

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Date: February 10, 2010

To: Governing Board Members

From: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

Subject: Agenda Item 10: Consideration of Resolution authorizing the LCWA to underwrite the El Dorado Audubon Society liability insurance to conduct tours on the LCWA properties.

RECOMMENDATION: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the LCWA to underwrite the El Dorado Audubon Society liability insurance to conduct tours on the LCWA properties for an annual fee of \$258.

BACKGROUND: LCWA approved a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with El Dorado Audubon Society a non-profit 501(c)(3) on May 13, 2008 but the MOA has not been implemented given the El Dorado Audubon Society did not have the appropriate liability insurance. Staff proposes to include the El Dorado Audubon Society on the LCWA liability insurance for an annual cost of \$258. The El Dorado Audubon Society is requesting the LCWA to pay for the liability insurance since they do not have the sufficient funds, please see the attached letter. The payment of the liability insurance is being paid through the LCWA stewardship reserves.

The El Dorado Audubon Society will be incurring the cost for leading the monthly bird walks, cost of copies and will be fundraising and applying for small grants to expand the monthly bird walks. Additionally, the El Dorado Audubon Society has highly qualified and knowledgeable ornithologists whom volunteer and have lead monthly bird walks and have provided their expertise services to the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program. The monthly bird walks have already identified over 80 species of birds. They are a proven, efficient and effective organization with the scientific knowledge to provide such services, expertise advice and knowledge in bird identification, collection of data for Los Cerritos Wetlands Complex and provide support to update the E-Bird List online.

FISCAL: The funding source for this expense is being paid from the stewardship reserves in the annual budget. Therefore, the stewardship reserve has been reduced by \$258 and the administration budget for insurance has been augmented by \$258.

**El Dorado Audubon Society
California Chapter of the National Audubon Society**

Ms. Belinda Faustinos
Executive Officer
Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Dear Belinda:

Thank you very much for adding El Dorado Audubon Society on to the insurance policy so that we may participate in the interim stewardship program for Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority.

We appreciate the opportunity to lead walks and perform bird surveys on LCWA property. We have performed a number of bird walks and surveys including the Christmas Bird Count resulting in data which will be useful to LCWA as plans for restoration progress. We have prepared a species checklist which will be used for our walks and available to others doing walks and activities.

To date, we have collectively logged 60 to 80 hours of field and office time to provide this data. We will be entering data collected over several years into E-bird and sharing with the LCWA. On e-bird it will be available to researchers interested in protecting and preserving the wildlife of Los Cerritos Wetlands.


Our chapter serves Long Beach including surrounding cities of Seal Beach, Lakewood, Hawaiian Gardens, and Bellflowers. Many of our members have been affected by the economy. If it is possible for LCWA to pay this cost for the chapter this time, we would appreciate it. We have picked up the costs of copies, etc. and, of course, the experts donate their time. We will be fundraising and applying for small grants to cover costs and to expand our activities.


Thank you, in advance.

Sincerely,

Mary Parsell
Program and Conservation Chair
El Dorado Audubon Society

Invoice for additional insurance for El Dorado Audubon Society

 SCOTTSDALE INSURANCE COMPANY®	
CHANGE ENDORSEMENT NO. <u>001</u>	
Policy No. WLS0000267	Effective Date: 11-10-09 12:01 A.M., Standard Time
Named Insured LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS	Agent No. 04711

COVERAGE PART INFORMATION - Coverage parts affected by this change as indicated by below. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial General Liability	\$ 250.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Crime	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Inland Marine	
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	
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CHANGE DESCRIPTION	
<p>IN CONSIDERATION OF AN ADDITIONAL PREMIUM OF \$250.00, IT IS AGREED THAT THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE POLICY.</p> <p>THE ADDITIONAL INTEREST (ADDL INSURED) HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE POLICY:</p> <p>EL DORADO AUDUBON SOCIETY PO BOX 90713 LONG BEACH CA 90809</p> <p>ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED.</p>	
PREMIUM CHANGE	
Additional \$ <u>250.00</u>	Return \$ _____
 _____ AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	

SCHEDULE OF GENERAL LIABILITY CHANGES	
Policy No. WLS0000267	Effective Date: 11-10-09 12:01 A.M., Standard Time
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CLASS CODE INFORMATION AFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE IS ADDED, DELETED OR CHANGED AS INDICATED.			
THE FOLLOWING CLASS CODE INFORMATION IS ADDED:			
Code No.	Premium Basis	Premises/ Operations	
49950	FLAT CHARGE		
Premises	Exposure	Rate	ADJ. ANNUAL Premium
	N/A		250.00
Classification: ADD'L INTEREST # 3		Products/ Compl Operations	
		Rate	ADJ. ANNUAL Premium
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RESOLUTION 2010 – 02

RESOLUTION OF THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY (LCWA) AUTHORIZING THE LCWA TO UNDERWRITE THE EL DORADO AUDUBON SOCIETY LIABILITY INSURANCE TO CONDUCT TOURS ON THE LCWA PROPERTIES.

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 Phase I parcels which will require active stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the LCWA had adopted a Interim Stewardship and Management 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 February 10, 2010.
4. AUTHORIZES the Executive Officer Adoption to make payment to underwrite the El Dorado Audubon Society liability insurance for an annual fee of \$258 to conduct tours on the LCWA properties.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY on February 10, 2010.

Gary De Long, Chair

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General