

PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
EIR/AESTHETIC MITIGATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Port of Los Angeles
425 S. Palos Verdes Street
San Pedro, California

Minutes
June 26, 2008

ATTENDEES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS/PCAC

Kathleen Woodfield, Acting Chair
Skip Baldwin, Alternate Member
Donna Ethington, Voting Member
Janet Gunter, Alternate Member
Chuck Hart, Voting Member
Jody James, Alternate Member
Lucy Mejia, Voting Member
Peter Warren, Voting Member

PORT STAFF

Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., Executive Director
Lena Maun DeSantis
Teresa Scognamillo

PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS

Gwen Butterfield, Butterfield Communications
Mark A. Demuth, CDM
David Jensen, CDM
Nancy Richardson, LAMI
Sharon Rubalcava, PAAP
David Wright, PAAP

LOCATION OF MEETING: POLA Charter High School, 250 W. 5th St., San Pedro, CA

- A. Call to Order: 4:05PM
- B. Sign-In / Introductions
- C. Agenda Approved
- D. Public Comment: None
- E. POLA Staff Update:
 - 1. EIR Schedule
 - China Shipping Re-circulated Draft EIR was released. The comment period has been extended by 15 days, with a deadline of July 15, 2008, 5:00PM.

A hard copy of the document was given to the Chair of the EIR Subcommittee. Two extra copies were provided for the rest of PCAC, through Jayme Wilson. Peter Warren made a formal request, for a hard copy of the EIR's for his LAN Subcommittee.

- SEIS/SEIR for Pacific LA Marine Terminal LLC Project on Pier 400 (Plains All American Pipeline, LLC) (PAAP) was released. The deadline for the comment period is July 29, 2008
 - The Channel Deepening Project should be the next document out. Currently, there is no release date.
 - The San Pedro Waterfront Project EIR/EIS – Expected to be released by the end of July/early August
 - The Wilmington Waterfront Project EIR – Expected to be released late August
 - The next document is probably the BNSF/Southern California International Gateway (SCIG) project – Release not likely to be before the end of the year.
 - APL, which has not been started yet.
2. Follow Up on Previous Mitigation Monitoring Programs:
Discussion deferred until July.
 3. Status of China Shipping Settlement Mitigation Projects:
Item E3 was discussed out of order, after the presentation on PAAP.

F. Brief Presentation/Q & A Regarding Plains All American, Pier 400 Proposed Project (Time Certain: 5:15PM)

David Wright, from PAAP, provided an environmental review summary of the project. He stated that he would have Sharon Rubalcava, an attorney who specializes in CEQA Law as well as Air Quality, and Mr. Meyer, who does all the modeling for the health risk assessment analysis available for discussion at the PCAC Air Quality Subcommittee meeting on July 2, 2008. The Army Corp of Engineers / Port's public meeting for public comment on the Draft SEIS/SEIR is tonight, June 26, 2008. Deadline for the public review period is July 29, 2008.

Project mitigation includes aggressive measures to reduce air emissions, i.e. AMP, low sulfur fuel / .2%, in main and auxiliary engines as well as boilers. There will be 100% mandatory use of electric shore side pumps for all ship calls. Measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions include solar panel, LEED certified terminal buildings, and regular energy audits. A list of mitigation measures can be found in the SEIR.

E. 3. Status of China Shipping Settlement Mitigation Projects:

Teresa Scognamillo reported:

- Welcome Park:

The original Welcome Park project is on the record as a project where money was allocated but that China Shipping money was never spent. The \$5 Million is still available.

- Plaza Park:
The Plaza Park Project went through the process in 2003, but has not been presented to the Board, as it is mitigation in the China Shipping EIR. The City Attorney has stated that a project cannot be presented to the Board for allocation of funds when the project is in another document. This was the only project that was linked to an EIR.

Ms. Gunter asked for a written report on the details of the project and the fall out. She stated that there was absolute justification for an extension on the June 2009 deadline, based on the fact that the Port has fallen through on their responsibilities to bring this back into the process so that the funds could be reallocated. An RFP should have been reissued for these funds.

Ms. Scognamillo has received a proposal from Janet Gunter, for which she is waiting for direction from the Subcommittee.

- Wilmington Open Space, a Park Project
Skip Baldwin, the applicant, is having trouble communicating with Port staff. Ms. Scognamillo stated that she had not been able to respond to his project. She needs to bring Mr. Baldwin into a discussion with State Lands.

