



Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

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Notice of Availability of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report and Notice of Public Meeting to Provide Comments on the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Plan (State Clearinghouse #2019039050).

As the Lead Agency overseeing this proposed program's environmental review, the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority initiated the preparation of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) to determine the nature and extent of the proposed program's impact upon the environment. An Environmental Impact Report also identifies ways to reduce environmental effects and analyzes reasonable alternatives to avoid or minimize significant environmental effects.

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 14, Section 15087 (a), this Notice of Availability (NOA) has been prepared to advise that the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority has completed a Draft PEIR for the proposed program listed above and described below. The Draft PEIR is available for public review.

PROJECT TITLE: Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Plan

PROJECT LOCATION: The program area includes approximately 503 acres and is located in the East Long Beach and North Seal Beach areas, straddling the border of Los Angeles County and Orange County in Southern California. As shown in Figure 1, Project Site and Local Vicinity, attached, the proposed program area is composed of four areas (North, Central, Isthmus, and South) and 17 individual sites within those areas. Sites within all four programs are listed on one or more hazardous materials lists under Government Code Section 65962.5 for the presence of active, idle, or plugged oil wells; historical releases of petroleum or PCBs; and/or the presence of landfill materials.

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, berms, and walls), and modification of existing infrastructure and utilities.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority has determined that of the 17 environmental resource topics that were analyzed in the Draft PEIR, the proposed program would have significant and unavoidable environmental impacts with respect to 3 of the topics: air quality, cultural resources, and tribal cultural resources.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The public comment period during which the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority will receive written comments on the Draft PEIR is as follows:

Beginning: Friday May 8, 2020

Ending: Monday June 22, 2020

The Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority must receive all written comments relating to the Draft PEIR no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday June 22, 2020. Comments should be sent to:

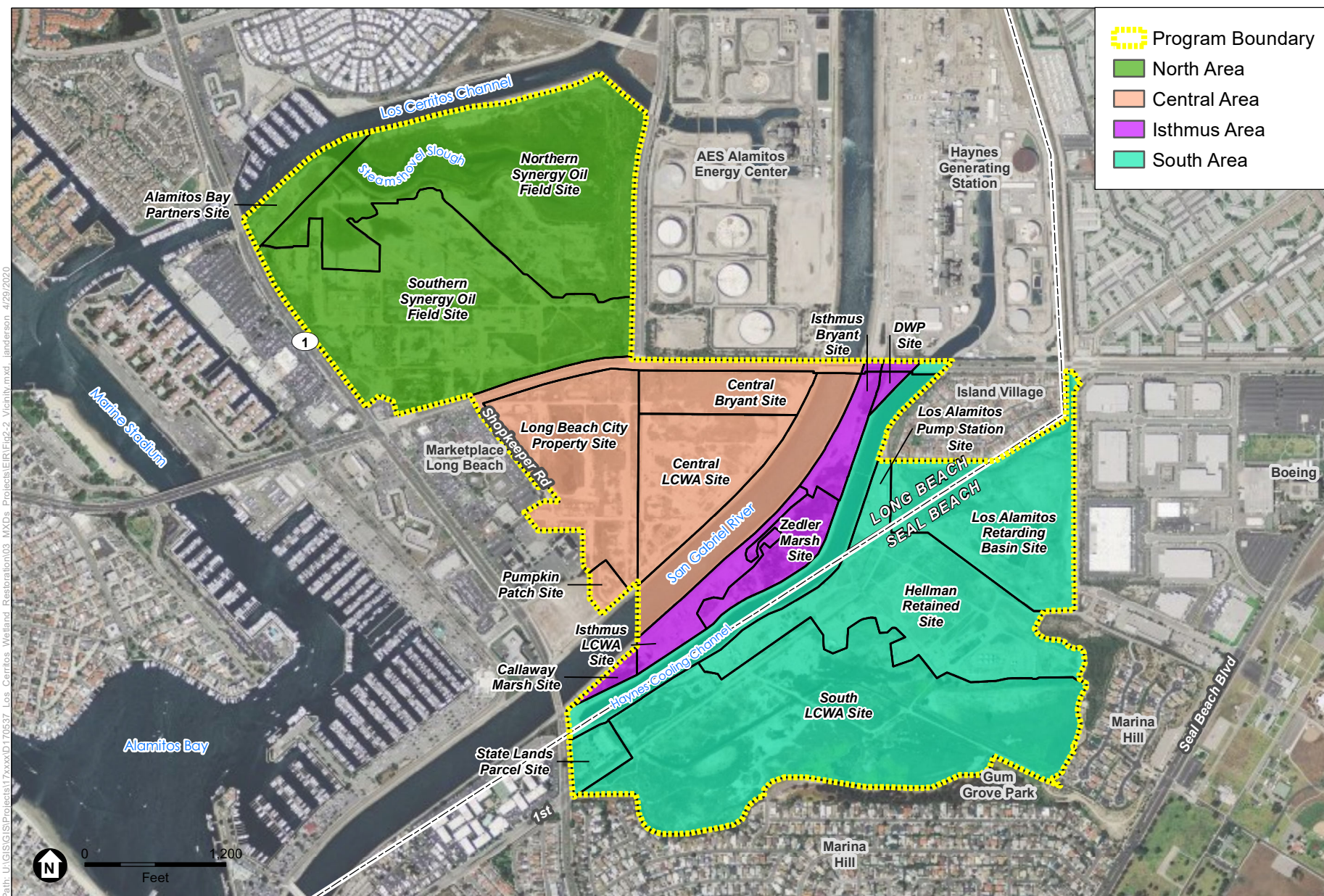
Sally Gee
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Or via email to: sgee@rmc.ca.gov

DRAFT PEIR DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft PEIR is available for public review and download on the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority website at <http://intoloscerritoswetlands.org/the-lcws-eir/>.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and closure of public libraries and gathering spaces, in-person viewing of the Draft PEIR will be made available only on an appointment basis for those that cannot view the document online. Please contact Sally Gee from the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority at 626-815-1019 x 104 or sgee@rmc.ca.gov to make arrangements to view the document. The Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority is committed to making this document accessible to the public during these unique times.

DRAFT PEIR PUBLIC MEETING: The Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority will conduct a two-part public meeting via two virtual meetings to solicit input and comments from public agencies and the general public on the Draft PEIR for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Plan. Links to the virtual public meetings will be made available on the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority website at : <http://intoloscerritoswetlands.org/the-lcws-eir/>. The first meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2020, and will cover the California Environmental Quality Act process and the project description, and the second meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2020, and will cover impact analyses and alternatives. Both virtual meetings will be recorded and available for viewing on the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority website at <http://intoloscerritoswetlands.org/the-lcws-eir/> within 24 hours of each meeting. Comments received will be summarized for inclusion in the Final PEIR. Those who wish to have their comments incorporated in the Final PEIR must submit their comments in writing.

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 Sally Gee at sgee@rmc.ca.gov or at 626-815-1019 x 104.



SOURCE: Mapbox, LCWA

Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Plan Draft Program EIR

Figure 1
Project Site and Local Vicinity