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1	B.1	Introduction
2		PCAC Purpose and Goals
3 4 5 6		The Port Community Advisory Committee (PCAC) was established in 2001 as a standing committee of the Port of Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board). In accordance with the direction provided by Mayor Hahn, the purposes of the PCAC are to:
7 8		 Assess the impacts of Port developments on the harbor area communities and recommend suitable mitigation measures to the Board for such impacts.
9 10 11 12		Review past, present, and future environmental documents in an open public process and make recommendations to the Board to ensure that impacts to the communities are appropriately mitigated in accordance with federal and California law.
13 14 15 16		Provide a public forum and make recommendations to the Board to assist the Port in taking a leadership role in creating balanced communities in Wilmington, Harbor City, and San Pedro so that the quality of life is maintained and enhanced by the presence of the Port.
17 18 19 20 21 22		The PCAC provides a public forum to discuss Port-related quality of life issues through a series of subcommittees. These subcommittees provide guidance on environmental issues and review of environmental impact reports (EIRs), master planning, and Port redevelopment. The specific purpose of this appendix to the San Pedro Waterfront Project is to document the involvement of the PCAC in the preparation and review of this Draft EIS/EIR.
23	B.2	Overview of PCAC Involvement
24 25		This appendix documents PCAC members' involvement in the review of the San Pedro Waterfront Project. Using the Cabrillo Way Marina Phase II EIR as a model

and working with the Berth 97-109 Container Terminal (China Shipping) EIR [Past

EIR] subcommittee, a generalized approach was identified for PCAC involvement in

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preparation of EIRs and a template was developed to document this involvement. The San Pedro Coordinated Plan Subcommittee (CPS) was established to provide input into the various development projects that are proposed along the San Pedro Waterfront, including the San Pedro Waterfront Project. Table B-1 summarizes the PCAC and CPS involvement in the project spanning back to the planning phases and initial environmental review processes for the From Bridge to Breakwater Project, through the current San Pedro Waterfront Project as of January 2008.

Table B-1. Summary of PCAC Participation in EIS/EIR Process

Event	Date	PCAC Participation	
PCAC Meeting	March 18, 2004	Motion for PCAC to recommend to the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) to adopt the SMWM Final Framework Plan for Waterfront Development from the "Bridge to the Breakwater."	
PCAC Meeting	April 15, 2004	Motion for PCAC to recommend to the Board that Los Angeles Harbor Department (LAHD) state its commitment to relocate the existing Cabrillo Beach Launch Ramp, and that the relocation be included in the EE&K plans for Bridge to Breakwater development.	
CPS Meeting	May 12, 2004	Recommendations to the EE&K team regarding the Draft Concept Plan.	
CPS Meeting	June 9, 2004	Report: Phase II EE&K/Gafcon – Update on Bridge to Breakwater.	
PCAC Meeting	July 20, 2004	General Public Comments: Request that the project be scaled down 75%.	
CPS Meeting	July 28, 2004	A copy of the San Pedro Waterfront Promenade and Plaza Project was distributed to subcommittee members.	
CPS Meeting	August 11, 2004	Received presentation of a long-term plan that is expected to go to the PCAC on August 17, 2004, and to the Board on September 29, 2004.	
PCAC Meeting	August 17, 2004	Special Information: EE&K provided a PowerPoint presentation.	
CPS Meeting	September 8, 2004	EE&K/Gafcon gave a report on the status of the 10 unresolved issues from the last Coordinated Plan Subcommittee meeting. CPS motion for PCAC to recommend to the Harbor Commission that the commission approve the Bridge to Breakwater plan in concept, subject to conditions.	
PCAC Meeting	September 21, 2004	General Public Comments: Councilwoman Hahn supports the project.	
CPS Meeting	November 10, 2004	LAHD staff updated the subcommittee and distributed a flow chart explaining how public involvement will be integrated into CEQA/NEPA.	
CPS Meeting	January 12, 2005	Draft Resolution: provided preliminary comments on project description.	
CPS Meeting	February 9, 2005	Draft project description resolution to forward to PCAC.	
PCAC Meeting	February 15, 2005	General Public Comments: concerns were expressed over the amount of green space vs. high-rise development.	
CPS Meeting	March 2, 2005	LAHD responds to CPS letter. Neighborhood councils to forward final comments to CPS.	
CPS Meeting	March 9, 2005	Neighborhood councils presented comments on project description.	

