



Date: October 10, 2017

To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *PHW*

From: Marie Knight, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine *MK*

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Grand Opening of the Willow Springs Park Wetlands Restoration Project**

Mayor Robert Garcia, Councilmember Roberto Uranga, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, and the Office of Sustainability invite you and your staff to attend the grand opening ceremony of the Willow Springs Park Wetlands Restoration Project, located at 2755 Orange Avenue. The ceremony will take place on Saturday, October 21, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

As part of the Willow Springs Wetlands Master Plan, which was approved by the City Council in January 2013, the Wetlands Restoration Project restored an 11.5-acre section of the 48-acre Willow Springs Park. At the park, visitors will discover a walking loop that takes them through passive open space and habitat featuring a series of water-capturing bioswales, native, drought-tolerant plants and trees, a constructed spring that mimics the original artesian spring that provided water to early Long Beach, and an outdoor classroom area that holds space for environmental education. The topography of the park remains virtually unchanged since the late 1800's.

Funding for this project comes largely from the Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Grant Program, funded by the State of California Natural Resources Agency through Proposition 84, which awarded Long Beach \$924,000 in June 2014.

We look forward to seeing you at this exciting event. For more information, please call Gladys Kaiser, Manager of Community Recreation Services, at (562) 570-3150.

MK:gk

Attachment

cc: Charles Parkin, City Attorney
Laura Doud, City Auditor
Tom Modica, Assistant City Manager
Kevin Jackson, Deputy City Manager
Rebecca Garner, Assistant to the City Manager
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Gladys Kaiser, Manager, Community Recreation Services

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