:**

1. Will provide LCWLT with the necessary keys to enter the LCWA properties.
2. Will coordinate with LCWLT on announcements of scheduled tours, educational programs, and other uses of the site in order to avoid conflicting uses.
3. Will inform LCWLT of any new developments in the Stewardship Program in which LCWLT might be able to participate.

4. Will suggest activities suitable for the LCWLT when appropriate.

**For the Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Patricia T. Bliss, President

**For the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Gary DeLong, Chair

## Memorandum of Agreement

### **SAVE OUR BEACH AND LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY**

Whereas, Save Our Beach was established in 1999 as a 501c3 non-profit corporation in the State of California with a main focus of beach cleanups along the Southern California coastline as well as wetlands cleanups and environmental education.

Whereas, Save Our Beach has the authority of the right of entry into all the LCWA properties in order for Save Our Beach to conduct their cleanup program and further has provided LCWA with all the necessary insurance and liability provisions recommended by legal counsel, please see attached; and

Whereas, Save Our Beach and Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (hereinafter referred collectively as the "Parties") have a mutual interest in the implementation of the Interim Stewardship Program which will promote community involvement through environmental education and monitoring of the Los Cerritos Wetlands areas; and

NOW THEREFORE the Parties agree to the following:

#### **III. General Conditions**

- J. The Parties to this memorandum of agreement are Save Our Beach and Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority.
- K. The Parties agree to fully execute this agreement in order to fully implement the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program.
- L. The term of agreement shall commence with approval of *this memorandum of agreement* by all Parties through December 31, 2012. The term may be extended by mutual agreement of all parties.
- M. Coordination and communications between Save Our Beach and LCWA for uses of the Los Cerritos Wetlands area will be monthly in order to avoid conflicts of scheduled tours, educational programs and other uses of the site.

#### **IV. Responsibilities of each of the Parties**

##### **C. Save Our Beach**

Utilize extensive leadership experience and knowledge in cleanups, gained from conducting them for 10+ years, to become a leader organization in the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program and develop and implement a community-based trash clean-up program for the LCWA properties.

Host at least once monthly wetlands cleanups, inviting the public to participate.

Coordinate with the LCWA staff and consultants on announcements, locations, and scope of scheduled cleanups, educational programs and other uses of the site in order to avoid conflicting uses of the site.

Provide garbage bags, protective gloves or trash grabbers and any other equipment necessary for the implementation of the LCW Stewardship Program trash clean-ups.

Provides in kind operating costs, printing, postage, office supplies, rent and telephone services.

Provide LCWA with data gathered during clean-ups including number of participants, contact information of participants, amount of trash collected and other pertinent information that will help the LCWA best manage their properties.

Assist with the maintenance of a volunteer database for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program.

Long-term goal to provide Save Our Beach staff which is experienced and knowledgeable to be part of the comprehensive educational wetland programs to share the importance of wetlands and in particular with the community.

**D. Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority**

Provides Save Our Beach with the necessary keys to enter all LCWA properties.

Coordinate with the Save Our Beach on announcements of scheduled tours, educational programs and other uses of the site in order to avoid conflicting uses of the site.

Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program will be updated and kept current as necessary additionally these updates will be distributed directly to the Founder of Save Our Beach to allow for a timely implementation of these updates in their program.

Provide a link on the LCWA's website for SaveOurBeach.org and a description of the organization in order to promote the stewardship work Save Our Beach does throughout southern California.

**For Save Our Beach**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Kim Masoner, Founder

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**For the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Gary DeLong, Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Memorandum of Agreement**

**EL DORADO AUDUBON  
AND  
LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY**

Whereas, The El Dorado Audubon (Audubon) was established as a California Chapter of the National Audubon Society for the conservation of native birds and their habitats, provide leadership in conservation and educates its members and the community so they may appreciate birds and participate in the society's conservation efforts; and

Whereas, The Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA) was established as a joint powers authority formed by San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC), State Coastal Conservancy (SCC), City of Long Beach (LBC) and City of Seal Beach (SBC) to provide for a comprehensive program of acquisition, protection, conservation, restoration, maintenance and operation and environmental enhancement of the Los Cerritos Wetlands area consistent with the goals of flood protection, habitat protection and restoration, and improved water supply, water quality, groundwater recharge and water conservation; and

