



Building A Better Long Beach

January 4, 2010

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Executive Director to adopt a resolution that the Redevelopment Agency determines that construction of certain public improvement projects are of public benefit to the redevelopment project area and that the public improvement projects are consistent with the goals and objectives of the North Long Beach Redevelopment Plan. (North – District 9)

DISCUSSION

The Redevelopment Agency (Agency), in collaboration with the Department of Public Works, has identified the need to improve certain publicly-owned infrastructure throughout the North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area (Project Area). One such infrastructure project involves improvements to the existing storm drain system.

The storm drain project proposes to assist in the removal of blight through the capture and removal of trash and debris prior to entering storm drain pumps, thereby facilitating a significant reduction of trash and debris discharged into the Los Angeles River, which runs through the Project Area, improving the health and safety of the residents and creating a more attractive, sustainable and economically dynamic community in the Project Area. A vicinity map of the area is attached as Exhibit A.

On July 13, 2009, the State Water Resources Control Board and the City of Long Beach entered into a project finance grant agreement through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The project was advertised for bid on October 23, 2009, and bids were opened on November 19, 2009. The Long Beach City Council approved a contract with the lowest responsible bidder, Humphrey Constructors, on December 5, 2009.

The Department of Public Works Capital Projects - Fund (CP 201) does not have sufficient funds to cover the full project costs, particularly related to architectural, engineering and other soft costs, and there are no other reasonable means of financing available. The Agency proposes to fund the unfunded balance of the project. California Redevelopment Law provides that the Agency may, with the consent of the City Council, pay for public improvements that are publicly owned either within or outside of a redevelopment project area, if the City Council determines all of the following:

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- That the construction of such public improvements is of benefit to the redevelopment project area or the immediate neighborhood in which the public improvement project is located;
- That no other reasonable means of financing the public improvements are available to the community; and
- That the payment of Redevelopment Agency funds for the construction of the public improvements will assist in the elimination of one or more blighting conditions within the Project Area.

Since the Agency is funding construction of these public improvements, these findings must be made. These public improvements include the construction of a storm drain netting system.

These improvements will further serve to support neighborhood and economic revitalization by reducing trash and debris discharged into the Los Angeles River thereby enriching the character of neighborhoods, improving open space elements, and providing a unique and positive environmental signature for the Project Area.

A resolution is attached making certain findings regarding the construction of these public improvements with redevelopment funds in the North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area. The City Council will be asked to make similar findings on January 19, 2010.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

