

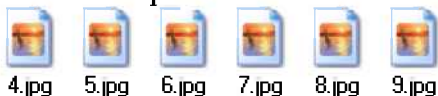
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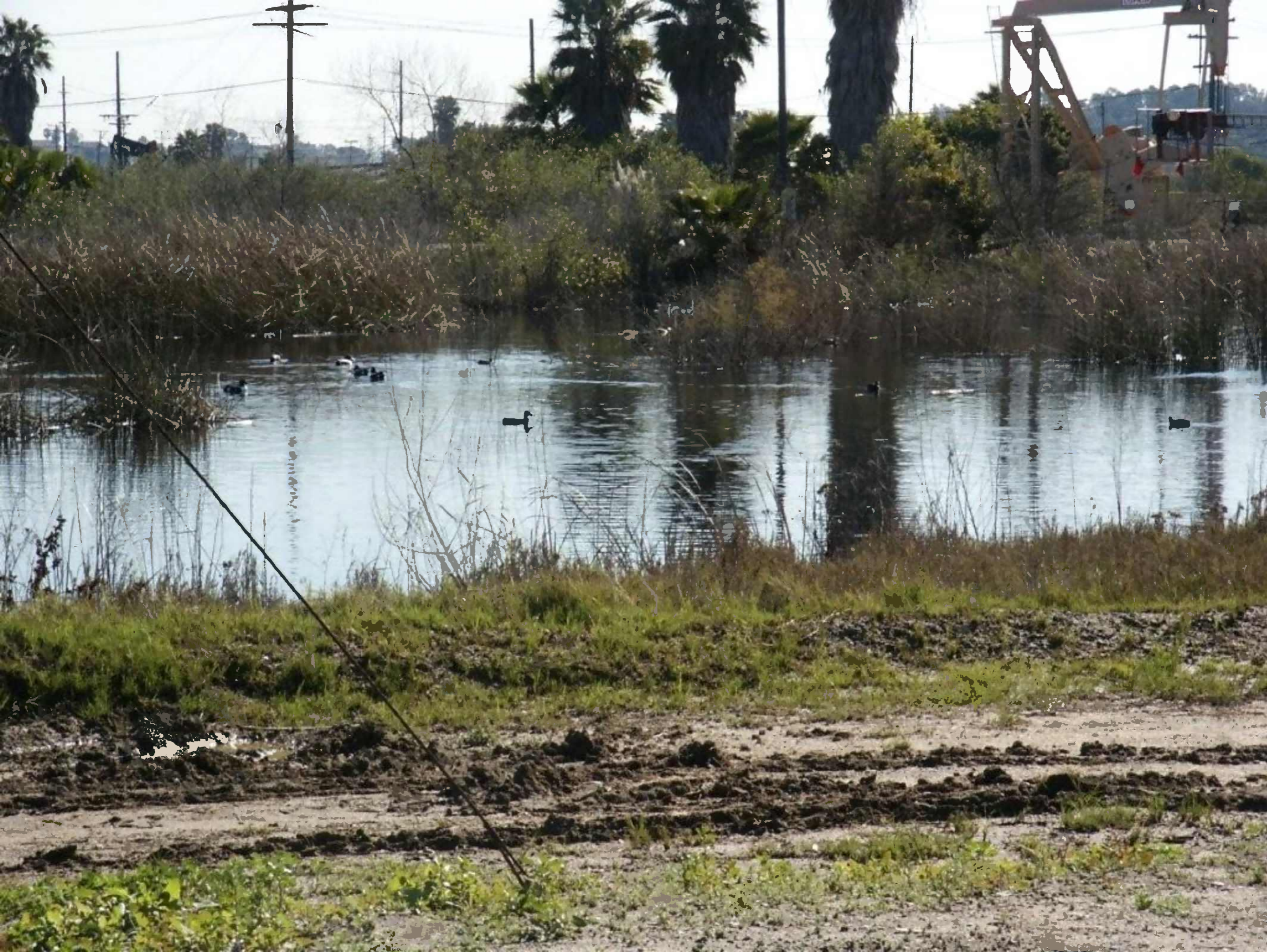
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Hello city council, my name is Lenny Arkininstall and I have been caring for the wetlands in our city for over fifteen years and recognize the value of this wonderful resource that we have. However many of our citizens have not had the opportunity to visit these lands as I do, because it is private property. The only view is from the street and all that appears is a bunch of oil wells, dirt and weeds. I would hope that these photos I have taken from this mourning will show the ecological value of the land that is up for a land swap. The land has a great opportunity for a successful restoration, in the photos you will see that two fresh water ponds exist there and are a important component to the entire wetland complex, infect most salt marsh plants can not germinate with out some type of fresh water influence. As I visit the site I always see all types of visiting and resident wild life that depend on this property for their survival. There are many existing salt marsh and native vegetation that exist there, even though there is oil operation going on. The soil that is there takes many 100s of years to form and can not be replaced or duplicated. What also is unique is that there is a culvert that connects to the San Gabriel river, a great opportunity to allow tidal flushing to this property and would also benefit the 60 acres of public wetlands right next door. To attest to this statement of a successful restoration with out spending lots of money is in the last few photos is an example of a restoration that was caused accidentally by cleaning out one of the culverts in the fonchining Los Cerritos Wetlands that flooded the degraded wetlands in the oil field. I have whiteness over the last ten years that wetland land vegetation has taken back the land that was once theirs and has provided acres of wetland habitat that is used by so much wildlife. The big reason for this that we are so fortunate to have a giant seed bank in the functioning pristine Los Cerritos Wetlands that so many restoration efforts have not had this resource that we can take advantage of. I hope that this information is helpful to you as you have a very difficult decision to make, so my hope is that it can be worked out for all of us in the city