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CPS Meeting	April 14, 2005	CPS motion to adopt Points 1, 2, 3, and 4 of action plan submitted by Los Angeles Harbor/Watts Economic Development Corporation (EDC).	
CPS Meeting	May 11, 2005	Announcement by LAHD staff to start notice of intent/notice of preparation (NOI/NOP) process by end of June. Objectives distributed to subcommittee.	
CPS Meeting	May 25, 2005	CPS moved to adopt proposed summary/ objectives as amended.	
CPS Meeting	June 8, 2005	Report on LAHD's workshop held on June 4, 2005, identifying a lower density alternative plan.	
CPS Meeting	July 13, 2005	CPS motion for PCAC to recommend that the Board adopt the CPS-approved alternative density plan.	
PCAC Meeting	July 19, 2005	Presentation made on CPS-drafted alternative density plan.	
CPS Meeting	August 10, 2005	Schedule for EIR/EIS reviewed. Updated project description distributed.	
CPS Meeting	August 10, 2005	Comment letter submitted.	
CPS Meeting	August 10, 2005	Announcement of public scoping meetings on September 15, September 29, and October 11.	
PCAC Meeting	August 16, 2005	June 4 community workshop comments distributed.	
PCAC Meeting	August 16, 2005	Motion that PCAC recommend to the Board to adopt the SPCPSC-drafted alternative density plan, and that it be studied coequally in the EIR/EIS review process.	
PCAC Meeting	September 20, 2005	Announcement of NOI/NOP release.	
CPS Meeting	September 28, 2005	Reported that scoping period for EIR/EIS opened September 8, 2005 and will go through October 28, 2005.	
CPS Meeting	October 12, 2005	CPS reported to PCAC comments and recommendations made on the NOI/NOP. CPS recommended to the LAHD to move forward with environmental review based on prescribed steps. Motion to approve Coastal Resources Plan.	
CPS Letter	October 22, 2005 October 12, 2005	Scoping letter submitted to LAHD.	
CPS Meeting	November 9, 2005	Memorandum created for CPS recommendation to the Board. Letter sent to the Board November 9, 2005. Letter sent to PCAC November 15, 2005.	
CPS Meeting	January 11, 2006	Announcement of completion of scoping period, scheduled meeting with the USACE, and Draft EIR release date in July 2006. LAHD staff distributed draft of modified Coastal Resources Alternative Plan.	
CPS Meeting	February 8, 2006	Announcement that after meeting with the USACE, LAHD staff modified the Coastal Resources Alternative Plan, based on subcommittee comments. Revised plan will be circulated among subcommittee members for final comments.	
CPS Meeting	March 8, 2006	Update on progress of NOI/NOP. Copies of Reduced Development	

