

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH CERTIFYING THAT THE
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE
BELMONT POOL REVITALIZATION PROJECT (STATE
CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2013041063) HAS BEEN
COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS
OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
AND STATE AND LOCAL GUIDELINES; AND MAKING
CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS RELATIVE
THERE TO

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach has proposed the Belmont Pool
Revitalization Project ("Project") which would replace the former Belmont Plaza Olympic
Pool (Belmont Pool) facility with a larger and more modern pool complex. The proposed
Project is located in the Belmont Shore Beach Park in southeast Long Beach. The
Project proposes the construction and operation of an approximately 125,500 square foot
(sf) pool complex that includes indoor and outdoor pool components and an
approximately 1,500 sf café. Permanent indoor seating for approximately 1,250
spectators would be provided to view competitive events at the indoor 50-Meter
Competition Pool and the Dive Pool. Temporary outdoor seating would be provided for
larger events at the outdoor 50-Meter Competition Pool with a maximum seating capacity
of up to 3,000 spectators. The proposed Project would allow for recreational and
competitive activities to occur simultaneously, if necessary. The proposed project would
consist of three main areas: the pool facility; the open space/park area; and the outdoor
café area, including a public restroom facility. The pool facility consists of the
recreational and competitive aquatic components and would be the central focus of the

1 Project site. The passive park area would be situated along the western and northern
2 portions of the Project site and near the outdoor café on the east side, and would be
3 intended for general park purposes, similar to the uses at the existing passive park.

4 Said Project is more fully described in the Belmont Pool Revitalization
5 Project Draft Environmental Impact Report (SCH #2013041063) (DEIR), a copy of which
6 DEIR, including the complete proposed Project description, is incorporated herein by this
7 reference as though set forth in full, word for word.

8 WHEREAS, Project implementation will require certification of the Final
9 Environmental Impact Report (FEIR).

10 WHEREAS, the City began an evaluation of the proposed project by issuing
11 a Notice of Preparation (NOP) that was circulated from April 18, 2013 to May 17, 2013,
12 and from April 9, 2014 to May 8, 2014. A Notice of Completion was prepared and filed
13 with the State Office of Planning and Research on April 13, 2016. The DEIR was
14 completed on April 13, 2016, and circulated between April 13, 2016 and June 16, 2016.

15 WHEREAS, three Study Sessions were held on the DEIR. A Planning
16 Commission Study Session was held on May 5, 2016; a Marine Advisory Commission
17 Study Session was held on May 12, 2016, and a City Council Study Session was held on
18 June 14, 2016.

19 WHEREAS, on March 2, 2017, the Planning Commission conducted a duly
20 noticed public hearing on the DEIR and FEIR and the Project. At said time, the Planning
21 Commission determined that the DEIR and FEIR were fully compliant with CEQA and the
22 CEQA Guidelines, certified the DEIR and FEIR as being fully compliant with CEQA and
23 approved all applied for project entitlements as previously described in this resolution and
24 in the DEIR.

25 WHEREAS, implementation and construction of the Project constitutes a
26 "project" as defined by CEQA, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq., and the
27 Planning Commission is the Lead Agency for the Project under CEQA;

28 WHEREAS, it was determined during the initial processing of the Project

1 that it could have potentially significant effects on the environment, requiring the
2 preparation of an EIR;

3 WHEREAS, the City prepared full and complete responses to the
4 comments received on the DEIR, and distributed the responses in accordance with
5 Public Resources Code section 21092.5;

6 WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed and considered the
7 information in and the comments to the DEIR and the responses thereto, and the FEIR at
8 a duly noticed Planning Commission meeting held on March 2, 2017, at which time
9 evidence, both written and oral, was presented to and considered by the Planning
10 Commission;

11 WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has read and considered all
12 environmental documentation comprising the FEIR, including the DEIR, comments and
13 the responses to comments, and errata (if any) included in the FEIR, and has determined
14 that the FEIR considers all potentially significant environmental impacts of the Project
15 and is complete and adequate and fully complies with all requirements of CEQA; and

16 WHEREAS, the Planning Commission evaluated and considered all
17 significant impacts, mitigation measures, and project alternatives identified in the FEIR.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, the Planning Commission of the City of Long Beach
19 does hereby find, determine and resolve that:

20 Section 1. All of the above recitals are true and correct and are
21 incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

22 Section 2. The FEIR is adequate and has been completed in compliance
23 with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

24 Section 3. The FEIR, which reflects the Planning Commission's
25 independent judgment and analysis, is hereby adopted, approved, and certified as
26 complete and adequate under CEQA.

27 Section 4. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21081 and State
28 CEQA Guidelines section 15091, the Planning Commission has reviewed and hereby

1 adopts the CEQA Findings and Facts in Support of Findings for the Belmont Pool
2 Revitalization Project as shown on the attached Exhibit "A", which document is
3 incorporated herein by reference as though set forth in full, word for word.

4 Section 5. The FEIR identifies certain significant environmental effects
5 that would result if the Project is approved. All environmental effects can feasibly be
6 avoided or mitigated and will be avoided or mitigated by the imposition of mitigation
7 measures included with the FEIR. Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21081.6,
8 the Planning Commission has reviewed and hereby adopts the Mitigation Monitoring and
9 Reporting Program (MMRP) as shown on Exhibit "B", which document is incorporated
10 herein by reference as though set forth in full, word for word, together with any adopted
11 corrections or modifications thereto, and further finds that the mitigation measures
12 identified in the FEIR are feasible, and specifically makes each mitigation measure a
13 condition of project approval.

14 Section 6. Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15091(e), the
15 record of proceedings relating to this matter has been made available to the public at,
16 among other places, the Department of Development Services, 333 West Ocean
17 Boulevard, 5th Floor, Long Beach, California, and is, and has been, available for review
18 during normal business hours.

19 Section 7. The information provided in the various staff reports submitted
20 in connection with the Project, the corrections and modifications to the DEIR, and FEIR
21 made in response to comments and any errata which were not previously re-circulated,
22 and the evidence presented in written and oral testimony at the public hearing, do not
23 represent significant new information so as to require re-circulation of the DEIR pursuant
24 to the Public Resources Code.

25 Section 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
26 by the Planning Commission, and the Planning Commission Secretary shall certify to the
27 vote adopting this resolution.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2017, by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners:

Noes: Commissioners:

Absent: Commissioners:

Planning Commission Secretary