and most important to all that wildlife that exist there, thank you for your time. 1.jpg 2.jpg 3.jpg

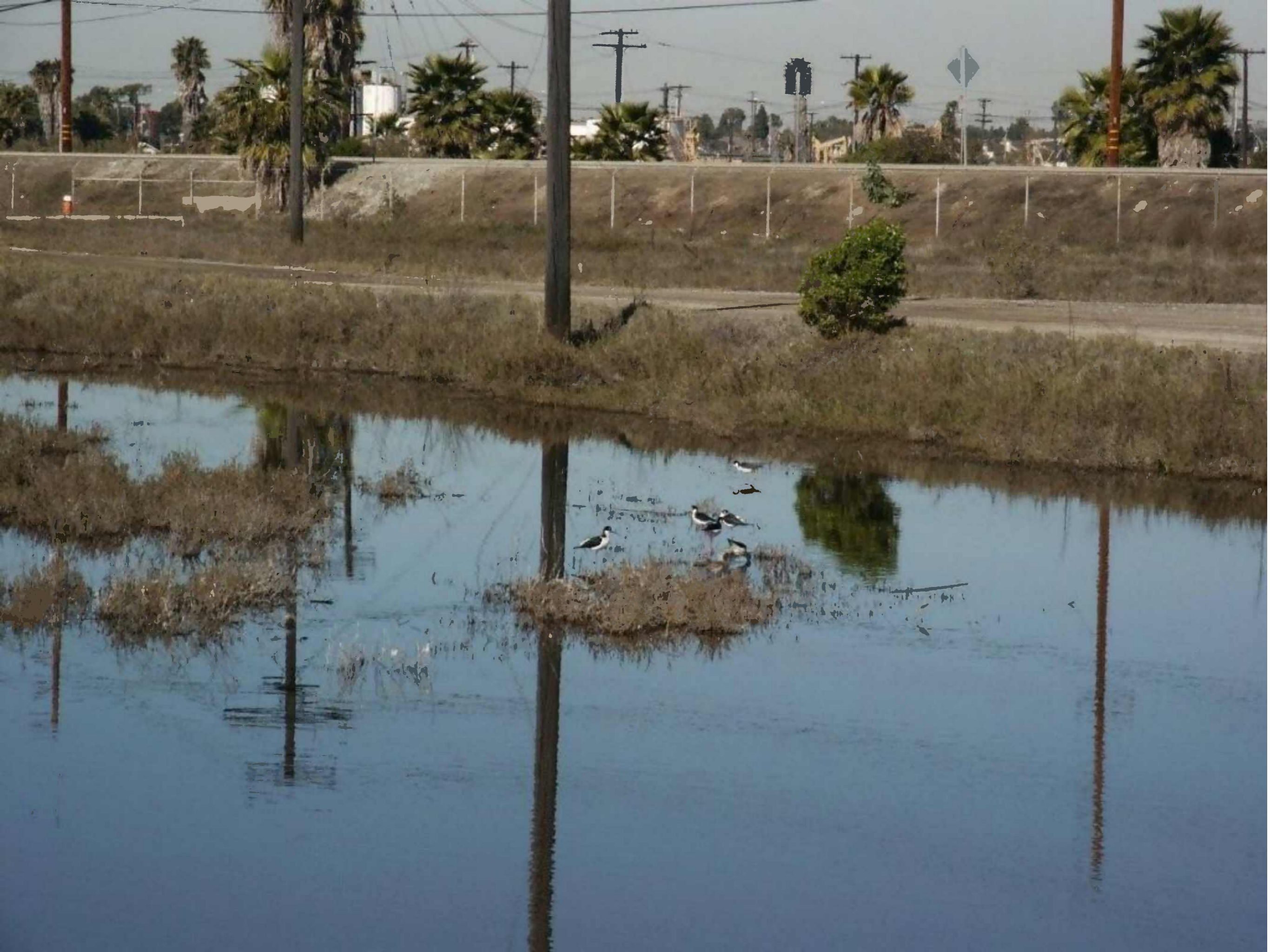




















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