

The Pickleweed

The Newsletter of the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy

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Wildlife Care & Education Building

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The Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy is breaking ground on the *Wildlife Care & Education Building*. The new building will provide additional hospital space, meeting rooms, an office for the Conservancy and a facility to provide educational programs. The new building will be a beautiful structure reminiscent of an ocean wave. As we go to press the fence between the Center and the power plant is being relocated to make room for the new building. Construction is scheduled to begin on the building itself October 18, 2004. At about the same time, construction will begin on the new decorative block wall along Newland Street and southward along Pacific Coast Highway. This project will also include enhancing the landscaping along the highway.

The Groundbreaking Ceremony for our new building is scheduled for September 30th. This event will give the Conservancy the chance not only to celebrate our successes, but to also say thank you to the many great people and organizations that have helped the Conservancy reach many milestones over the last few years.

We would like to give special thanks to the Wildlife Conservation Board, Department of Fish and Game,

California Coastal Conservancy, Peter Haddad Designs, City of Huntington Beach, Alliance for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education, Southern California Edison, and AES Huntington Beach.

Please join us at 10:30 a.m. on September 30, 2004, at the Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center. 21900 Pacific Coast Highway, at the corner of Pacific Coast Hwy and Newland St. in Huntington Beach. Light refreshments to follow. Please RSVP to Ann McCarthy at 714-593-5590

Restoration Planning

The Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy now owns 93 acres of wetlands located between the AES power plant and the Santa Ana River (SAR). With a grant from the Coastal Conservancy, the Conservancy has contracted with Moffatt & Nichol Engineers to develop an enhancement plan that includes all of the wetland properties between the SAR and Beach Blvd. The enhancement plan, scheduled for completion by March 2005 will be composed of four phases, one for each of the marshes. The next step will be to obtain the required funding to begin restoration!

We will be posting project information on our website: www.hbwc.org. We invite you to visit the site often to obtain information on upcoming events.

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.

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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

Membership

Please consider joining the Conservancy, or renewing your membership for 2004. 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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