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Project Name: Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration

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Project City: Seal Beach

Project County: Orange

Applicant Organization: Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA)

Applicant Name: Mark Stanley

Waterboard Staff: TBA

Brief Description of Project:

Project Description: The proposed project will restore subtidal, salt marsh, transitional, and upland habitats at the Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands site. This will involve remediation or containment of contaminated soil, grading, revegetation, construction of new public access opportunities (including trails), construction of flood management elements (earthen berms), modification/relocation of existing utilities, and integrating experimental actions and research into the proposed project.

Project Activities: Construction will include clearing and grubbing, grading and soil transport across and possibly off- site, possible soil remediation, revegetation, irrigation, construction of flood risk and stormwater management facilities, access roads/trails, the stewardship site, and utility modifications. Soil excavated from the South LCWA site will be stockpiled on the eastern portion of that site, with some additional material being placed on the southern portion of the site (former landfill site). Much of the proposed program's earthwork will be accomplished by traditional land-based equipment (e.g., scrapers and excavators); however, marine construction equipment may also be used. Wetland restoration earthwork will also require some special equipment and implementation methods, as high groundwater and weak soils can preclude use of traditional land equipment. Specialized equipment and construction methods that may be needed (e.g., excavators and trucks on tracks rather than rubber tires), along with more typical techniques Grading of existing marsh habitat will be avoided and minimized as much as possible Vegetation will be biologically monitored, cleared, and grubbed prior to grading. Native plants and seeds/cuttings may be salvaged and reused for revegetation of restored areas. Approximately 78 non-native trees will be removed.