



COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Mr. William Jones, Environmental Supervisor II
City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Bureau of Engineering, EMG
1149 S. Broadway, Suite 600, Mail Stop 939
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Dear Mr. Jones,

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) is an elected body that is part of the government of the City of Los Angeles. CSPNC represents the residents of Los Angeles who live in the area of the proposed "Paseo Del Mar Permanent Restoration Project".

CSPNC, in a unanimous vote on 17 October 2016, requested that the Bureau of Engineering extend the comment period for the Notice of Preparation (NOP) on the Paseo Del Mar Permanent Restoration Project to 90 days in order to allow for adequate public consultation.

The Bureau of Engineering declined to make that extension (though we acknowledge that the comment period was extended by a few days due to technical problems with posting the NOP), and expressed the intent to limit comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) to thirty days.

We feel that it is imperative that the comment period on the DEIR be extended to ninety (90) days, particularly given that the comment period on the NOP was too short for adequate comment.

At its publicly noticed meeting on 27 February 2016, the Board of CSPNC unanimously passed the following motion:

Whereas, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC) has a strong historical and current interest regarding the White Point landslide and possible restoration of Paseo Del Mar because the location is within the CSPNC district; and

Whereas, the CSPNC considers that useful and representative public comment is essential to inform the content of the Environmental Impact Report for the Paseo Del Mar Permanent Restoration Project; and

Whereas, the monthly meeting schedule of Neighborhood Councils and other civic organizations makes it effectively impossible to solicit, consider, and submit comment within a 30 day period;

Therefore be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council strongly urges the Bureau of Engineering to extend the public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Paseo Del Mar Permanent Restoration Project to ninety (90) days, rather than the proposed legal minimum thirty

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(30) day period.

The thirty day (legal minimum) period is woefully inadequate for public organizations, including elected government representatives and other agencies, to analyze documents, solicit and hear public opinion, and formulate substantive formal comments.

This problem has been facing the residents of San Pedro and those who travel through it for over five years. Any solutions will affect our lives for decades to come. Allowing adequate time for response from the community that knows the area best is called for from both the practical grounds that local input is insightful and from a sense of decent respect for our fellow stakeholders.

We will appreciate your prompt written attention to our request, which may be directed to the address below. In particular, if your intention is to deny the request, we would appreciate hearing the basis for your decision as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Adele Healy, President
Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council