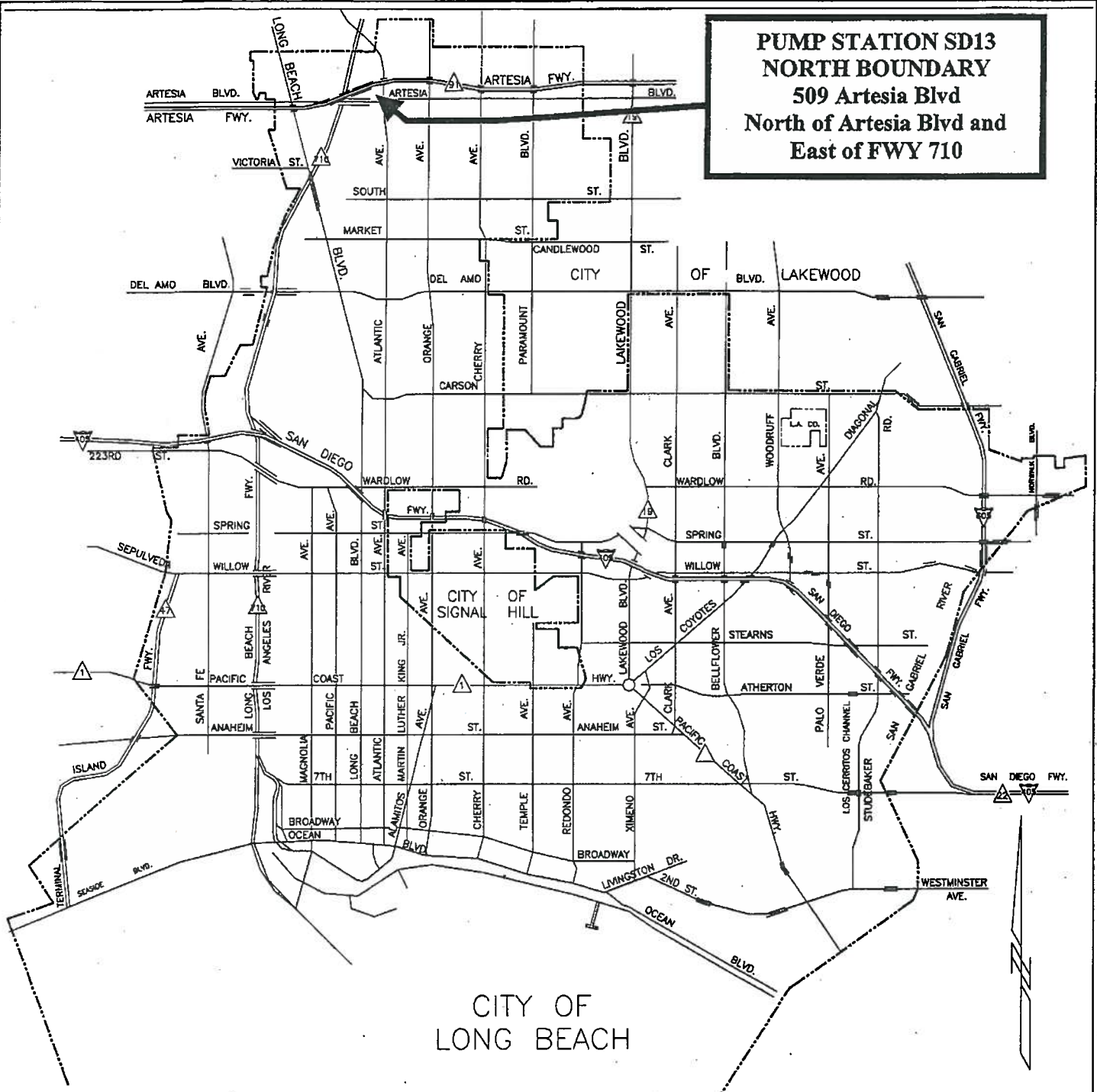


AMY J. BODEK
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

AJB:TF

Attachments: Exhibit A – Vicinity Map
Redevelopment Agency Resolution

**PUMP STATION SD13
NORTH BOUNDARY
509 Artesia Blvd
North of Artesia Blvd and
East of FWY 710**



CITY OF
LONG BEACH

VICINITY MAP
SCALE: NONE

EXHIBIT A

VICINITY MAP FOR PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS R-6809
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF
STORM DRAIN POLLUTION TRAP NETS AT PUMP STATION SD13
IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. R.A.

A RESOLUTION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA,
MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS REGARDING THE
CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS
WITH NORTH REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS (HARBOR
DISTRICT)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Long Beach adopted and approved a certain Redevelopment Plan (the "Redevelopment Plan") for the North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Project and the immediate neighborhood in which the Project is located, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach, California (the "Agency"), has recognized the need for certain public improvements, which improvements will be located within the boundaries of the Project, and proposes to use redevelopment funds to finance these improvements; and

WHEREAS, Section 33445 of the California Community Redevelopment Law (Health and Safety Code Section 33000 et seq.) requires the Agency to make certain findings prior to the acquisition of land and construction of public improvements or facilities thereon; and

WHEREAS, Section 33678 of the Community Redevelopment Law provides that under certain conditions tax increment funds shall not be subject to the appropriations limitation of Article XIII B of the California Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach, California resolves as follows:

Section 1. The Agency determines that the construction of public improvements, more particularly described in Exhibit "A", are of benefit to the Project

and the immediate neighborhood in which the Project is located. This finding is supported by the following facts:

The proposed improvements will facilitate the removal of blight by assisting the development of modern, pollution-reducing port terminal facilities, and enhancing the traffic flow in the Harbor area.

Section 2. The Agency determines that no other reasonable means of financing the above-described improvements are available to the community. This finding is supported by the following facts:

Before the passage of Proposition 13, most of the City's general operating and capital improvements were funded through property taxes. However, the initiative placed severe constraints on the City's ability to use property tax revenues to offset increases in operating and capital costs. It has also been difficult for the City, by itself, to provide sufficient funds to support the construction of major public improvements. In fiscal year 2009-2010, the limited resources of the City's General Fund are committed to previously incurred obligations and planned projects.

Section 3. The Agency further determines that the payment of funds for the construction of the public improvements will assist in the elimination of one or more blighting conditions within the Project, and is consistent with the implementation plan adopted pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33490.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach, California this _____ day of _____, 2010.

Executive Director/Secretary

APPROVED:

Chair

EXHIBIT "A"

Public Improvements for Reimbursement
North Long Beach Redevelopment Project
and
City of Long Beach Redevelopment Agency

- Construction of Trash Net System at City-owned Pump Station Number 13
 - Redevelopment Agency Contribution - \$140,224