



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PROCESS

BELMONT POOL REVITALIZATION PROJECT EIR

Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

- Initial Study and Notice of Preparation (NOP) were published from April 18 to May 17, 2013
- Revised NOP Published April 9 to May 8, 2014
- Draft EIR Prepared
- Public Review for 65 days: April 13 through June 16, 2016
- Respond to Comments/Final EIR
- Project Approval and EIR Certification

CITY OF LONG BEACH
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

REvised NOTICE OF PREPARATION

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Revised Notice of Preparation of a Revised Environmental Impact Report for the Belmont Pool Revitalization Project

DESCRIPTION: In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Section 15001, the City of Long Beach is hereby notifying the public of its intention to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Belmont Pool Revitalization Project.

NEEDS: The purpose of this notice is to advise the public of the City's intention to prepare an EIR for the Belmont Pool Revitalization Project. The project is located at 1000 Belmont Street, Long Beach, California. The project is a multi-phase project that includes the renovation of the pool, the construction of a new pool, and the construction of a new pool deck. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2016. The City of Long Beach is currently in the process of preparing the EIR for the project. The EIR will be published for public review and comment. The City of Long Beach is currently in the process of preparing the EIR for the project. The EIR will be published for public review and comment.

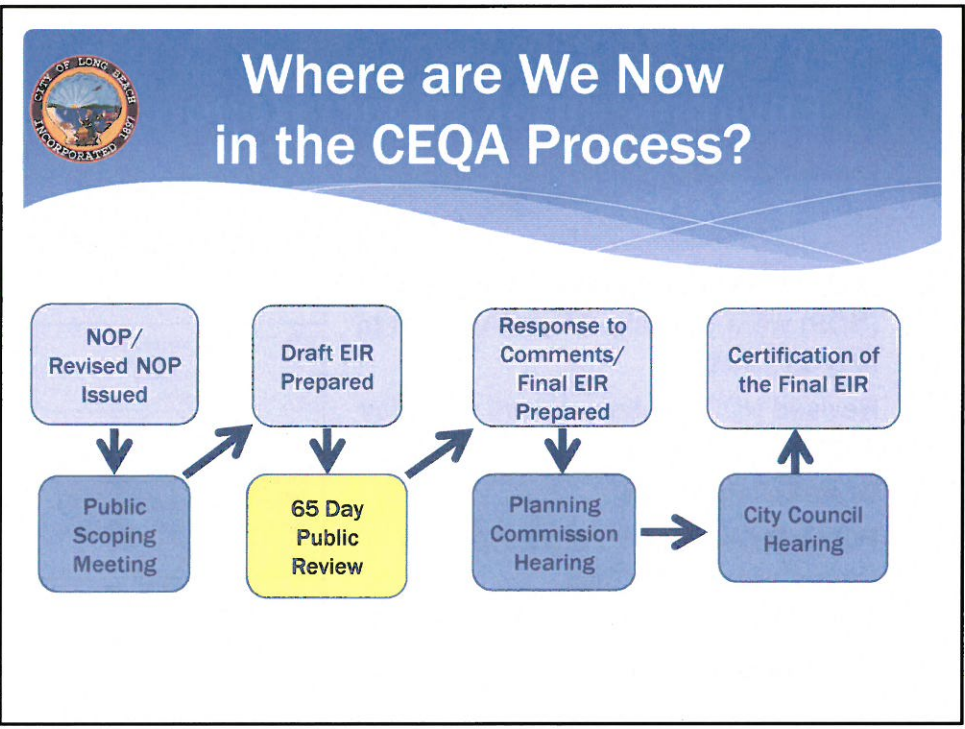
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PROJECT TITLE: Belmont Pool Revitalization Project

PROJECT LOCATION: 1000 Belmont Street, Long Beach, CA 90801

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project consists of the renovation of the Belmont Pool Facility, which will include the construction of a new pool, the construction of a new pool deck, and the construction of a new pool deck. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2016.

