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November 18, 2008

The Honorable Bill Rosendahl
Chair, Public Works Committee
City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street, Room 415
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair Rosendahl:

VENICE PUMPING PLANT DUAL FORCE MAIN PROJECT - ITEM 08-0504

Recently, staff of the City of Los Angeles' Department of Public Works made a presentation to the Los Angeles County Small Craft Harbor Commission regarding the Venice Pumping Plant Dual Force Main Project (Project). During this presentation, the County became aware that the Public Works Committee of the City Council would consider the project's Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) at its Wednesday, November 19, 2008 meeting. Accordingly, at today's meeting of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board), the Board voted to oppose the City staff's preferred Via Marina alignment and directed the Chief Executive Office to transmit a letter expressing its opposition to your Committee in advance of your November 19, 2008 meeting.

During recent outreach efforts to the Marina del Rey (Marina) community by the Bureau of Engineering (Bureau) of the City's Department of Public Works, Marina stakeholders voiced the opinion that they were not adequately informed in a timely manner about the Project and did not, therefore, have the opportunity to provide meaningful public comment on the EIR before the public comment period closed. Additionally, we believe conflicting information has been presented to both County representatives and Marina stakeholders by the Bureau with respect to other feasible alternatives. The adequacy and consistency of the City's communication is particularly troublesome given that the Bureau's preferred alignment is along Via Marina, a major perimeter road of the unincorporated Marina del Rey community rather than the two other alignments within the City's boundaries.

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The County is very concerned about the proposed Project's negative impacts on the Marina, its residents and infrastructure. The following is a summary of the County's specific concerns:

- **Marina Redevelopment Projects:** Given that the dual force main is scheduled for construction precisely when it is anticipated that several Marina redevelopment projects will break ground, there is serious concern about the impact of the Project on these Marina projects, which are important to the County's continued redevelopment of the Marina. These projects include the Holiday Harbor Marina (Parcel 21), the Esprit II Apartments (Parcel 15), the Legacy/Neptune Apartments (Parcels 10 and FF), the Woodfin Hotel (Parcel 9), and the Del Rey Shores Apartments (Parcels 100 and 101). A map showing the location of these projects including information on each project's status is attached (Attachment I).
- **"People" Impacts:** It appears that the Project alternatives which are within the City of Los Angeles will impact/inconvenience a far lesser number of Los Angeles City residents than the number of Marina residents, restaurant patrons, hotel guests, and business owners who will be negatively impacted and inconvenienced by the City's preferred alignment along Via Marina.
- **Longstanding County Concerns with Via Marina Alignment:** The County has registered concerns with the Bureau's preferred Via Marina alignment at least twice, in 2005 and 2006, proposing instead that the City focus on the Pacific Avenue alignment within the City's boundaries. Copies of the letters from the Departments of Beaches and Harbors and Public Works, respectively, are attached (Attachment II). Nevertheless, the Bureau has continued moving forward with the Via Marina alignment, notwithstanding the County's expressed concerns.

As noted above, on motion of Supervisor Don Knabe at today's Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board voted to oppose the Via Marina alignment for the Venice Pumping Plant Dual Force Main Project; and by this letter your Committee is officially notified of the Board of Supervisors' opposition. Moreover, the Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that your Committee order the public comment period on the Final EIR be reopened and extended to permit Marina residents and other stakeholders the opportunity to provide meaningful input to the EIR document. The additional time would also allow City and County representatives the opportunity to meet and make an effort to reach consensus on a mutually-acceptable solution regarding the Project's alignment.

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We respectfully request and thank you in advance for your consideration of the County's position during your consideration of the Venice Pumping Plant Dual Force Main Project and the Final EIR. Should you have any questions or concerns about the County's opposition, please feel free to contact me or a member of your staff may contact Lari Sheehan, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Community and Municipal Services at (213) 893-2477, or via e-mail at lsheehan@ceo.lacounty.gov.