Whereas, the attached Exhibit A Regular Scheduled Tours with the Audubon provides for a list of some of the opportunities the public can participate and more importantly indicates the dates and times the Audubon will be accessing LCWA properties; and

Whereas, the El Dorado Audubon has the authority of the right of entry into all the LCWA properties in order for the Audubon to conduct their program and further has provided LCWA with all the necessary insurance and liability provisions recommended by legal counsel, please see attached; and

Whereas, The El Dorado Audubon and Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (hereinafter referred collectively as the "Parties") have a mutual interest in the implementation of the Interim Stewardship Program which will promote community involvement through environmental education and monitoring of the Los Cerritos Wetlands areas; and

NOW THEREFORE; The Parties agree to the following memorandum of agreement:

**V. General Conditions**

- N. The Parties to this memorandum of agreement are the El Dorado Audubon and Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority.
- O. The Parties agree to fully execute this agreement in order to fully implement the Interim Stewardship Program.
- P. The term of agreement shall commence with the approval of *this memorandum of agreement* by all Parties through December 31, 2012. The term may be extended by mutual agreement of all Parties.

- Q. Coordination and communications between El Dorado Audubon and LCWA for uses of the Los Cerritos Wetlands area will be weekly in order to avoid conflicts of scheduled tours, educational programs and other uses of the site.

## **VI. Responsibilities of each of the Parties**

### **E. El Dorado Audubon**

1. El Dorado Audubon leaders have extensive experience and knowledge in bird identification and have collected data for Los Cerritos Wetlands tours for several years; this data will be kept current and updated on the E-Bird list.
2. Provide monthly bird surveys for the Phase I properties and Hellman Properties. Documentation for these surveys will be provided to the LCWA either through a monthly emailed bird list or a comprehensive report.
3. Develop a bird list/checklist for LCWA properties including Hellman properties by February 2010 to be utilized for monthly bird surveys and continue to update on a monthly basis
4. Coordinate with the LCWA on announcements of scheduled tours, educational programs and other uses of the site in order to avoid conflicting uses of the site.
5. Audubon must provide personal binoculars, computers, camera equipment and any other equipment necessary for the implementation of the Interim Stewardship Program.
6. Provides in kind operating costs, printing, postage, office supplies, rent and telephone services.
7. Long-term goal to provide Audubon staff which is experienced and knowledgeable to be part of the comprehensive educational wetland programs to share the importance of wetlands and in particular with the community.

### **8. Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority**

Provides Audubon with the necessary keys to enter all LCWA properties.

Provides in kind operating costs, printing, postage, office supplies, rent and telephone services not to exceed \$5,000 in value.

Coordinate with the El Dorado Audubon on announcements of scheduled tours, educational programs and other uses of the site in order to avoid conflicting uses of the site.

Interim Stewardship Program will be updated and kept current as necessary additionally these updates will be distributed directly to the President of Audubon to allow for a timely implementation of these updates in their program.

**For the El Dorado Audubon**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna Bray, President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**For the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gary DeLong, Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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RESOLUTION 2011-09

RESOLUTION OF THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY (LCWA)  
TO AUTHORIZE AN EXTENSION OF ONE YEAR TO THE FOLLOWING  
MEMORANDUMS OF AGREEMENTS:

1. LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS STEWARDS;
2. LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS LAND TRUST;
3. SAVE OUR BEACH; AND 4. EL DORADO AUDUBON.

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 acquired certain properties which will require active stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the LCWA had adopted a Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program; 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 December 14, 2011.
4. AUTHORIZES the Executive Officer to authorize an extension of one year to the following Memorandums of Agreements: 1. Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewards; 2. Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust; 3. Save Our Beach; and 4. El Dorado Audubon.

*~ End of Resolution ~*

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY on December 14, 2011.

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Gary De Long, Chair

ATTEST:

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Terry Fujimoto  
Deputy Attorney General