

**127 Rees Street (parallel to proposed route 50' from front door)
Playa del Rey, Ca. 90293
November 29, 2008**

Re: 08-0504 Venice pumping plant EIR

Dear City Council Public Works Committee and Bill Rosendahl,

I have been involved with this project as a concerned citizen and affected home owner since 2001.

The Staff from Public Works has ignored the general public. If you read The Final EIR #2003031001, you can read the comments that we carefully and thoughtfully wrote so that the staff would rework the proposal.

They have continued to ignore logic—running it south on the beach from Venice under the channel and continuing south on Dockweiler to connect at Waterview. Please send them back to work and re work it by designing a project that will not be an environmental issue as far as the Coastal Commission may be concerned. Intelligence must prevail. The LA County Supervisors oppose the project in its current. I implore you to do the same.

Because this is an LA City project, I want to go on record and remind you that the last project done by the Department of Public Works in PdR was for The Thompson Pumping plant which ended up being a Fiasco and an embarrassment to the City. They ignored the concerns of the Public then when dewatering was a problem for which they had no Plan B. We were told that one was not necessary and it cost time and money . Please do not let this happen again??

My biggest concerns are those of LANDSLIDE, MUDFLOW, and SUBSIDENCE, sinking earth caused by excavations, improper compaction of fill and the concern of largest magnitude is DEWATERING, withdrawal of underground fluid.

Do not give “Carte Blanche” to the Department until they can prove that they can bring this project in safely and on time without disrupting traffic and our quality of life.

I have included my letter regarding the project which I wrote in 2006. Please take the time to read it and see the sincerity and logic. Note that the need for the project is supported and accepted.

When the project was presented the time line was said to be 18 to 24 months. We, the community did not believe that based on past performance!!!! Now they claim a mere 11 months for completion. Do not hold your breath!!! Get the Facts--we the public have been told what the Department thinks will get a green light.

Please Red Light this Now. I will be happy to discuss it with you 310-710-7104.

Sincerely,



**Carol Kapp, long time resident and Member of West Beach Playa del Rey
Property Owners Assoc**

127 Rees Street
Playa del Rey, Ca. 90293
Feb. 20, 2006

Dear James Doty, Environmental Group
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Re: Venice Pumping Plant Force Main Project EIR

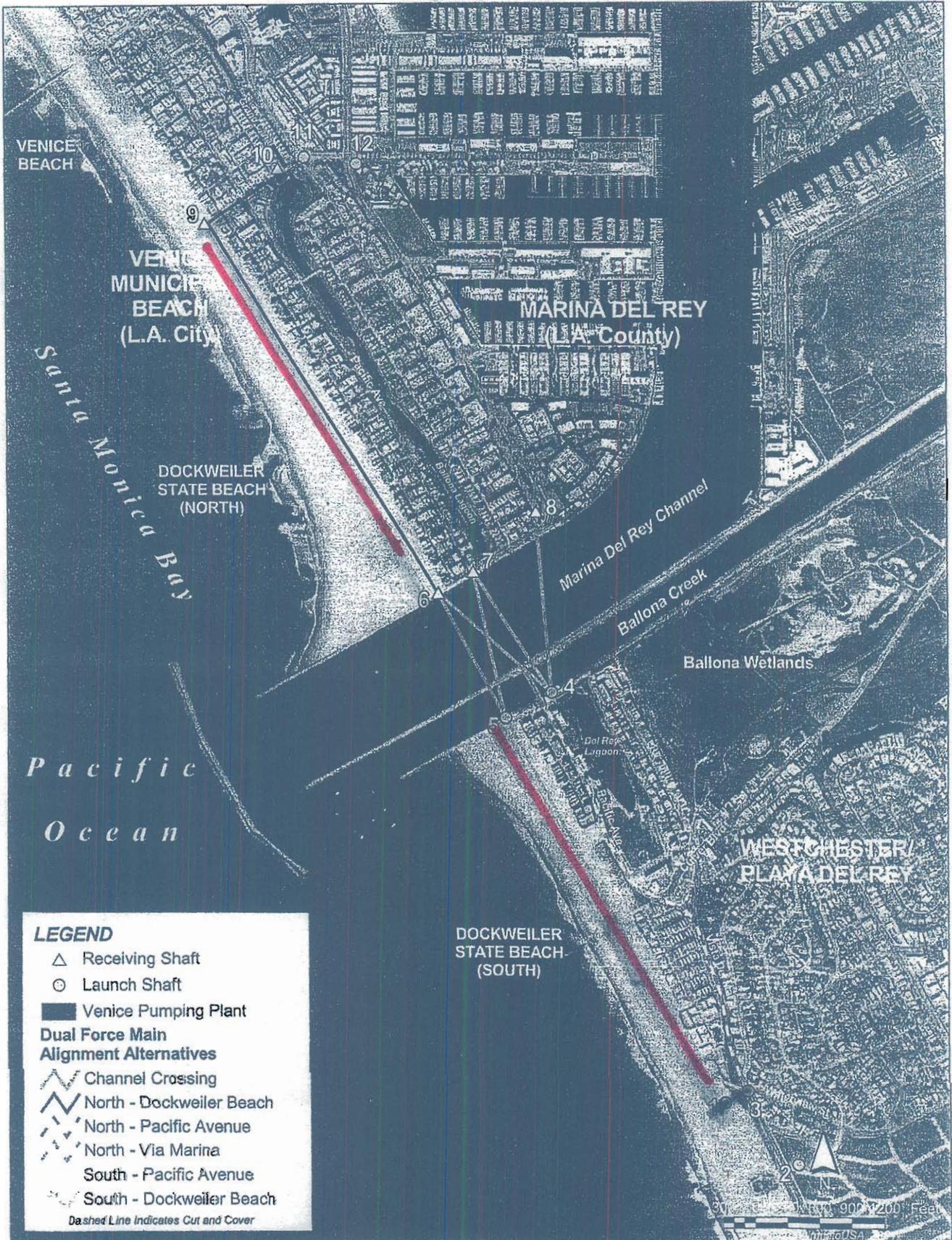
I want to compliment you and the staff. I have read the entire EIR .
You were very thorough!!