Sincerely,



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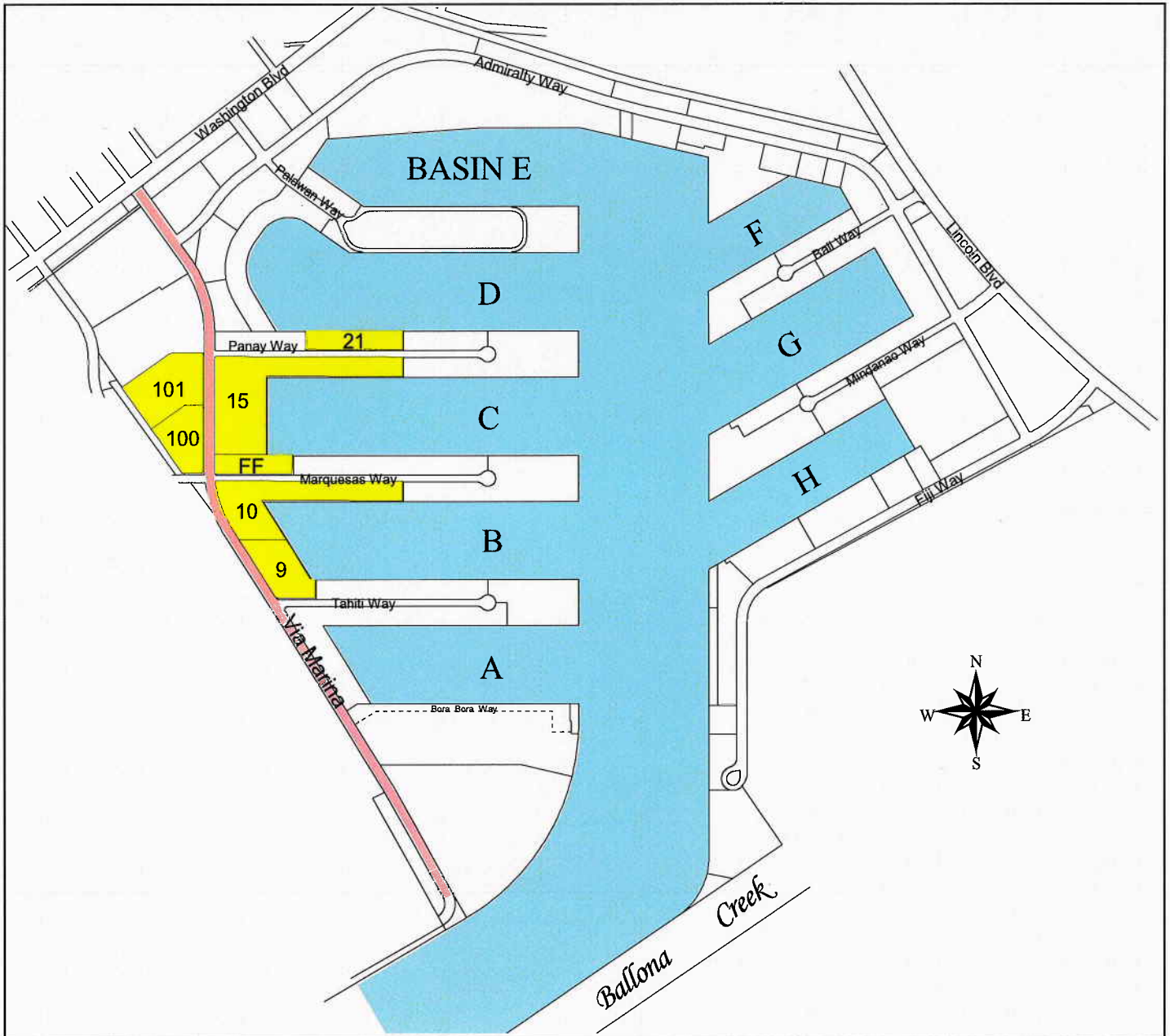
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Marina del Rey Projects Likely to be Impacted by Venice Dual Force Main Sewer Project



Parcel 21 (Holiday Harbor Marina): Application for Coastal Development Permit under review by Department of Regional Planning.