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		Alternative and the Coastal Resources Alternative were distributed.		
CPS Meeting	March 8, 2006	Announcement of revised NOI/NOP release date in late April with a 45-day public comment period, scoping meeting in May, and LAHD meetin with the USACE by the end of March. Subcommittee was asked to forward their comments by March 17, 2006.		
CPS Meeting	May 10, 2006	Announcement that EIR/EIS was on hold until a land use plan was developed.		
CPS Meeting	November 8, 2006	Report from LAHD staff: LAHD was working to identify and finalize th project description, as well as the project description for the alternatives.		
CPS Meeting	December 13, 2006	Report from LAHD staff: LAHD and the USACE finalized the joint NOI/NOP for the San Pedro Waterfront Project. NOI will be posted in the Federal Register. Comment period will run from December 22, 2006, through February 2007. Announcement of scoping meeting on January 23, 2007.		
PCAC Meeting	December 19, 2006	Announcement for San Pedro Waterfront NOP review period would begin week of December 26, 2006, through February 2007.		
CPS Meeting	January 10, 2007	Draft commentary was distributed from the San Pedro Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, for the San Pedro Waterfront Project.		
PCAC Meeting	January 16, 2007	Announcement of scoping meeting on January 23, 2007.		
PCAC Meeting	January 16, 2007	Presentation was given on the San Pedro Waterfront Project NOI/NOP.		
CPS Meeting	February 14, 2007	Motion to submit a letter containing previous motions be received as part of the scoping process on the revised LAHD plan for the San Pedro Waterfront. A copy of a draft letter was distributed regarding an alternative plan for the Bridge to Breakwater.		
CPS Meeting	April 11, 2007	Announcement that EIR comments are posted on Port of Los Angeles website. LAHD staff is working to draft a new project description. Announcement to implement new changes to the EIR process, which include four additional stakeholder meetings: one prior to the prepara of the Draft NOP - for input on the project description; one during the preparation of the Draft Administrative EIR - to resolve significant issues; one at the time of the 1 st administrative review – for mitigation significant issues resolution; and one during the preparation of the Administrative Draft Final EIR/EIS.		
PCAC Meeting	April 17, 2007	Announcement that LAHD is working on another project description in response to public comments on the EIR/EIS.		
CPS Meeting	September 12, 2007	Report that anticipated timetable to complete the Administrative Draft EIR/EIS is the end of 2007, with the Environmental Report to the Board in April / May 2008. October 2008 is the goal for final approval.		
CPS Meeting	November 14, 2007	Copies of mapped out alternatives and the common project elements were distributed.		
CPS Meeting	January 9, 2008	Announcement that the San Pedro Waterfront Project Administrative Draft had been submitted at the end of 2007.		

B.3 Notice of Intent/Notice of Preparation

In 2004, at the inception of the environmental review process, LAHD conducted a number of scoping and pre-scoping activities, and engaged the PCAC and CPS on a number of occasions. On September 2, 2005, an NOI/NOP was sent via U.S. Postal Service to 1,800 stakeholders including Port of Los Angeles tenants, neighborhood council board members, PCAC, and other community-based organizations. An invitation to the three public scoping meetings on September 15, 2005, September 29, 2005, and October 11, 2005, was mailed via the U.S. Postal Service to elected officials, government agencies, residents, businesses, and community-based organizations on September 2, 2005.

LAHD presented to community-based organizations throughout the proposed project vicinity to provide updates on the proposed Project and notification of the upcoming public scoping meetings. Groups that received presentations included local neighborhood councils, PCACs, Community Redevelopment Agency community advisory committees, Chambers of Commerce, and other local neighborhood organizations.

Three public scoping meetings were held in San Pedro, California. The first two public hearings were hosted by LAHD on September 15, 2005, and September 29, 2005, at the Ports O'Call Restaurant banquet room. The second public hearing was co-hosted by LAHD and the USACE on October 11, 2005, at the L.A. Harbor Hotel (currently the Crowne Plaza San Pedro Hotel). Both public meetings took place from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Following the scoping meetings in 2005, in response to public comments, the proposed Project and alternatives were subsequently revised. A new NEPA NOI and CEQA NOP, jointly as the NOI/NOP, was released and distributed to agencies, organizations, and individuals, and was filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the California Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse on December 22, 2006. The NOI/NOP also served as a notice for the public scoping meeting held on January 23, 2007. Additionally, the USACE and LAHD issued a Special Public Notice on January 17, 2007, that provided notification to the public of changes to the proposed Project. A public scoping meeting was held in San Pedro, California, on January 23, 2007, at the Crowne Plaza Los Angeles Harbor Hotel from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Comment letters were received, including from PCAC.

B.4 Draft EIS/EIR Preparation

Once the Draft EIS/EIR is released, LAHD staff will meet with the PCAC Coordinated Plan Subcommittee to review the contents of the document in accordance with the process.