



**OFFICE OF MAYOR JERRY SANDERS
CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

MEMORANDUM

DATE : December 3, 2009

TO : Council President Ben Hueso & Honorable Members of the San Diego City Council

FROM : Mayor Jerry Sanders

SUBJECT : Appointment to the Wetlands Advisory Board

It is my pleasure to appoint Chris Nordby to the Wetlands Advisory Board, subject to your confirmation.

Chris Nordby has more than 30 years experience in the ecology of Southern California wetlands. His portfolio of expertise includes development and implementation of wetland restoration plans, habitat requirements of wetland-associated endangered species, development and implementation of long-term monitoring programs, assessment of impacts of sewage and increased freshwater input on wetland communities, and environmental permitting/compliance as required by the Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, Coastal Zone Management Act, and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act. Since 2008, Mr. Nordby has served as a Principal Biologist for Nordby Biological Consulting, Inc. in San Diego. Previously, he worked as the Principal Biologist at Tierra Environmental Services, Inc. for 15 years. Other professional experience includes serving as a Senior Project Scientist for Science Application International Corporation in San Diego, Research Ecologist and Manager of the Pacific Estuarine Research Laboratory at San Diego State University, Wildlife Biologist for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in Laguna Niguel, California, and as a professional biological consultant.

As a result of Mr. Nordby's outstanding insight and expertise in wetlands, he has drafted numerous publications, studies, and reports on a broad range of topics, and has contributed to a vast range of feasibility studies, biological assessments, monitoring reports, mitigation plans, and tidal studies. He is also co-author of the *Ecology of Tijuana Estuary, California: An Estuarine Profile*. Mr. Nordby's expertise as an ecologist and biologist has given him the opportunity to work in regional lagoons and estuaries from Bahia de San Quintin in Baja California, Mexico to Goleta Slough in Santa Barbara County, California.

Mr. Nordby holds a Master of Science degree in Biology from San Diego State University, and Bachelor of Arts degree in Zoology from the University of Northern Colorado.

Mr. Nordby will serve as a Wetland Scientist for the Wetlands Advisory Board. He will replace Lisa Levin, who is termed out, for a term expiring July 1, 2011. Mr. Nordby resides in Allied Gardens.

I ask that you confirm this appointment and join me in acknowledging Mr. Nordby for his willingness to give his time and expertise to serve the City of San Diego in this capacity.



JERRY SANDERS
Mayor

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cc: City Attorney Jan Goldsmith
City Clerk Elizabeth Maland