PROBABLE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE PROJECT: The project is expected to have a beneficial effect on the environment. The project will provide a new pool for the community, which will improve the quality of life for the residents of Long Beach. The project will also provide a new pool deck, which will improve the appearance of the pool. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2016.






Draft EIR Topics Analyzed


- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Global Climate Change/Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG)
- Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use
- Noise
- Recreation
- Transportation and Traffic
- Utilities

ALL IMPACTS MITIGATED TO A LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT LEVEL




Less than Significant Impacts

- Aesthetics
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Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures (MM)


- **Aesthetics (1)**
- **Air Quality**
- **Biological Resources (2)**
- **Cultural Resources (1)**
- **Geology and Soils (1)**
- **Global Climate Change/Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG)**
- **Hazardous Materials (2)**
- **Hydrology and Water Quality (5)**
- **Land Use**
- **Noise (3)**
- **Recreation**
- **Transportation and Traffic (2)**
- **Utilities (3)**



Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures (MM)

Aesthetics:

- Alter views but comparable in mass, scale, and height.
- Aligned to increase coastal views.
- Structure would be illuminated from the inside-produce glow and not direct light
- Construction fencing could serve as a potential target for graffiti and trash



MM Required: Maintenance of Construction Barriers



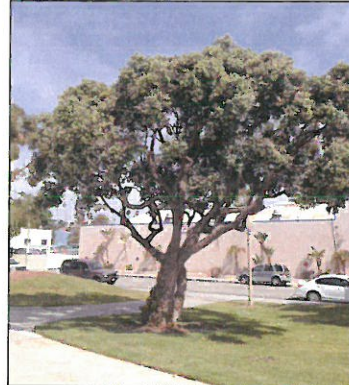
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Biological Resources:

- No sensitive natural communities or special-status plant species
- May interfere with nesting birds

MMs required:

- (1) Avoid impacts to nesting birds (Jan 15 – Sept 1)
- (2) Obtain a tree removal permit



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Cultural Resources:

- No known resources

MM required:
Retain an on-call
paleontologist for activities
below 23'



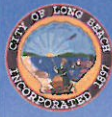
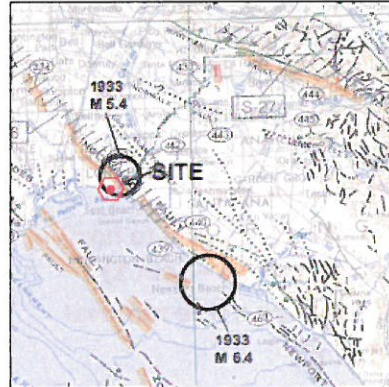


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Geology and Soils:

- No geological hazards and project is feasible

MM required:
Require conformance
with recommendations
in Geotechnical Study




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Hazards and Hazardous Materials:

- Not on any hazardous materials sites
- No unusual use of hazardous materials during construction or operation
- Would comply with applicable regulations

MMs required:


- (1) Contingency Plan for unknown hazardous materials during construction
- (2) Pre-demolition surveys for potential asbestos-containing materials and lead



Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures (MM)

Hydrology and Water Quality:

- Potential for soil erosion during construction and dewatering
- (1) Compliance with General Construction Permit**
- (2) Obtain Groundwater Discharge Permit.**
- Decreases impervious area, but potential pollutants in runoff
- (3) Prepare Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan**
- Drainage patterns would change
- (4) Prepare Hydrology Report**
- Eastern half of site in Flood Zone A
- (5) Require a floodplain report**



Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures (MM)

Noise:

- Heavy construction equipment could cause noise impacts
- MMs required:**
- (1) Standard conditions for construction equipment**
- (2) Preconstruction Community Meeting**
- Normal operations would not impact sensitive uses, but special events at outdoor pool could impact such uses
- MM required:**
- (3) Reduce noise levels from the outdoor speakers to a level below City standards.**



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Traffic:

- No construction traffic impact, but MM required to ensure adequate emergency access

