



Program

9:00 | Check In and Networking

9:30 | Begin Program

Welcome (Linda Pemberton, President) - 5 minutes

Round of Self Introductions (Terry/All) - 15 minutes

Presentation and Questions: About the Wetland Fund - 25 minutes

Roundtable Discussion - 60 minutes

Wrap Up - 5 minutes

11:30 | Networking

1:00 | Board meeting



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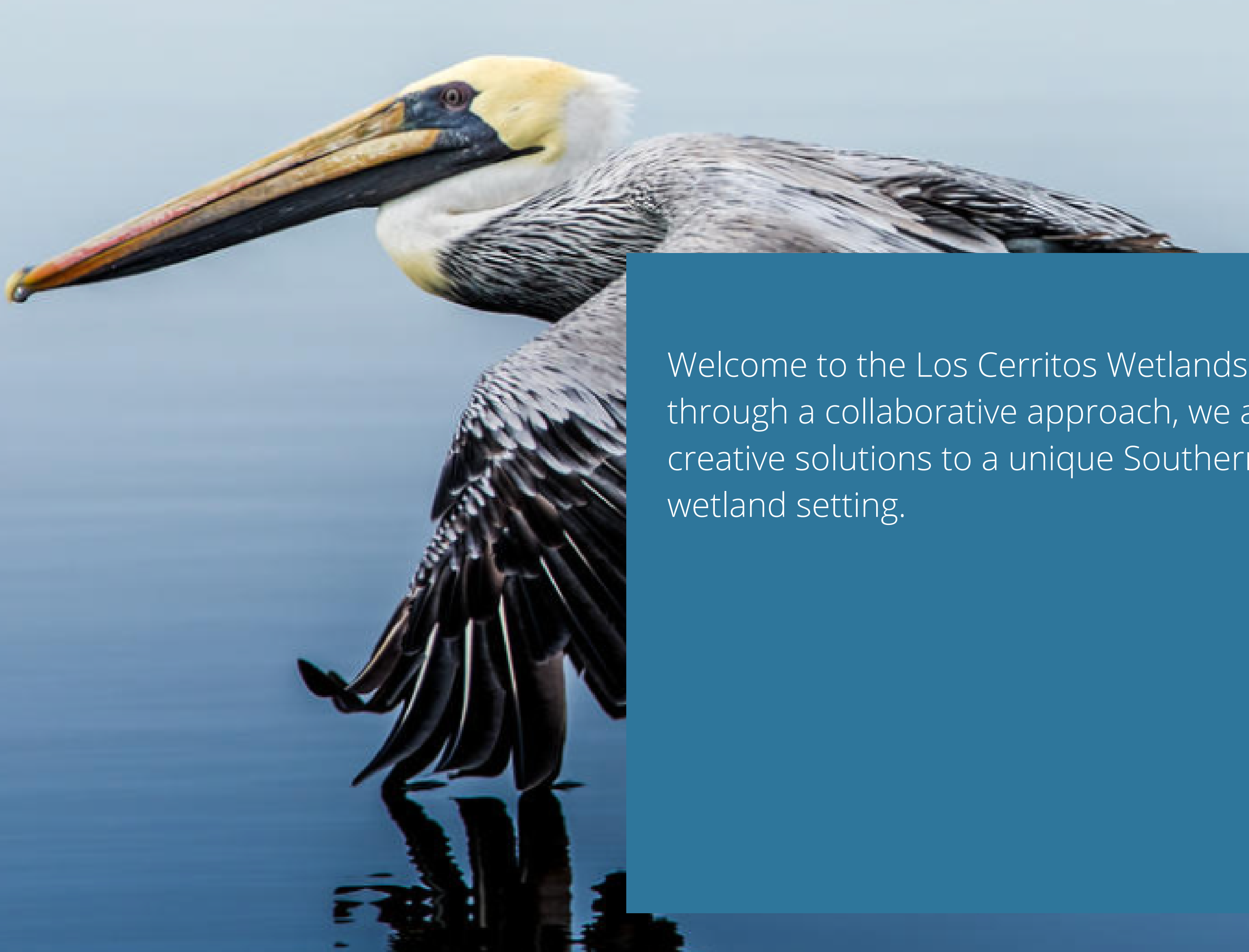
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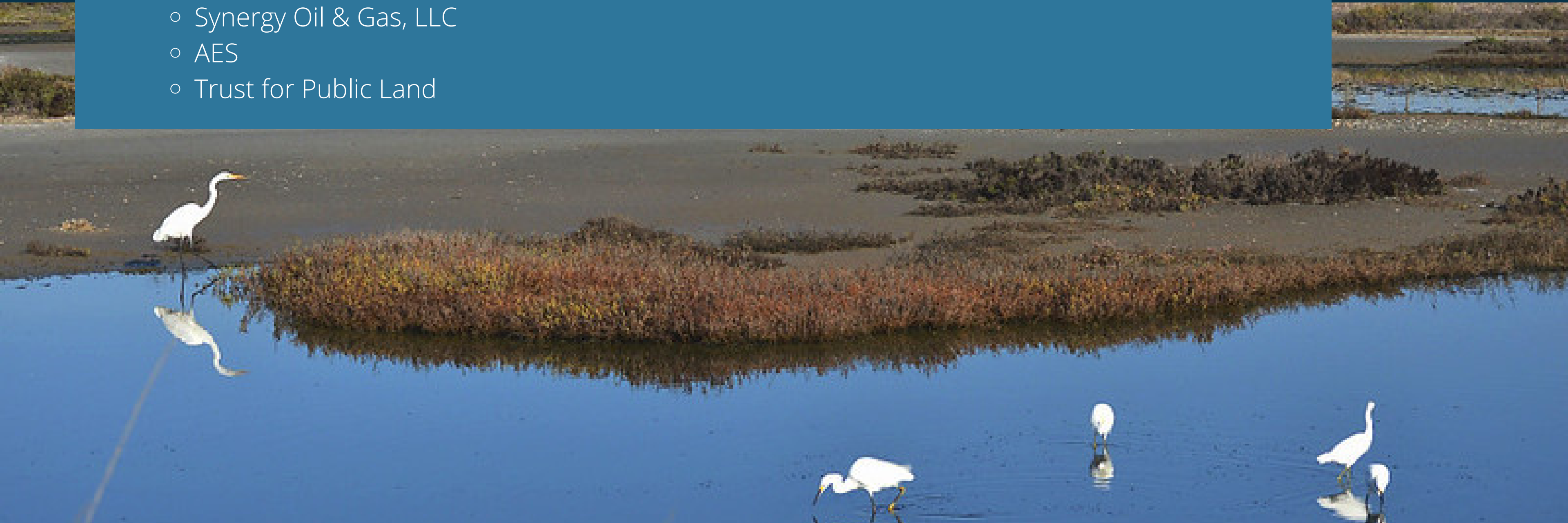




