

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Date: February 10, 2010

To: Governing Board Members

From: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

Subject: Agenda Item 11: Consideration of Resolution to accept the 2009/2010 California Coastal Commission WHALE TAIL® Grant for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program contingent upon the February 10, 2010 California Coastal Commission Board approval of the grants.

RECOMMENDATION: LCWA authorize staff to accept the 2009/2010 California Coastal Commission WHALE TAIL® Grant for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program in the amount of \$18,000 contingent upon the February 10, 2010 California Coastal Commission Board approval of the grants.

BACKGROUND: The California Coastal Commission's WHALE TAIL® grants support programs that teach California's children and the general public to value and take action to improve the health of the state's marine and coastal environments. Adopt-A-Beach programs, as well as other beach maintenance and coastal habitat restoration projects that have an educational component, are also eligible for the grants. This program distributes funds from sales of the California Coastal Commission's WHALE TAIL® Coastal Protection License Plate, an official "specialty" license plate issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles for cars registered in California. Proceeds from the sales of the plates benefit the California Coastal Commission's Adopt-A-Beach Program, California Coastal Cleanup Day, and a wide variety of coastal and marine education projects throughout the state. In 1998, the Coastal Commission started the WHALE TAIL® Competitive Grants Program, along with a second competitive grants program the Adopt-A-Beach Grants Program. The Adopt-A-Beach grants focused on strengthening and innovating Adopt-A-Beach programs, in which participants pledge to clean "their" beach three times during the year (although school groups can fulfill their commitment with one cleanup); the WHALE TAIL® grants were more general and funded a broad range of marine and coastal education projects. The Coastal Commission has since merged the two grant programs, and funding is now available for either type of project.

The WHALE TAIL® Grant awarded to the LCWA will fund the continuation of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program (please see Attachment A, tasklist, budget and timeline), which has recently received funding from the 2009-2010 Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project Community Wetland Restoration Grant Program. This grant is crucial since this funding will finance the program through September 2011. But funding sources for this program will need to be pursued in order to continue the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program. The LCWA properties are in dire need for a consistent stewardship program, the Los Cerritos Wetlands will benefit dramatically from these habitat enhancements.

FISCAL INFORMATION: This California Coastal Commission grant is funded through funds from sales of the California Coastal Commission's WHALE TAIL® Coastal Protection License Plate, an official "specialty" license plate issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles for cars registered in California. The LCWA was awarded \$18,000 for implementation of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program.

Proceeds from the sales of the plates benefit the California Coastal Commission's Adopt-A-Beach Program, California Coastal Cleanup Day, and a wide variety of coastal and marine education projects throughout the state.

Additional funding may possibly be secured from the Signal Hill Lease annual fee and other partnerships with Friends of Colorado Lagoon, El Dorado Audubon, Los Cerritos Land Trust and Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewards.

ATTACHMENT A: BUDGET, TASKLIST AND TIMELINE

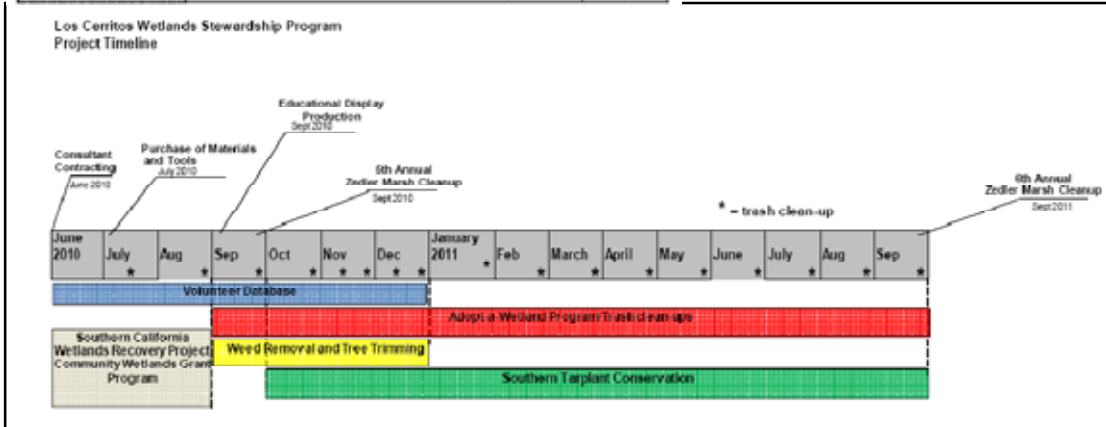
WHALE TAIL® Grant Application Budget Form

Organization Name: Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

Project Title: Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship

Requested Amount (\$50,000 maximum): \$18,000

Project Component	Task	Cost/hour or unit (\$)	Quantity	Expense Cost (\$)	Subtotal (\$)
1. Tree Trimming and Weed Removal Labor	a. Trimming Myoporum & Palms	35	20	\$700	
	b. Trimming other exotic trees/shrubs	30	10	\$300	
	c. Brush Removal West Parcel	30	30	\$850	
					\$1,600
2. Restoration Tools	d. Pruners, patch forks, loppers	10	30	\$300	
	f. shovels	3	100	\$300	
	g. carts/wheel barrels	100	3	\$300	
	i. safety Equipment (gloves, hard hats, etc)	20	100	\$600	
3. Greenhouse	a. Pruning Saws	10	10	\$100	
	b. Soil	5	40	\$200	
	c. Plug trays	5	20	\$100	
	d. seedling flats	4	100	\$400	
	e. general plant propagation			\$600	
					\$1,700
4. Debris Disposal Stewards and City of Long Beach will incur costs	a. Debris disposal	100	100	\$10,000	
	b. trash bags	10	10	\$100	
	c. trash pickers	10	30	\$300	
	d. trash cans	10	10	\$100	
					\$10,500
5. Education Materials & Community Outreach	a. fornicators	35	20	\$700	
	b. general education materials			\$1,300	
	c. volunteer t-shirts, bandanas	4	200	\$800	
					\$2,800
	d. advertising, brochures, display boards			\$3,000	\$3,000
6. Project Management	a. work plan and education management	15	500	\$6,000	
	b. ecological surveying and labor oversight	30	70	\$2,100	
	c. project coordination			\$2,300	
					\$10,400
7. LCWA Grant Management	LCWA grant management			\$10,000	\$10,000
WHALE TAIL PROGRAM FUNDING					\$18,000
				In-kind matching funds from the LCWA and Stewards	\$23,500
				SCWRP Community Wetlands Grant Program	\$28,500
TOTAL PROJECT COST					\$70,000



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RESOLUTION 2009 - 03

RESOLUTION OF THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY (LCWA) TO ACCEPT THE 2009/2010 CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION WHALE TAIL[®] GRANT FOR THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM CONTINGENT UPON THE FEBRUARY 10, 2010 CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION BOARD APPROVAL OF THE GRANTS.

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 will accept funds from the California Coastal Commission from the WHALE TAIL[®] Grant; and

WHEREAS, the LCWA will enter into Contract with the State for implementation of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the WCA 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 (CEQA).
3. ADOPTS the staff report dated February 10, 2010.
4. AUTHORIZES staff to accept the 2009/2010 California Coastal Commission WHALE TAIL[®] Grant in the amount of \$18,000 for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program contingent upon the February 10, 2010 California Coastal Commission board approval of the grants.

~ 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