



COASTAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

October 18, 2016

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".

At its publicly noticed meeting on 17 October 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 formulate the scope and content of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Paseo Del Mar Permanent Restoration Project; and
Whereas, the monthly meeting schedule of Neighborhood Councils makes it effectively impossible to solicit 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 Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Paseo Del Mar Permanent Restoration Project to ninety (90) days, rather than the proposed legal minimum thirty (30) day period.**

This motion is consistent with CSPNC's earlier position on notification periods for similar City actions, passed on 16 June 2008 and forwarded to City officials at that time:

Whereas, it is the law of the City of Los Angeles that Neighborhood Councils shall be provided early notification allowing adequate comment and response, especially in matters of great public consequence,
Therefore, be it resolved the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council reaffirms its long established policy that a minimum of sixty days be provided to comment on environmental impact report statements, and ninety days on Port DEIR's and EIR's when more than one DEIR or EIR are released within a sixty day period.

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President

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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 is particularly relevant since the "Initial Study" for public review was not posted to the BOE website until 11 October 2016, making the practical review period even shorter than 30 days.

Given the scale of this project, the heavy influence it will have on this area of the City of Los Angeles, and the strong public interest expressed during the years following the landslide that precipitated this project, it is imperative that we (and other constituencies) be given a ninety day period to respond.

We will appreciate your prompt written attention to our request, which may be directed to the address above.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Adele Healy
President
On behalf of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board