Welcome to the Los Cerritos Wetlands Fund, where through a collaborative approach, we are bringing creative solutions to a unique Southern California wetland setting.

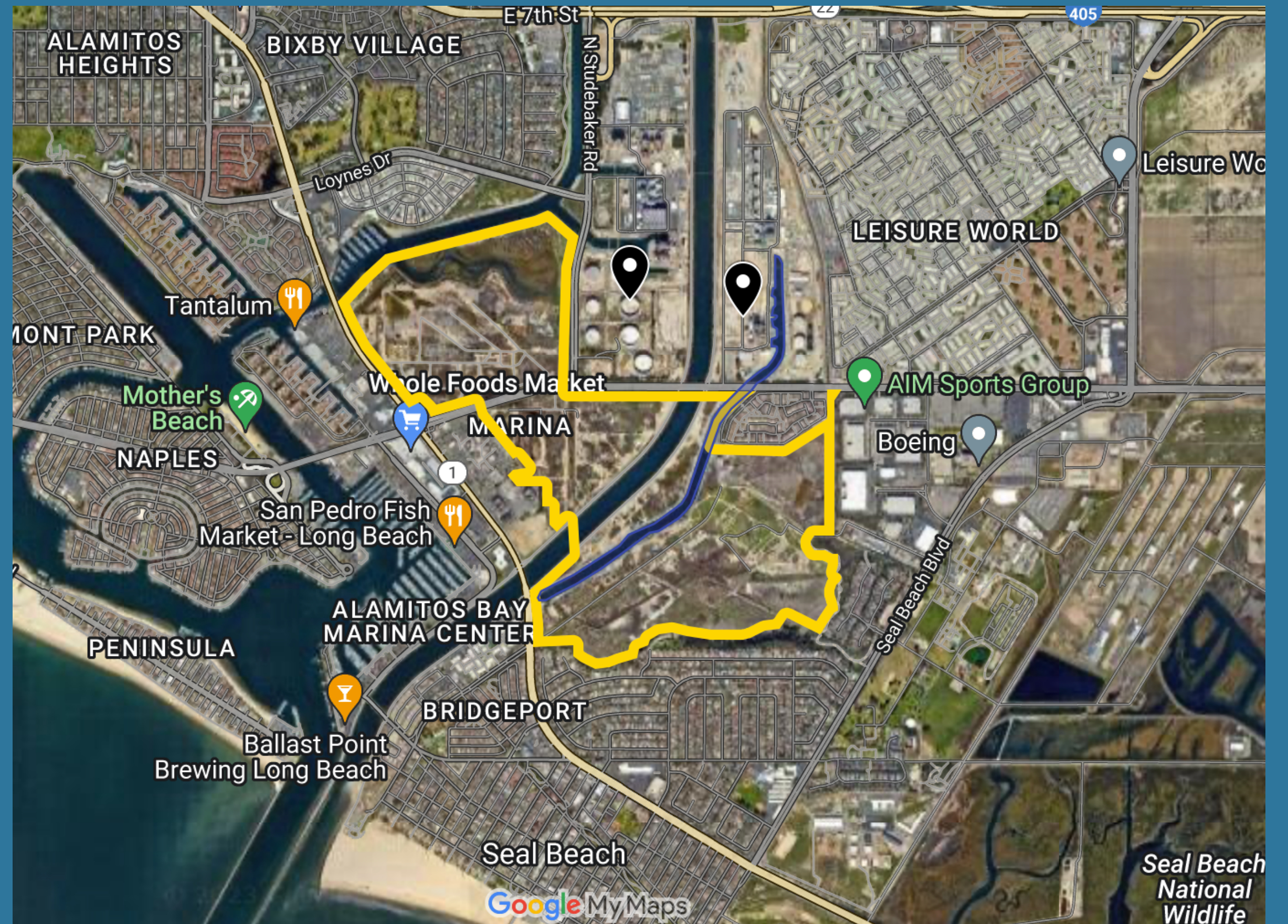
A Bit of History

- Formed in 2019
- The Fund was created by conservationists, landowners, and businesses committed to long-term future of Los Cerritos Wetlands and surrounding watersheds.
- The Founders recognized the existing financial resources were drastically insufficient to fund even the most basic preservation
- Seed funding to launch the Fund provided by:
 - Los Cerritos Wetland Land Trust
 - Synergy Oil & Gas, LLC
 - AES
 - Trust for Public Land



About the Restoration Project

- Restore and preserve the remaining 500 acres of the original 2,400 acres
- Straddles the border of Long Beach and Seal Beach at the end of the San Gabriel River Watershed.
- Today: degraded tidal and non-tidal salt marsh habitats behind levees and weedy uplands
- Adopted 2021: Habitat Restoration Plan for the entire 500 acres of wetlands



Focus of Current Restoration

- Public Lands: The LCWA-owned properties
 - Zedler Marsh
 - 100-acre parcel in the Southern area bordering the San Gabriel River
- Private Lands: Synergy/Beach Oil
 - Mitigation bank - Steamshover Slough
 - Oil consolidation and restoration



Who are the owners?

- Private landholders - approx. 337 acres
 - Hellman and other oil companies
- Private-Public Partnership
 - Beach Oil Mineral Partnership/mitigation bank
- City of Long Beach - behind Marketplace
- Publicly owned land (Authority) - approx. 170 acres
 - Zeddler Marsh
 - Central and southern area

Who are the Joint Powers?

- Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
 - City of Long Beach
 - City of Seal Beach
 - Ca Coastal Conservancy
 - Rivers and Mountains Conservancy





Funding Cycle

- Annual cycle - date tbd
- First cycle - Will publicly announce

Who is Eligible

- 501(c)(3)
- Governmental, tribes, academic institutions that are part of a collaboration with eligible non-profits
- Located in and around the Los Cerritos Wetlands
- Advances the Fund's Mission
- Does not duplicate other work
- Evidence org is working or will work with appropriate partners (e.g., the Coastal Conservancy, Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority) and has leveraged matching or other funding or support.

Projects must:

(1) Conserve, manage, restore, and enhance wetland and upland habitat, and facilitate environmental planning, permitting and public access;

(2) Advance healthy communities, social equity and climate resiliency and adaptation; and,

(3) Provide educational and research opportunities.

Some limited Examples:

- Purchase of strategic conservation easement or fee title of land based on priority assessment,
- Carbon sequestration pilot project,
- Invasive plant/non-native plant abatement and control,
- Urban Run-off treatment system,
- Tidal marsh restoration such as removal of rip-rap from forebays, slope recontouring and vegetation with salt marsh plants,
- Native plant landscaping,
- Habitat creation (e.g., burrowing owl),



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Grant Program

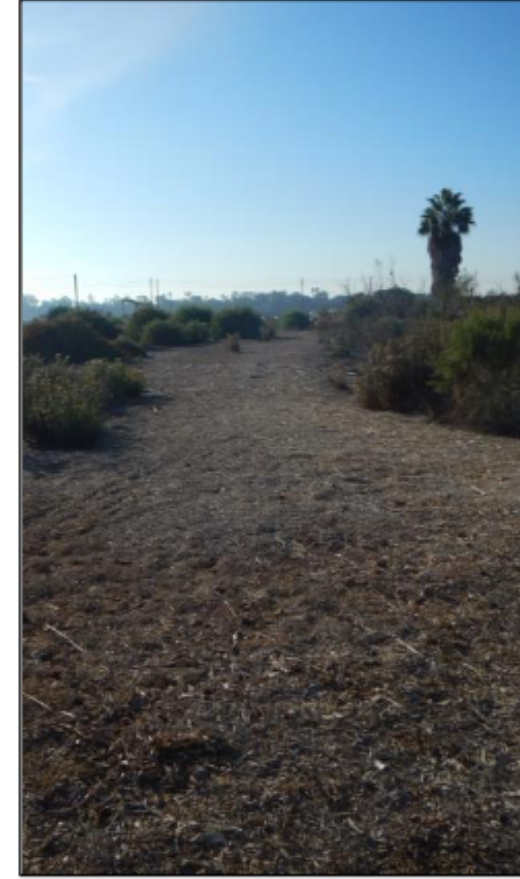
The Los Cerritos Wetlands Enhancement Fund (Fund) supports projects that:

- (1) Conserve, manage, restore, and enhance wetland and upland habitat, and facilitate environmental planning, permitting and public access;
- (2) Advance healthy communities, social equity and climate resiliency and adaptation; and,
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A “project” is an activity or series of activities taking place on the ground having a direct effect of conserving, managing, restoring, and/or enhancing wetland and upland habitat in the Los Cerritos Wetlands area and/or an activity or series of activities that indirectly, but clearly support a project. Examples include the following:

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Phase 1 - Zedler Marsh Restoration - Before/After



Phase 3 – LCW Stewardship Program Center - Current



LCWA Stewardship Program Vision Plan

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Phase 4 – Hellman Bluff Trails - Current



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Grants

The Long Beach Community Foundation only makes grants to US-based approved 501(C)(3) nonprofit, educational, or governmental organizations. Grants are generated from the funds listed below.

Once a charitable organization sets up an account profile, it can apply for grants, submit reports, and manage other grant interactions. The LBCF grant portal is found [here](#):

GRANTS
PORTAL

Discussion

Describe your projects, who you have been working with, etc.

Offer suggestions on projects or programs that are helpful for the wetlands.

Who are some other stakeholders who should be part of this conversation?



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