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BOARD AND STAKEHOLDER MEETING AGENDA

Monday 17 May 2021 6:15 PM

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1. Technical checkout for online meeting (no substantive discussion or comment) [15 minutes]
[Board members and public are welcome to check to make sure telephone or computer access is working properly. NOTE: no comment or discussion relevant to Board matters is permitted — please reserve substantive comment for periods of public comment and agenda items.]
2. Public comment on non-agenda items.
3. Call to order and roll call.
4. Board member comment on non-agenda items. *[May include comment on Board members' own activities/brief announcements; brief response to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights or asking questions for clarification; introduction of new issues for consideration by the Board at its next meeting; or requests for research and a report back to the Board.]*
5. Approval of prior meeting minutes.
6. Report from Los Angeles Police Department [5 minutes]
7. Presentation from Pallet Homes (<https://www.palletshelter.com/our-products>, shelter for people experiencing homelessness) by Ben Simons.
8. Presentation on the Port/CalTrans project (including large retaining wall) at the I-110 freeway off-ramp onto Harbor Blvd, by Sarah Aziz of Port of Los Angeles.
9. Motion opposing the Poseidon desalination plant.
10. Motion to support AB 500.
11. Motion to support SB 433.
12. Motion to support SB 15.
13. Motion to oppose City Council motion CF-21-0407 to standardize Neighborhood Council Elections.

14. Motion to thank Nanette Barragan for proposing that the Pacific Battleship Center U.S.S. Iowa be designated as the National Museum of the Surface Navy.
15. Motion to reconfirm the Neighborhood Purpose Grant for the Maritime Museum.
16. Motion to fund the Marine Mammal Care Center.
17. Motion to fund Feed and Be Fed.
18. Committee reports.
19. Treasurer's report.

Budget and Finance (Consent Calendar)

20. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Reports for April.
21. Approval of Monthly Expenses, including approval of Treasurer's payment of all recurring Neighborhood Council expenses including (but not limited to) Lloyd Staffing, The Mailroom, and office supplies.
22. Approval of funding requests received from committees.
23. Appointments of committee officers, committee members, and Board representatives.
24. Announcements.
25. Public comment on non-agenda items.
26. Adjournment.

9. Motion opposing the Poseidon desalination plant.

Coastline and Parks Committee motion

[See attached Los Angeles Times article]

Whereas desalination of seawater to provide fresh water for Southern California is one of the most expensive and environmentally destructive methods of providing fresh water; and

Whereas the proposed mitigation efforts in San Pedro to provide additional fish habitat are utterly inadequate to offset the damage that a desalination plant would do to marine life at its location;

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes the Poseidon desalination plant project in Huntington Beach, Orange County.

10. Motion to support AB 500.

Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committee motion

Whereas, AB 500 restores the ability of the Coastal Commission to require that low and moderate income housing be protected, encouraged, and provided;

Whereas, AB 500 would streamline the process for approval of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in the Coastal Zone, which now are significantly more expensive and take much longer than the ADU process outside of the Coastal Zone;

Therefore be it Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board strongly urges the City Council to include support of AB 500 in the City's Legislative Platform.

CSPNC shall file a Community Impact Statement

11. Motion to support SB 433.

Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committee motion

Whereas, existing Coastal Act law authorizes the Coastal Commission to impose specified administrative penalties on a person who is in violation of the public access provisions of the Coastal Act for each violation of the Coastal Act;

Whereas, frequently other provisions of the Coastal Act are violated with no impunity as there are no penalties;

Whereas, SB 433 would additionally authorize the Coastal Commission to impose specified administrative civil penalties for provisions of the Coastal Act other than public access;

Therefore be it Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board strongly urges the City Council to include support of SB 433 in the City's Legislative Platform.

CSPNC shall file a Community Impact Statement

12. Motion to support SB 15.

Planning, Land Use, and Transportation Committee motion

Whereas, SB 15 provides incentives to increase affordable housing by enabling cities and counties to voluntarily rezone and reuse idled shopping centers and big-box retail buildings for residential use;

Whereas, SB 15 would establish a state-funded grant program for local governments, administered via the state Housing and Community Development department, and the grants would encourage cities to shift to housing on such sites by supplying funds to municipalities for seven years to replace lost sales taxes from the commercial use of SB 15 sites;

Therefore be it Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board strongly urges the City Council to include support of SB 15 in the City's Legislative Platform.

CSPNC shall file a Community Impact Statement

13. Motion to oppose City Council motion CF-21-0407 to standardize Neighborhood Council Elections.

Whereas Council rep Monica Rodriguez (CD7) introduced a motion that asks the City Attorney to advise on how the city government can change neighborhood council election rules; it begins with an attack on the requirement for voter identification (CF-21-0407);

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council views with concern the motion (CF-21-0407) by Council member Monica Rodriguez which, if acted on, could do serious damage to the neighborhood council election system. We call on Councilman Joe Buscaino to oppose this motion.

