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Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

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To: Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report in Compliance with Title 14, Section 15082(a) of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) and Notice of a Scoping Meeting in Compliance with Title 14, Section 15082(c) of the CCR.

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21165 and the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15050, the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority is the Lead Agency responsible for the preparation of a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) addressing potential impacts associated with the project identified below.

Agencies: The purpose of this notice is to serve as a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a PEIR pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15082 and solicit comments and suggestions regarding the scope and context of the EIR to be prepared for the proposed program. Specifically, the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority requests input on the environmental information that is germane to your agency's statutory responsibility in connection with the proposed program. Your agency may rely on the Draft PEIR prepared by the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority when considering permits or other approvals for this program.

Organizations and Interested Parties: The Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority requests your comments and concerns regarding the proposed scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the PEIR.

Project Title: Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Plan

Project Location: The program area includes 503 acres and is located in the East Long Beach and North Seal Beach area, straddling the border of Los Angeles County and Orange County in southern California. As shown in **Figure 1**, the proposed program area is composed of 4 areas (North, Central, Isthmus, and South) and 17 individual sites.

Project Description: The proposed program would restore wetland, transitional, and upland habitats throughout the program area. This would involve remediation of contaminated soil, grading, revegetation, construction of new public access opportunities (including trails, visitor centers, parking lots, and viewpoints), construction of flood management facilities (including earthen levees and berms and walls), and modification of existing infrastructure and utilities.

Probable Environmental Effects of the Project: Based on the findings of the Initial Study, the proposed project could have potentially significant impacts on the following environmental factors: **Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation and Traffic, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Utilities and Service Systems.**

Public Review Period: This NOP is available for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b). The public review and comment period during which the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority will receive comments on the NOP for this proposed program is:

Beginning: Friday, March 8, 2019
Ending: Monday, April 8, 2019

THE NOP AND INITIAL STUDY ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Bay Shore Neighborhood Library- 195 Bay Shore Ave., Long Beach, CA 90803
Mary Wilson Library- 707 Electric Ave., Seal Beach, CA 90740
Online at: <http://intoloscerritoswetlands.org/the-lcws-eir/>

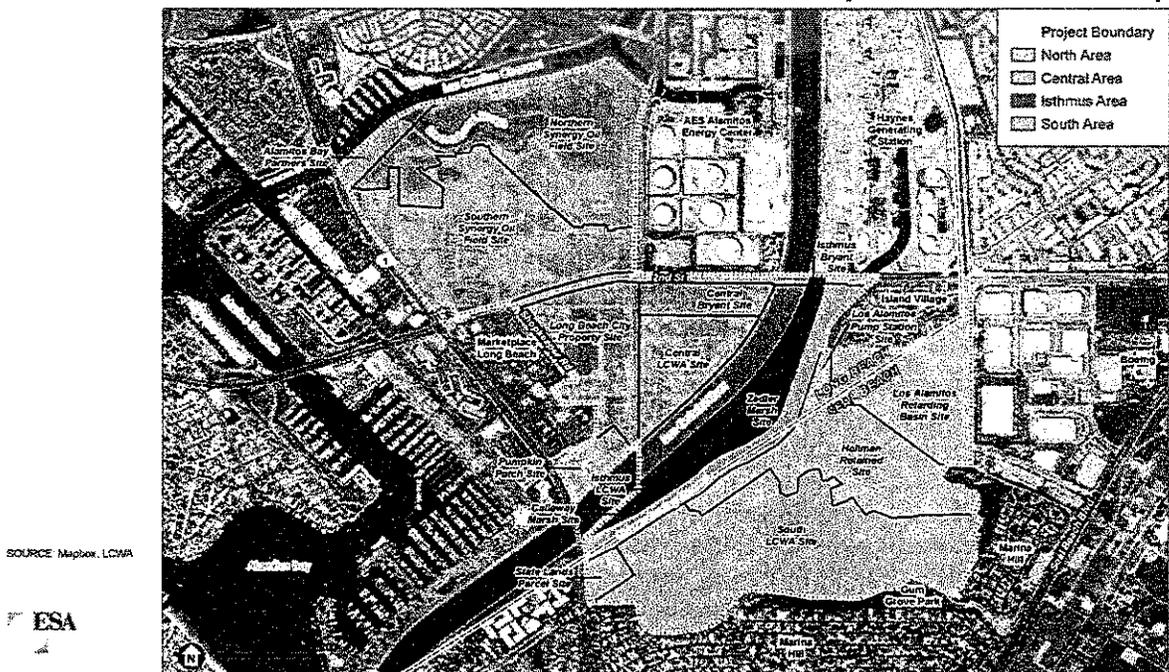
Scoping Meeting: As part of the NOP process, the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority will conduct a public scoping meeting in order to present the proposed program and environmental process and to receive public comments and suggestions regarding the proposed program. The scoping meeting will be held on March 21, 2019, from 7:00PM to 8:30 PM at the Community Center in Recreation Park, 4900 E 7th Street, Long Beach, CA. The parking lot is located adjacent to the Community Center on the south side of 7th street, and to the west of Federation Drive.

Responses and Comments: Please list a contact person for your agency or organization, include U.S. mail and email addresses, and send your comments to:

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Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Plan Program EIR

Figure 1
Project Site and Local Vicinity



SOURCE: Mapbox, LCWA

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