




**Date:** August 11, 2009  
**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council  
**From:** Councilmember Gary DeLong, 3rd District   
**Subject:** **Amendment to the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority Joint Powers Agreement**

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The Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA) is a joint powers agency created to administer the acquisition and subsequent preservation and maintenance of the Los Cerritos Wetlands area. This entity is governed by a board of four voting members appointed respectively by the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC), the City of Long Beach, the City of Seal Beach, and the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC). Currently the LCWA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA Agreement) stipulates that the voting members of the Governing Board appointed by the RMC and SCC may not be an elected official, appointed official, or employee of the City of Long Beach or the City of Seal Beach.

The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy recently approved a resolution to amend the JPA Agreement to delete the exception of the appointment of an elected official from either the City of Long Beach or the City of Seal Beach to the LWCA governing board by either the RMC or the SCC. The RMC believes that over the last several years that the local elected officials of the member cities have exhibited both the interest and experience critical to the success of the LCWA, and do not believe that this restriction is warranted.

This change would allow the Long Beach City representative to the RMC Board, or an official of the City of Seal Beach, to serve on the LCWA. It appears that all four agencies that comprise the LCWA are supportive of this change.

In order for this to become effective, Long Beach would also have to authorize an amendment to the JPA Agreement. Therefore, I am recommending that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the JPA Agreement to delete the prohibition of appointment of an elected official from either the City of Long Beach or the City of Seal Beach by the RMC or SCC.

**Recommended Action:** Authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement to delete the prohibition of appointment of an elected official, appointed official or employee from either the City of Long Beach or the City of Seal Beach by the RMC or SCC.