



The Pickleweed

The Newsletter of the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy

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2005 Annual Report:

The HBWC would like to provide you with an update on our 2005 Goals and Projects. We hope you find this information helpful.

Completed Goals & Projects:

- The HBWC completed the transfer of the PCH dunes property from Caltrans to the HBWC. This land came with an endowment fund that will be invested, with the earnings used to maintain the dunes property. The dunes run along PCH from Brookhurst to the edge of the Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center facility located at the corner of PCH and Newland.
- The HBWC substantially completed the restoration Master Plan for the southeast Huntington Beach wetlands. The final report will be released in early 2006, but all major work was completed in 2005. The Master Plan incorporates Talbert Marsh, Brookhurst Marsh, Magnolia Marsh and Newland Marsh.
- The HBWC entered into an agreement with the City of Huntington Beach to maintain the Waterfront Wetlands. This newly restored area is located along Beach Blvd., directly behind the Hyatt hotel.
- The HBWC has completed the construction of a block wall around the Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center facility located at the corner of PCH and Newland. The landscaping will be completed in 2006.
- The HBWC once again participated in California Coastal Cleanup Day. We had a great turnout this year and would like to thank all of the groups that participated this year, including the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Youth Services Dept. of the American Red Cross – Orange County Chapter, Earth Resource, Wells Fargo, Project-Greenworks and students from Huntington Beach, Marina and Edison High Schools, the Register and the Pibes Soccer club, as well as the many individual volunteers who made the event a great success.
- The HBWC began monitoring the nesting of Belding Savannah Sparrows, an endangered species that reproduce in our wetlands.
- The HBWC established the beginnings of a water monitoring program. We plan eventually to incorporate all our wetlands areas into this program.
- The HBWC has made significant progress on the Hospital and Education building being built adjacent to the existing Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center facility located at the corner of PCH and Newland. We look forward to completing this project in 2006.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT		Ù
SCE Education Grant	\$ 10,000.00	1
Rent Receivable	\$ 4,200.00	2
Care Center Grant	\$ 328,495.65	3
Restoration Grant	\$ 240,195.43	4
Block Wall Grant	\$ 242,993.39	5
Donations	\$ 7,760.08	
Membership	\$ 630.70	
Interest & Other Inc	\$ 1,918.61	
TOTAL	\$ 836,193.86	
PROGRAM EXPENSES		
Administrative Expenses	\$ 3,917.75	6
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 5,345.09	7
Insurance	\$ 6,826.00	8
WHIP Expenses	\$ 1,704.97	9
Care Center	\$ 298,330.42	3
Restoration Plan	\$ 237,013.78	4
Waterfront Wetlands Maint.	\$ 2,426.92	10
Block Wall Project	\$ 242,859.65	5
EXPENSES	\$ 798,424.58	
NET CHANGE IN ASSETS	\$ 37,769.28	

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2005

Assets

Cash	\$ 46,384.06	
Security Deposit - Co. of Orange	\$ 1,000.00	
CalTrans Endowment	\$ 282,580.00	
Accounts Receivables	\$ 49,420.83	11
Total Assets	\$ 379,384.89	

Liabilities & Equity

Accounts Payable	\$ 59,029.00	12
CalTrans Endowment Fund	\$ 282,580.00	
Equity	\$ 37,775.89	
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 379,384.89	

ÙSee Footnotes below

Footnotes: 1- This grant for educational program development was received at the end of 2005. 2 - Rent receivable from the Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center. 3 - The Care Center Grant is ongoing and will carry into 2006. It is a grant to build our new Hospital and Education building. 4 - The Restoration Grant is ongoing and will carry into 2006. It is a grant from the Coastal Conservancy to develop a Mater Restoration Plan. 5 - The Block Wall Grant is ongoing and will carry into 2006. It is a grant to build the block wall around our care center facility. 6 - Administrative Expenses include primarily phone, supplies and misc. exp. 7 - Repairs and Maintenance includes the upkeep of our wetlands. 8 - Insurance - due to the timing of invoices, this expense represents two years of coverage. 9 - The WHIP grant is a grant to remove non-native species from our wetlands. This grant is ongoing and will carry into 2006. 10 - This contract with the City of Huntington Beach is ongoing and will carry into 2006. 11 – Grant fund not yet received. 12 – Grant funds not yet dispersed.

HBWC still needs your help! We have been successful in preserving more than 100 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 perform tests.

RESTORATION WORKDAY: Please join us on the second Saturday of each month from 9-noon. Call for details.

FUNDRAISING –We are looking for people who would be interested in increasing our membership and fundraising programs.

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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 2006. 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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