

AGENDA ITEM No.

CITY OF LONG BEACH

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CHAIR AND PLANNING COMMISSIONERS
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RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to Certify the Mitigated Negative Declaration (State Clearinghouse No. 2010011073) for the Naples Seawall Interim and Long Range Repair Project. (District 3)

APPLICANT:

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DISCUSSION

The City is proposing to conduct the Naples Seawall Interim and Long Range Repair Project, an effort that will affect approximately 11,000 lineal feet of existing seawall in the Naples community. Specifically, the project will involve interim and long range repairs and improvements to segments of the seawall surrounding Naples Island, Treasure Island, and opposing landside segments. The general vicinity of the project is illustrated on the Location and Vicinity Maps included as Exhibit A.

The goal of the project is to identify viable options for the stabilization of the seawall in its present deteriorating state and to extend the life of the seawalls. An investigation of the distressed concrete sheet pile seawall was performed to analyze its stability and develop repair concepts. Engineering assessments have been conducted regarding the various factors that have contributed to the seawall's horizontal, vertical, and rotational displacements from the original constructed positions. Interim as well as long range repairs have been recommended by the assessments. Interim repairs would consist of sinkhole repairs (gravel filled bag system beneath sinkholes), a tieback system (grouted rods to relieve stress), bulkhead repairs (underwater rock protection to relieve stress), and scour repairs (underwater rock protection). Since the existing seawalls are currently 70 years old, a replacement program (long range repairs) was also recommended. Long range repairs would include the option of waterside or landside repairs.

Through the Initial Study (IS) process and in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was determined to be

the appropriate level of environmental analysis for the proposed project. The IS/MND was prepared by RBF Consulting for the Department of Public Works. The MND analyzes the impacts of the project and sets forth mitigation measures in the following areas: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Noise and Transportation / Traffic. The MND document concludes that, with implementation of the identified mitigation measures, the project's potential significant adverse impacts will be reduced to a less than significant level.

The Draft IS/MND was available for public review and comment from January 26, 2010 to February 24, 2010. During the pubic review period, comments were received from two public agencies, the State Clearinghouse and the California Department of Transportation. The Draft IS/MND is included as Exhibit B.

The Final IS/MND provides the responses to the comments that were received during the public review period. Also included in the Final IS/MND is the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP), which identifies the timing and responsible agencies for the implementation and monitoring of the mitigation measures. The MMRP ensures compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21081.6 during project implementation. The Final IS/MND is included as Exhibit C.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with Section 21.21.032 of the Long Beach Municipal Code (Noticing Requirements for Hearings), a notice announcing the public hearing was published in the Tuesday, April 20, 2010 edition of the Long Beach Press Telegram.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments Exhibit A – Location and Vicinity Maps

Exhibit B – Draft IS/MND Exhibit C – Final IS/MND

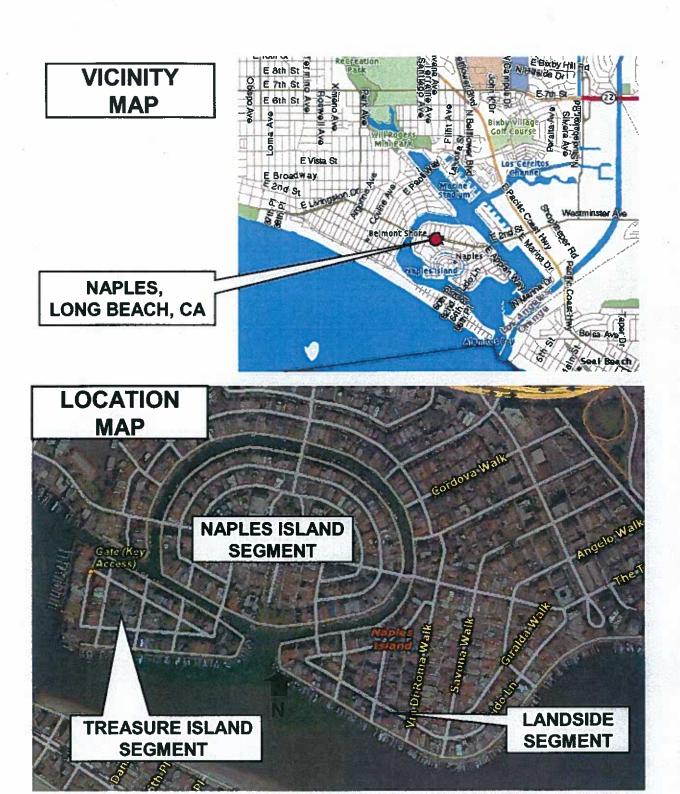


EXHIBIT A LOCATION AND VICINITY MAPS