

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to consideration of and recommendation to City Council on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 21151(c) appeal by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy of the Notice of Exemption and Board of Public Works (Board) Approval for the Class B Permit for Voluntary Non-Standard Improvements on Bulwer Drive.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. GRANT the appeal filed by the Santa Monica Conservancy relative to the finding by the Board that the Class B Permit for Voluntary Non-Standard Improvements on Bulwer Drive is categorically exempt under CEQA.
2. SPECIFY the deficiencies in the CEQA determination that the project is not categorically exempt from CEQA because it does not adequately disclose, analyze and mitigate potential biological, visual, growth inducing and cumulative impacts.
3. REMAND the CEQA determination to the Board for reconsideration of the CEQA determination and B permit in light of Council's action.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Bureau of Engineering (BOE). Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

#### SUMMARY

At the meeting held on May 6, 2015, your Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee considered a BOE report relative to consideration of and recommendation to City Council on CEQA Section 21151(c) appeal by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy of the Notice of Exemption and Board Approval for the Class B Permit for Voluntary Non-Standard Improvements on Bulwer Drive.

BOE staff gave an overview of the matter. The appellant and the application also were present to testify on the matter. During the discussion of the matter, the Committee Chair proposed granting the appeal by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. An opportunity for public comment was held. After further discussion of the matter, the Committee moved to grant the appeal presented by the Committee Chair, with the further recommendations as detailed above.

This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

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MEMBER    VOTE

BUSCAINO: YES

PRICE:        YES

CEDILLO:     YES

ME

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