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I have been lucky enough to witness firsthand the incredible potential of this area as a Restoration Technician Intern while in college. I have seen the wetlands through the perspective of little kids on field trips, communities of bird watchers and nature lovers, and the wildlife that call this unique place home.

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I encourage you to support this important project for the restoration of these valuable wetlands and their many benefits.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Dressendorfer

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Nick Spiro

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Good morning, Ms. Gee;

I urge the California Coastal Conservancy to support the proposed funding for Los Cerritos Wetlands.

Los Cerritos Wetlands is located in Long Beach and Seal Beach, straddling the boundary of Los Angeles County and Orange County. Most of the coastal wetlands in Los Angeles already have been lost to commercial and residential development. Moving north from Los Cerritos Wetlands, the next closest wetland area is 32 miles north, in Ballona Creek (north of Los Angeles Airport).

There is little wetland left in Los Angeles County. This 105-acre site at Los Cerritos Wetlands also includes some adjacent upland terrain. Together, the value is inestimable. Los Cerritos Wetlands represents one of the last opportunities to restore a significant area of coastal wetlands in this region.

This site is particularly important when we consider projections for possible sea level rise over the next half century. It is entirely possible that today's intertidal lands will be undersea, and our uplands habitat may provide critical habitat for wildlife. We must make saving the wetlands and uplands a high priority.

There is an active volunteer program already in place that is slowly restoring the area with native plants and habitat for local wildlife. There is a small outside area for classes and presentations, and there are plans for trails that could be open to the public for recreation and education.

We have accomplished much on a shoestring budget. With financial support from the California Coastal Conservancy, we will be able to make tremendous progress in developing Los Cerritos Wetlands as a gem in Los Angeles County.

Thank you for your attention to Los Cerritos Wetlands.

Carina Lister