



Board Agenda
Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Earliest start time: 10 a.m.

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND IN PERSON.
THE MEETING WILL BE LIVESTREAMED AT
<https://www.lcra.org/about/leadership/Pages/stream.aspx>**

Items From the Chair

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***This agenda item requires the approval of at least 12 Board members.**

Executive Session

The Board also may go into executive session for advice from legal counsel on any items listed above and discuss the value, purchase and sale regarding any real estate-related item listed above, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Legal Notice

Legal notices are available on the Texas secretary of state website 72 hours prior to the meeting at www.sos.state.tx.us/open.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Comments From the Public

Summary

Consistent with Gov. Abbott's March 16, 2020, temporary suspension of various provisions of the Open Meetings Act, the public will not be able to attend the meeting in person but may view the open session portions of the meeting via livestream at: <https://www.lcra.org/about/leadership/Pages/stream.aspx> and make comments to the Board of Directors via telephone.

The Board will take all public comments at the beginning of the meeting. Members of the public who would like to address the Board must register by calling one of the numbers below between 9:30-9:50 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

Phone numbers: 877-820-7831 (toll free) or
720-279-0026

Passcode: 885538

FOR ACTION

2. Conveyance of Conservation Easement in Matagorda County (Parcel A-CR14(1))

Proposed Motion

Authorize the general manager or his designee to (i) convey to the Colorado River Land Trust an approximately 934.09-acre conservation easement, being a portion of LCRA Parcel A-CR14(1) in Matagorda County and (ii) authorize the Colorado River Land Trust to use roads on LCRA's adjoining property to access the easement property; and find that the grant of the conservation easement will accomplish the purposes of LCRA's statutory mission of soil, water and wildlife conservation in the lower Colorado River watershed.

Board Consideration

Section 8503.020(b) of the Texas Special District Local Laws Code requires the approval of at least 12 members of the LCRA Board of Directors to convey any interest in real property.

Budget Status and Fiscal Impact

The fiscal year 2020 business plan contains the administrative costs associated with the conveyance of this easement.

Summary

LCRA acquired a 1,534-acre tract of land at the mouth of the Colorado River in 2001 and subsequently developed the Matagorda Bay Nature Park on a portion of the property. Most of the remainder of the tract is undevelopable wetlands. The easement area is within the migratory path of the endangered whooping crane species as well as habitat for the potentially endangered piper plover.

The CRLT was created in 2012 to preserve open space and protect public water supplies. LCRA is interested in conveying a conservation easement on the approximately 934.09-acre portion of the LCRA land. The proposed easement would ensure the preservation of the easement tract in its natural state in perpetuity. The easement will allow LCRA's continued use of the property for public recreation and educational purposes. The easement will not allow for subdivision or commercial development. LCRA will continue to manage the easement property consistent with current practices.

LCRA's Community Resources department approves of the proposed easement. LCRA staff will complete environmental and cultural resource due diligence in accordance with Board Policy 401.403 – Land Disposition before the conveyance of this easement.

Presenter(s)

John Miri
Chief Administrative Officer

Margo Richards
Vice President, Community Resources

Exhibit(s)

A – Vicinity Map

B – Site Map

EXHIBIT A

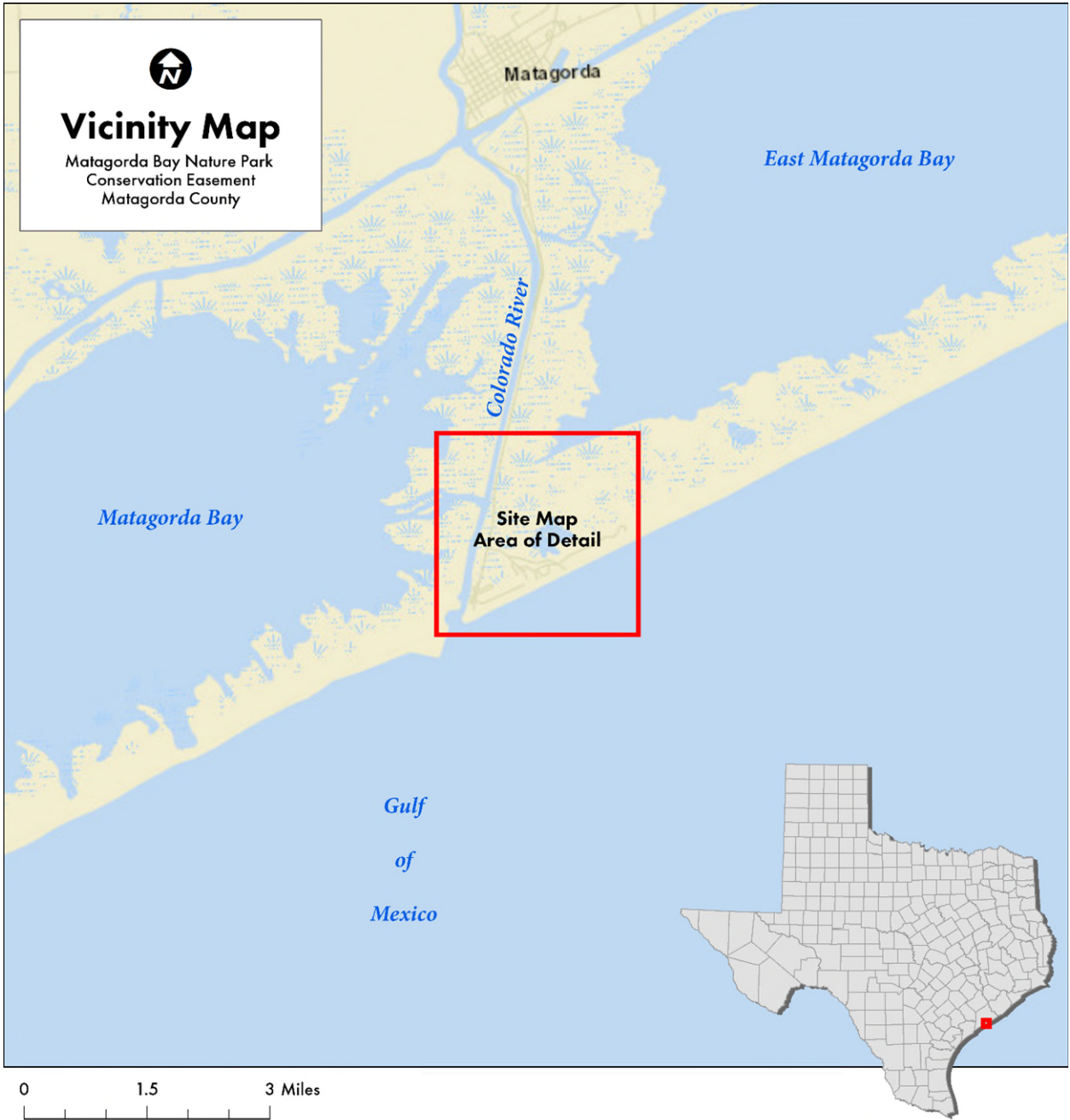


EXHIBIT B

