



# The Pickleweed

The Newsletter of the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy

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## Current Project Updates:

As we reported in our last newsletter, we broke ground on the new retaining wall that will be located behind the new hospital building. We have since completed that wall, broken ground on the foundation of our new Wetlands and Wildlife Hospital and Education building, and are making great progress on the new meandering decorative block wall that will run along the PCH side of our facility. The picture below shows the PCH wall with the hospital building construction in the background on the left hand side.



## Capital Campaign

The Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center and The Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy are proud to jointly announce a Capital Fundraising Campaign designed to raise money for the Wetlands & Wildlife Hospital and Education Center. The facilities located at 21900 Pacific Coast Highway support the activities of both the WWCC and HBWC in our shared goals of animal rescue and care and the restoration of or local wetlands.

The entire facility houses a care and rehabilitation center, animal enclosures, our hospital and education center currently under construction, a maintenance yard and planned flight cages and a native plant nursery.

Naming opportunities exist for many of our facilities; the Wetlands & Wildlife Hospital and Education Center, Interior rooms in the Wetlands & Wildlife Hospital and Education Center, including the Surgery Center, Treatment, Isolation, Pharmacy / X-ray, Educational Center, Meeting Room, Observation Deck, Interpretive Displays, Care and Rehabilitation Center, Animal enclosures, Flight Cages, and Native Plant Nursery.

Additional naming opportunities and recognition opportunities exist for the donation of furniture, fixtures and equipment within the facilities, such as cabinetry, examine tables and surgery center equipment.

We will also be offering a Tile dedication program. Two different size tiles will be offered for differing donations levels. Donor's can have their names, or a memorial statement etched on the tiles. Tiles will be mounted on the front of the Wetlands & Wildlife Hospital and Education Center.

Our Capital Campaign is designed to provide funds to complete our current and future capital projects, provide funding to furnish the new Wetlands & Wildlife Hospital and Education Center, help fund the creation of our interpretive displays and major aspects of our educational program, and provide an endowment fund for the operation and long term maintenance of our facilities.

We are excited about sharing the details of this program with you in one of our upcoming newsletters. If you know of a company or organization that might be interested in such a sponsorship, we would love to hear from you.

## We would love to hear from you.

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. Specific information may prove helpful in our restoration plans

**HBWC** has been successful in preserving more than 90 acres of coastal wetlands in Huntington Beach. As we work toward our goal of acquiring and restoring the balance, we must continue to maintain our existing properties. The only way we can accomplish this is with your help. We now have several ways in which you can take an active role in maintaining “our” wetlands.

**WETLAND MONITORS** - We are in the process of developing a water & soil monitoring program and need “Volunteer Monitors” to collect samples and assist us in performing tests. No previous experience or education is required. If you are interested, please call.

**WETLAND MAINTENANCE** –Volunteers are always needed; maintenance includes trash pick up and pulling non-native weeds and plants to allow native species to flourish. If you are interested, please call.

**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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