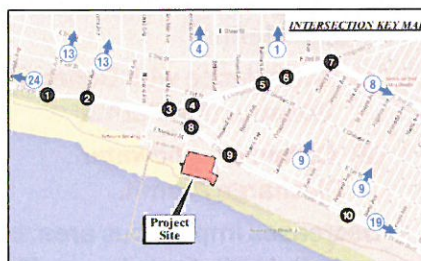
MM required:

Traffic Management Plan

- All study intersections would operate at an acceptable LOS. However, large events would require mitigation

MM required:

Event Traffic Management Plan



Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures (MM)

Utilities and Service Systems:

- No new facilities required

MM required: Hydrology MMs (Groundwater Discharge Permit, SUSMP, Hydrology Report) to reduce impacts

- Potential to encounter groundwater during construction

MM required: Detwatering Permits

- Change in drainage patterns. New stormwater BMPs require an operations & maintenance plan

MM required: Hydrology MMs (SUSMP and Hydrology Report)

- Increase in water demand = 0.027 % of LBWD water supply in 2015 & within available and projected water supplies of UWMP
- Less than significant impacts to electricity and natural gas



Off-Site Alternatives Considered But Rejected

- **The Harry Bridges Memorial Park**
 - Parkland mitigation for the Aquarium and Rainbow Harbor
 - Federally Funded – Must be used for outdoor recreation
- **The Queen Mary Site (Pier J)**
 - Current lease to private operator expires in 40 years
- **“Elephant Lot” at Long Beach Convention Center**
 - Current lease expires in 2030



Alternatives Considered

- **Alternative 1: No Project/No New Development**
- **Alternative 2: Maintain Temporary Pool with Ancillary Uses**
- **Alternative 3: Outdoor Diving Well**
- **Alternative 4: Reduced Project - No Outdoor Components**
- **Alternative 5: Reduced Project - No Diving Well and No Outdoor Components**



Alternatives Considered

Alternative 1: No Project/No New Development

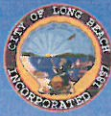
- No changes to the existing land uses and conditions on the Project site
- No new development on the Project site
- Temporary pool located in the parking area would continue to operate, but no new pool facilities or open space would be constructed
- The existing backfilled sand area would remain unchanged



Alternatives Considered

Alternative 2: Maintain Temporary Pool with Ancillary Uses

- Improvements to construct a permanent foundation and permanent administrative and support facilities (lockers, restrooms, snack bar) consistent with the temporary pool configuration
- Existing backfilled sand area would be removed and the open space park area would be expanded



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Alternative 3: Outdoor Diving Well

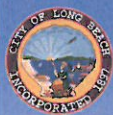
- Similar to the Project, but would locate the diving well outside the proposed enclosed pool facility
- Allows the building height to be reduced
- All other components would be included in this alternative, allowing similar programming and events to occur at the site



Alternatives Considered

Alternative 4: Reduced Project - No Outdoor Components

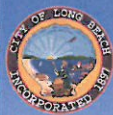
- Eliminates the outdoor pool and reduces the footprint of the pool structure
- Open space and park areas would be increased
- Many of the facility amenities would remain, and the indoor pool components would remain the same as the Project
- A height variance would still be required because the diving well would still be located within the structure



Alternatives Considered

Alternative 5: Reduced Project - No Diving Well and No Outdoor Components

- Similar to Alternative 4, but would eliminate the indoor diving well along with the outdoor pool facilities. Reduces the footprint and height of the pool structure and increases open space and park areas
- Height variance would still be required under this alternative because the existing height limitation is 30'



How to Comment on the Draft EIR

Online:

http://www.lbds.info/planning/environmental_planning/environmental_reports.asp

Libraries:

Long Beach Main Library
101 Pacific Avenue
Long Beach, California 90802

Bay Shore Neighborhood Library
195 Bay Shore Avenue
Long Beach, California 90803

Submit written comments by June 16, 2016 to:

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