CSPNC shall file a Community Impact Statement

For information purposes, this is the motion, introduced in City Council on April 14, 2021 by Monica Rodriguez, seconded by Gil Cedillo:

The Neighborhood Council system was established in 1999 to connect LA's diverse communities to City Hall. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers, elected to office by the members of their community, with the purpose of ensuring that the diverse voices from every neighborhood are heard by City Hall. Democracy cannot exist without a fair electoral process at every level of government. As the closest form of government to the people, Neighborhood Councils must ensure their elections are inclusive, accessible and transparent.

Today, the City of Los Angeles is home to 99 Neighborhood Councils, each with its own election process. Where a person lives in the city determines the inclusivity of the process to cast a ballot, including whether photo identification is required. Requiring photo identification to vote, although seemingly unobstructive, is voter suppression, as many have experienced during the current Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

election. Obtaining identification is a significant burden for many groups as IDs can be costly and the travel required is often an obstacle for people with disabilities, the elderly, and people living in rural areas.

As voter suppression efforts take root across the United States, it is even more important that the City of Los Angeles reconfirms our commitment to voter rights, and equal and consistent elections throughout the neighborhood council system, ensuring that everyone who wants to participate in this grassroots democracy, is provided the same opportunity as their neighbors in other communities.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment be instructed to report with a survey of Neighborhood Council Election rules, with an analysis on how the bylaws of different Neighborhood Councils vary on election issues, including, but not limited to: eligibility requirements for Board seats, governing board structure, stakeholder requirements, and stakeholder verification.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to report on the City Council's authority to standardize election rules across Neighborhood Councils, and potential limits to this authority.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be directed to report on the costs associated with administering the existing nonstandardized Neighborhood Council election systems, and provide recommendations for streamlining a Neighborhood Council elections, and potential cost savings that could result from standardizing Neighborhood Council election rules.

14. Motion to thank Nanette Barragan for proposing that the Pacific Battleship Center U.S.S. Iowa be designated as the National Museum of the Surface Navy.

[See attached press release]

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall send a letter of thanks to Congresswoman Nanette Diaz Barragán for re-introducing federal legislation to designate the battleship U.S.S. *Iowa* Museum as the National Museum of the Surface Navy.

15. Motion to reconfirm the Neighborhood Purpose Grant for the Maritime Museum.

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall fund a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for the Friends of the Los Angeles Maritime Museum in the amount of \$2,000.

16. Motion to fund the Marine Mammal Care Center.

NPG application attached

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall fund a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for the Marine Mammal Care Center for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

17. Motion to fund Feed and Be Fed.

Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council shall fund a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for Feed and Be Fed for an amount not to exceed \$3,000.

For more information, please call 310-918-8650; write to CSPNC, 1840 S. Gaffey Street #34, San Pedro, CA 90731; or visit the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council website at www.cspnc.org.

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CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT

Poseidon wins key seawater desalination permit



Poseidon Water plans to build one of the nation's largest seawater desalination plants on the grounds of the AES Huntington Beach Power Station.

(Allen J. Schaben / Los Angeles Times)

By BETTINA BOXALL

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Poseidon Water won a key approval Thursday in its long quest to build a seawater desalination plant on the Orange County coastline.

But the permit from the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board does not ensure that the \$1-billion ocean desalter will rise on the grounds of an old power plant in Huntington Beach.

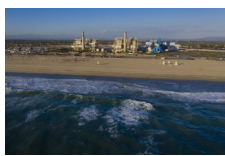
Poseidon still needs a construction permit from the California Coastal Commission and, most critically, a binding deal with a public agency to buy 50 million gallons a day of purified seawater.

The board's consideration of the Poseidon proposal has stretched over years, touching on questions of harm to the marine environment, need for the supply and its cost.

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Those issues arose again during Thursday's virtual hearing. But most of the board's

discussion dealt with how it could make sure Poseidon carries out required environmental mitigation projects in a timely fashion.



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Newsom pushes private seawater desalting plant over local and environmental opposition

Feb. 23, 2021

The board last summer signaled support for a condition that would bar the company from running the plant — and thus selling water — until it obtained the necessary government approvals for all the environmental work.

Poseidon vehemently objected to the condition, saying it would make it impossible to obtain construction financing, effectively killing the project.

Thursday, the board settled on a compromise that would maintain the prohibition on plant operation until the board has signed off on design plans, cost estimates and timelines for 60% of the mitigation work.

“It’s as far as I’m going to go,” said board member Daniel Selmi, arguing that it was imperative to keep pressure on Poseidon to avoid years of delays in starting the work.



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Drought is back. But Southern California faces less pain than Northern California

April 2, 2021

“We need to do our job on this,” he said, calling the desalter “a large, environmentally damaging project.”

The harm would come from the plant’s ocean intake and discharge, which state

scientists say would kill significant quantities of algae, plankton and fish larvae at the base of the marine food web.

Environmental requirements include dredging of an ocean inlet to the Bolsa Chica wetlands, restoration of Bolsa Chica cordgrass marsh and creation of artificial reef habitat for fish off the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

The board approved Poseidon's discharge permit with the compromise language in a 4-3 vote. Selmi, Chair Lana Peterson, Tom Rivera and William Ruh voted yes. Board Vice Chair Kris Murray, Joe Kerr and Letitia Clark voted no.