Ms. Woodfield asked if the Committee could meet with Ms. Scognamillo more proactively, rather than waiting each month for a meeting. Ms. Scognamillo agreed.

- Wilmington Youth Sailing Center
Donna Ethington submitted her Business Plan to the Port and her project is still not moving forward. The response from the Port has been that the water at the preferred location for the center is too contaminated and too dangerous for children. It may be anywhere from 5 to 10 years before the water could be clean enough. Ms. Scognamillo stated that there have been multiple obstacles for the sailing center from the very beginning. The Port is looking at possible locations for something temporary until permanent accommodations can be made.

Ms. Woodfield stated that the committee needed to receive updates on obstacles right away, to try to help resolve them and to get the project moving forward.

- The New San Pedro RFP
A working group meeting was scheduled for the week of July 7, 2008, to review and finalize the RFP for distribution.

Ms. Gunter specified the need for this committee to request an extension on the China Shipping Mitigation deadline, June 2009. The Subcommittee

agreed to submit an administrative letter to the Port requesting an extension.

G. Action Items:

1. Comments - China Shipping Re-circulated DEIR/DEIS. Committee Comments to be submitted before July 15, 2008. Ms. Woodfield is compiling a comment letter, which she will circulate by July 10, 2008. She asked Subcommittee members to provide their input before the 10th.
2. Comments on SEIS/SEIR Pacific L.A. Marine Terminal LLC Pier 400 Berth 408. Comments due July 29, 2008 – Discussion deferred until July.
3. Contract for Consultant for EIR Subcommittee – Discussion Below
4. Administrative Letter Regarding Certain Aspects of Upcoming Bridge to Breakwater Project and Motions – Discussion Deferred

H. Old Business: None

I. New Business/Non Agenda Items

- Ms. Maun DeSantis explained that Dr. Knatz had asked Port staff to set up a meeting with the EIR Subcommittee to redesign the Environmental Documents, Executive Summary so that it was “reader” friendly.
- Dr. Geraldine Knatz met with Dr. John Miller to discuss various issues with the EIR Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee. He asked her what the EIR Subcommittee could do for her. She has asked the Subcommittee to work with the consultants from CDM, to design a template for a shorter version of the EIR documents that would include the pertinent information on a project that the public wants to read, i.e. Impacts and Mitigation, without having to trudge through 6000 pages.

CDM consultants will be assigned to the next Project EIR, APL, to produce something very different from the existing EIRs. Until the APL Project EIR gets going, the consultants have been asked to work with the Subcommittee to develop a template for a **shorter, more distinctive EIR**. The Committee agreed.

The Committee asked for clarification on the following issues:

- What the legal requirements were for the Executive Summary?

RESPONSE: The Executive Summary reflects the information in the full document. It just limits the amount of detail so that it is a shorter read. The CDM Consultants suggested that the new Executive Summary be done in conjunction with an interactive CD that would not only be user friendly, but it would also help to navigate (with links) through the main document when more detail is needed on a particular issue.

- The Summary needs to include all pertinent information, rather than selective information.
- Community concerns revolve around impacts and mitigation. The document should provide a synopsis of the Executive Summary, describing the project and providing a statement of impacts and mitigations with an honest review of the problem areas; inadequacies, deficiencies, and the overriding considerations that will be required within the project.
- Request expert, independent consultants to help the Subcommittee with the document.

RESPONSE: CDM will be available to work with the committee, as well as other consultants who are already contracted by the Port.

- Dr. Knatz was asked to discuss with the Commissioners, the issue of bringing on an independent consultant to help with the review of the EIRs.

Dr. Knatz inquired as to whether the Committee would like to participate in periodic meetings with the appellants in the TraPac group, to discuss in-depth analysis of ongoing EIRs.

- The Committee asked CDM to bring different examples of work product for the basis of discussion at the next meeting.
- Ms. Woodfield explained that the PCAC was supposed to have the position and the status that the appellant group has been given. The intent was to give PCAC an elevated standing, not just a public forum.

J. Agenda Items for Next Meeting - Thursday, July 24, 2008

The July meeting will be extended an extra half hour for a working group meeting to design with CDM, a new “reader friendly” Executive Summary document.

K. Adjournment: 6:10PM

Signature on File
 Kathleen Woodfield, Acting Chair
 EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee

Signature on File
 Debra Babcock-Doherty
 PCAC Executive Assistant