Parcel 15 (Esprit II): Obtained Coastal Development Permit, awaiting building permit.

Parcels 10 and FF (Legacy/Neptune): Project heard by Regional Planning Commission on Oct. 29, 2008; still being considered.

Parcel 9 (Woodfin Hotel): Project heard by Regional Planning Commission on Oct. 29, 2008; still being considered.

Parcels 100 and 101 (Del Rey Shores): Board of Supervisors to consider additional environmental analysis for the EIR on Nov. 25, 2008.



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**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT -- VENICE
PUMPING PLANT DUAL FORCE MAIN PROJECT**

Dear Mr. Doty:

The Department of Beaches & Harbors has reviewed the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of the Draft EIR for the Venice Pumping Dual Force Main Project. The document identifies three possible alignments for the proposed project – two of the three lie within the County's operational jurisdiction and would result in considerable disruption to beach resources or to Marina del Rey (MDR) operations. Therefore, we propose that the City select the **Pacific Avenue Alignment** option.

The **Marquesas Way/Via Marina Alignment** would be problematic given the timeframe of the project and the expected MDR leasehold development along Via Marina. In addition, problems that would occur with the operation of a sewer main along Via Marina would significantly impact traffic and residential properties in this area. The NOP indicates that the Marina Peninsula Neighborhood Association (MPNA) has expressed concern about the potential impact of the Pacific Avenue Alignment within the City of Los Angeles. Be assured that the Marina del Rey Lessees Association and various MDR tenant groups would also have an opinion about the selection of the Marquesas Way/Via Marina Alignment, as it would have similar issues as those raised by the MPNA. As examples of potential disruption to Marina projects, construction is underway or approvals have been received for several MDR leasehold improvements, including Esprit Marina on Parcel 12 (Marquesas Way) and Parcel 15 (Via Marina & Panay Way), several Goldrich & Kest projects on Panay Way, Marina Harbor on Parcels 111/112 (Bora Bora Way), Del Rey Shores on Parcels 100/101 (entitlement process) and Parcels 9/10/FF (entitlement process).

The **Dockweiler Beach to Pacific Avenue Alignment** would also be undesirable. While this alignment would appear to be less disruptive to human activity, the construction activity would be disruptive to the established California Least Tern colony, to long-established beach volleyball activities and to our beach cleaning operations. It is true that the City and State own the beach where the alignment would run, but we believe that the temporary street disruption caused by selecting the parallel Pacific Avenue Alignment would avoid significant environmental impacts to

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coastal resources. For these reasons, we disagree with the Initial Study findings that there will be "No Impact" to Recreation (14) and suggest that this analysis be revised accordingly.

With regard to the Initial Study findings concerning Public Services (13), the proposed Draft EIR needs to take a holistic view of the needs of the entire project impact area, including the unincorporated area of Marina del Rey, and not just the surrounding communities under the City's jurisdiction. Although we are not presently aware of any finding that the MDR sewer system is deficient, it should be noted that sewer capacity is to be thoroughly analyzed as the redevelopment within the Marina continues.

If you have any further questions, please contact Julie Carpenter, at (310) 305-9530, or me, at (310) 305-9533.

Very truly yours,

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Dear Mr. Doty:

REVIEW OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
VENICE PUMPING PLANT DUAL FORCE MAIN PROJECT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Venice Pumping Plant Dual Force Main project. Based on the DEIR, this project has the potential to impact Los Angeles County facilities. Specifically, we are concerned that two of the proposed alignments could have significant construction related impacts to County residents, roadways, and facilities. Public Works recommends considering the Pacific Avenue alignment as the preferred alignment since it creates the least amount of impact to the County.

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Also, it should be noted that any operational impacts to the County infrastructure will need to be reviewed and permitted by Public Works.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Ms. Clarice Nash at (626) 458-5910.

Very truly yours,

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