The board's review of the proposal has been clouded by allegations of political interference by Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration, which was lobbied by Poseidon.

In 2019-20, the company spent \$575,000 on lobbying by Axiom Advisors, whose principal, Jason Kinney, is a longtime friend of Newsom's.

Murray, Peterson and Kerr disclosed in February that they had received phone calls and text messages from California Environmental Protection Secretary Jared Blumenfeld during Poseidon hearings last summer. When the board reopened the Poseidon hearing last week, they said that Blumenfeld had not attempted to sway their votes and that they did not need to recuse themselves.

Thursday, Selmi and Peterson said the governor's office had recently contacted them, asking them whether they were going to reapply for their board positions when their terms expired in September.

A board attorney said the calls were not an ex parte communication because they did not involve the project.

But the topic harked back to last year, when Newsom let William von Blasingame's term expire, replacing him with Clark.

A retired power company executive with extensive infrastructure experience, Von Blasingame had been the board's most vocal Poseidon critic.

The administration has denied any improper meddling on Poseidon's behalf, noting that seawater desalination would help diversify California's water supply.

Labor groups have strongly supported the Huntington Beach project as a job source, while Poseidon has promoted it as a drought-proof source of water in a drought-prone state.

But some major Orange County water officials have questioned the need for the costly water, which would be roughly twice as expensive as imported supplies provided by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Several board members raised the issue again Thursday, questioning why a smaller, less environmentally harmful desalter wasn't sufficient.

But they didn't press the matter, devoting most of the nearly 10-hour hearing to environmental mitigation.

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Barragán, Feinstein Re-Introduce Bill to Designate the U.S.S. *Iowa* Battleship as the National Museum of the Surface Navy



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 24, 2021

SAN PEDRO, Calif. – Today, Congresswoman Nanette Diaz Barragán and Senator Dianne Feinstein announced they have re-introduced legislation to designate the battleship U.S.S. *Iowa* Museum as the National Museum of the Surface Navy. If passed, this bill would make this vessel the first and only museum in the nation dedicated solely to the men and women who have served in the surface forces of the U.S. Navy.

“This bill honors the men and women who have served – and continue to serve – in the surface forces of the United States by designating this museum as a monument to their sacrifice,”

Congresswoman Nanette Diaz Barragán said. “In decades past, the *Iowa* defended our nation. Today, it serves our community here in San Pedro by educating the next generation. The U.S.S. *Iowa* is now not only a hallmark of California’s 44th Congressional District, but also a living monument to the surface forces of the U.S. Navy.”

“The U.S.S. *Iowa* has a storied history. She was active in World War II and the Korean War, and later supported NATO in the 1980s after she was recommissioned. She also famously carried President Roosevelt to meet with Churchill and Stalin in 1943,” **Senator Dianne Feinstein** said. “Her life as a museum in the Port of Los Angeles has taught millions of Americans the importance of our surface navy. I’m proud to again partner with Congresswoman Barragán to introduce a bill designating the U.S.S. *Iowa* as the National Museum of the Surface Navy.”

Commissioned in 1943, the U.S.S. *Iowa* was the most powerful American warship of her time. The ship saw action across much of the Pacific during World War II and even transported President Franklin D. Roosevelt during the first transatlantic leg of his journey to the 1943 Tehran Conference with the other Allied leaders. The *Iowa* was present during the Japanese surrender at Tokyo Bay 75 years ago and continued to serve our country throughout the Cold War.

Since 2012, the battleship has been berthed in San Pedro, acting as a museum and monument to those who have served. The museum and its dedicated team offer a vital resource to educate the community and promote the causes of veterans.

Given the challenges of operating a museum in the era of COVID-19, the hardworking people who keep the *Iowa* afloat are invaluable. Their personal sacrifice and commitment to this museum brings honor to both our community and to the Navy men and women represented by this museum.

According to retired Rear Admiral Mike Shatynski, Chairman of the Board for the museum, “In 1775, Congress founded our Navy by commissioning a handful of surface ships. For 244 years, our country’s Surface Navy has protected free trade on the seas, provided humanitarian assistance, and promoted international relations. I am grateful to Congresswoman Barragan and Senator Feinstein that we will be able to recognize the millions of Surface Navy sailors and their families for their service to our country and the world.”

Full text of the legislation is [available here](#).

Video of Congresswoman Barragán, Rear Admiral Shatynski, and museum CEO Jonathan Williams at the U.S.S. Iowa in San Pedro, Calif., when the legislation was first introduced in September is [available here](#).

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Nanette Diaz Barragán is proud to represent California's 44th Congressional District, which includes the communities of Carson, Compton, Florence-Firestone, Lynwood, North Long Beach, Rancho Dominguez, San Pedro, South Gate, Walnut Park, Watts, Willowbrook and Wilmington. She serves as chairwoman of the House Homeland Security Committee's Subcommittee on Border Security.