I am supporting the route which I believe is described, in the EIR, but I feel that it should be put in writing so that there is no confusion. Using Fig. 6.3-1 I want to support the most straight forward way to complete the project. Begin at # 11 go west to #10, west to # 9 and south to #6 cross under Marina channel , under Ballona Creek to #5 continue on the beach tunneling to #1 east to #3 south to #2 and tie into Hyperion plant.

The route I support would use the Lay down areas to store equipment in the existing parking area adjacent 62nd Ave. and the parking east of Pacific in the Lagoon area.

The Lagoon and Jungle areas of Playa del Rey can not FUNCTION if the roads are reduced. Using the beach for tunneling will disrupt the least of local Residents. We all lived with the Thompson Pumping Plant Fiasco in 1998!!!! We can not and will not live with or through another Public Works Project that is not neighborhood friendly. We come before the Least Tern or any other bird or lower species!!!

The original 1958 pipe is laid in the beach. The new pipe can be laid next to or in close proximity employing tunneling or open trench method. Traffic disruption would be of a minimum. The Dockweiler(North and South) Alignment would eliminate traffic and parking issues as described for the "Pacific And Vista del Mar" Inland route. The residents should not have to live with the negative



impacts associated with a project of this magnitude. Please put the project on the beach for as much as is possible.

By using the beach route, the pipes can be tied together for future use. As the demand increases, both pipes can be used. If there is a big storm, the old pipe can be used so that "nasty" spillage does not wash down our beaches.

By using the beach route, the parking in the Lagoon would be preserved for those using the Park, Basketball courts or Grand Parents attending Little League games, and residents who do not have a garage. Parking is at a premium and must be maintained at the current level.

Please note that we recognize the need for the project. We want to maintain the current quality of life. The ingress and egress for residents, businesses and LAPD and LAFD, and Lifeguards' equipment during the short 18-24 month project.

The beach route would be further away from the bluffs along Vista del Mar. Vibrations from equipment could trigger land slides. The hill properties to the immediate east of Vista del Mar and those in the Jungle to the immediate west of Vista del Mar appear on the City Earthquake maps as being in a liquification zone. The project could potentially result in on or off site slides, lateral spreading, liquification or collapse. Good planning and engineering can not predict a land slide. The La Conchita, in Ventura, 2005 and The June, 2005, Blue Bird Canyon ,La Guna Beach Slides give us all reason to pause and Plan very carefully. Planning is the key. Does The City have enough Liability Insurance to cover similiar happenings??? The seismic shaking and vibrations would be greatly reduced if the Beach route were used.

Throughout the EIR there were references to moving equipment and workers. Arrangements could be made with LA City for workers to park at empty areas along Pershing or open the section of Sandpiper that was shutoff after the 2001 Terrorists attacks. The Sand Piper area could be used for parking and a shuttle bus could run employees as needed. LA County operates parking on the west side of Vista del Mar slightly south of Waterview-Napoleon. There are

County lots in the Marina that could be used for workers. The parking in Venice, Marina and Playa del Rey is precious. Careful Consideration should be given to ways to preserve parking in all areas affected!!!!

To make it very clear----The Jungle is a high density residential area. The parking area located westerly adjacent Vista del Mar, from Montreal South to Surf Alley can not be used in any manner at any time during this project. This area allows Beach access for visitors during the day and provides residential parking in the evening.

I would like to suggest that this Project have an ongoing update bi-weekly in The Argonaut Newspaper.

This is a local free paper that is widely read in the affected area. Additionally, Before the Project really starts, A community meeting should be held at the Council office at night and so that the last minute changes could be made public. The LAPD, LAFD, Lifeguards, and local hospital should be invited.

Representatives of West Beach Playa del Rey Property Owners Association will be available to meet with you at night with some notice.

Lastly, Contingency plans must be in place so that our Community does not live through a repeat of the Thompson Pumping Plant fiasco. The City owes this neighborhood a well planned project without any glitches.

Sincerely,



Carol Kapp Property Owner, Board of directors WB PdR POA