



The Pickleweed

The Newsletter of the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy

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Current Project Updates:

Hospital Building

The construction of the new building has been a long, slow and tedious process due to permitting delays, unexpected costs and setbacks. Soil compaction has finally been completed and the cement foundation will be poured by mid August. Increases in the cost of materials and labor will not permit the completion of the interior of the building with the grant money received. Creative fundraising will have to take place in order to equip the hospital and furnish the offices and other rooms.

Restoration Plan

The public response was supportive and encouraging at our second public meeting held at City Hall on July 11th. The presentation described the plan for restoration of the remaining coastal marshes and wetlands in southeast Huntington Beach from Talbert Marsh at the Santa Ana River, through the marshes of Brookhurst, Magnolia and to Newland at Beach Blvd.

The planning process considered many options ranging from the most aggressive to the least invasive. The process weighed all components of each plan, including cost, the effects on the surrounding areas, and the anticipated success of the resulting wetlands habitat. The end result was an intermediate plan which would incorporate aggressive restoration on some parcels and less on others. The plan will include the removal of some of the southern flood control berms or levies and the creation of channels through others.

With the completion of this initial design phase, the next step is to secure funding to finalize the plan and begin restoration.

For more information on the restoration plan and accompanying studies, please visit our website at www.hbwc.org.

Perimeter Block Wall – HBWC is excited to report the completion of the new decorative block wall. The Conservancy appreciates the fine job done by Jacon Construction. Proscapè has now been contracted to complete the project by landscaping with predominately native plants.

The block wall greatly improves the appearance of our facility and also reduces the traffic noise from PCH. This already has had positive effects on the volunteers and the animals in rehabilitation.

Recent Bird Sightings

Black Necked Stilt

Green Heron

Black Skimmer

Arrivals of fall and wintering birds has begun!

If you have seen a rare, endangered or exciting bird, please let us know. We are always interested to learn about the birds frequenting our local areas.

UPCOMING WORKSHOP AT THE HYATT

FRIDAY, SEPT 16TH 9:30-4:30

Resource Conservation:

Successful Strategies and Funding Opportunities for Creating Healthy Communities

The conference will focus on strategies to conserve land in OC for people to enjoy as parks, recreation areas, natural places and sources of clean water ensuring livable sustainable communities for generations.

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED!

For more details, the complete program and registration information:

www2.lgc.org/events

or:

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HBWC still needs your help! We have been successful in preserving more than 90 acres of coastal wetlands in Huntington Beach and need your help in maintaining “our” wetlands.

WETLAND MONITORS - We need Volunteer Monitors to collect water samples and assist us in performing tests. No previous experience or education is required.

WETLAND MAINTENANCE –Volunteers are always needed; maintenance includes trash pick up and pulling non-native weeds and plants to allow native species to flourish. **RESTORATION WORKDAY:** Please join us on the second Saturday of each month from 9-noon. Call for details.

FUNDRAISING – As we grow, it is becoming increasingly important for HBWC to be able to support activities that go along with land stewardship. Even with our wonderful volunteers, there are maintenance, insurance and administrative costs associated with a land trust. We are looking for people who would be interested in greatly increasing our membership and fundraising programs.

PHOTOS – If you have great photos of birds or our marsh, we would love to feature them in our newsletter and our website, please call to send digital files.

Membership

Please consider joining the Conservancy, or renewing your membership for 2005. Your membership provides important operating funds. An active and interested membership base is vital to our continued service in this area.



Please Join Us.

- Great Egret (\$10)
- California Halibut (\$50)
- Least Tern (\$100)
- Brown Pelican (\$250)
- Double Crested Cormorant (\$500)
- Great Blue Heron (\$1.000)

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