

Protect the Long Beach/ Los Cerritos Wetlands

A coalition of tribal, environmental, and social justice organizations and concerned citizens saying NO to The Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration and Oil Consolidation Project.

"The wetlands provide for very specific ways of life that have been here as long as the ancient people, the first people, of this land." *Gloria Arellanes, Tongva*

Tongva and Acjachemen tribal nations, environmentalists, and community members have fought to protect and preserve the Los Cerritos Wetlands for decades. The mouth of the San Gabriel River on the east side of Long Beach, was once a vast estuary supporting wildlife and the tribal communities of Puvungna and Motuucheyngna. Agriculture, flood control, oil drilling, industrial, commercial, and

residential development have destroyed all but a fraction of these wetlands. What remains, including "the best salt marsh in Southern California," is now under assault from Beach Oil Minerals Partners and the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority.

"They're producing, they're profitable - better for us!" *Peter Zak, Beach Oil Minerals Partners*

The Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration and Oil Consolidation Project expects to extract 200 million barrels of oil from beneath the Los Cerritos Wetlands.

Beach Oil Minerals Partners will introduce directional drilling and water injection wells. Massive amounts of water will be forced underground to bring oil to the surface and then re-injected under the wetlands and surrounding areas. 120 new oil and water wells will be drilled on either side of the Newport Inglewood Fault, a new oil pipeline will cross the fault, oil and wastewater will be stored on site, and methane gas will fuel the entire operation.

Fossil fuels like gas and oil are primary contributors to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The estimated net yearly GHG emissions projected for this project would be the same as ADDING an extra 11,000 gas-burning cars every day on the road each year for 40 years! This will result in irreversible damage to our global climate.

BOMP will set up a mitigation bank to sell credits to polluters in exchange for the "restoration" of its polluted property. Their plan includes breaching the berm now protecting the healthy salt marsh from toxic soils and water. The construction of well cellars, tanks, pipeline, and buildings will destroy a traditional tribal landscape where cultural sites are located and where prayer ceremonies are held.

"Preposterous!" *Rebecca Robles, Acjachemen*

In a public-private partnership from Hell, the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority, a public agency formed to preserve and

restore the Los Cerritos Wetlands, will enter into a 40-year contract with Beach Oil Minerals Partners. New oil and water extraction and injection wells, storage tanks, gas turbines, and a drill rig will be located on current LCWA property in trade for the eventual public acquisition of BOMP's underperforming oil fields. Engaging in oil extraction or production violates the mission of the LCWA, and its member organizations the California Coastal Conservancy and the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC).

Baiting the hook with a lie. California Coastal Commission staff commented that to call this project "wetlands restoration" and "oil consolidation" is "misleading" to the public, and further stated "the expansion of oil extraction and processing operations at the Synergy Oil Field" is the actual goal.

To come full circle is simply to say,

Leave It in the Ground! We oppose the extraction of oil as well as the extraction of indigenous remains and culture. The ugly fact is that this so-called wetlands restoration, will add to global warming, erase tribal history and deny the right sustain tribal culture, endanger the health and safety of our families, and put our community more at risk for oil spills and a "worst case scenario" seismic event.

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 - Invite us to present to your organization
 - Ask public officials to oppose project
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