

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (FEIR) STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION, MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM and ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Venice Auxiliary Pumping Plant (VAPP) Project.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. CERTIFY that:

- a. The FEIR (SCH No. 2015111038) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), attached to the Council file, were completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.
- b. The EIR and FEIR were presented to City Council as the decision-making body of the City of Los Angeles.
- c. City Council reviewed and considered the information contained in the FEIR and the EIR and that said documents reflects and expressed the City's independent and analysis.

2. ADOPT the:

- a. Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations, attached to the Council file.
- b. Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, attached to the Council file.

3. SPECIFY that the documents constituting the record of proceedings in this matter are in the custody of the City Clerk located at 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012 and in the files of the Bureau of Engineering located at 1149 South Broadway, Suite 600, Los Angeles, California.

4. APPROVE the VAPP Project as described in the FEIR, attached to the Council file.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board of Public Works (BPW) reports that the proposed VAPP Project has an approved construction budget of approximately \$19,000,000. Funding is available from the Sewer Construction and Maintenance Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On August 1, 2017, your Committee considered a June 30, 2017 BPW report, FEIR, EIR, Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program relative to the VAPP Project (SCH No. 2015111038). According to the BPW, the City owns and operated the VPP (Pump Station No. 646), located at 140 Hurricane Street in the Los Angeles community of Venice. The VPP is the City's largest pumping plant and it is considered a critical facility for conveying sewage from its tributary area. The facility was designed and built

in 1957 and was last upgraded in 1987. Five pumps currently serve the facility.

The VPP collects sewage from the City's Coastal Interceptor Sewer (CIS), which serves the communities of Topanga, Pacific Palisades, Brentwood, Venice, and Mar Vista. It also serves the City of Santa Monica and parts of Los Angeles County. Sewage is pumped south to the City's Hyperion Treatment Plant, located in Playa del Rey.

Unlike other portions of the City's sewage collection and conveyance system, there are no diversions for bypassing the facility or associated CIS for required maintenance or in the event of an emergency. Moreover, the existing VPP has no physical space for additional back up pumps and associated equipment to ensure system reliability. The proposed Project would be located adjacent to the existing VPP, the Ballona Lagoon, and the Grand Canal. It is a critically needed wastewater facility that will ensure in meeting needed pumping capacity and reliability at all times to the existing VPP.

The Project site is within the Venice Community Planning Area and Council District No. 11. The proposed Project would be built on three vacant lots with a total combined area of approximately 12,076 square feet. Three construction laydown areas may be used for staging materials and equipment storage during the anticipated two year construction period. Implementation of the proposed Project entails construction of a new pumping plant with three new pumps adjacent to the existing VPP, which would provide redundancy and ensure reliability of the sewer collection system, it would also allow the sewer system to handle extreme weather (e.g., El Nino), and corresponding increases in groundwater levels that exacerbate infiltration conditions, both for the existing and planned conveyance system. The potential for near misses and/or catastrophic system failures would be reduced with upgraded system redundancy and reliability.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the VAPP and the accompanying environmental documents as detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
MARTINEZ:	YES
KORETZ:	ABSENT
KREKORIAN:	YES
CEDILLO:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES

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