



**THE PORT  
OF LOS ANGELES**

Executive Director's  
Report to the  
Board of Harbor Commissioners

**DATE: DECEMBER 4, 2012**

**FROM: PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ – ISSUANCE OF A LEVEL I  
COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (NO. 12-14) TO PHILLIPS 66  
COMPANY FOR REMOVAL AND ABANDONMENT OF AN INACTIVE  
UNDERGROUND PIPELINE ALONG SAMPSON WAY**

**SUMMARY:**

The City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) has requested that the Phillips 66 Company (Phillips 66) remove and abandon an inactive underground pipeline located within the Downtown Harbor Landside Project area. Removal of the pipeline will allow for landscaping improvements associated with the Downtown Harbor Landside Project. Staff is recommending the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) approve Coastal Development Permit (CDP) No. 12-14, a Level I, non-appealable permit.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners:

1. Find that the proposed project conforms with the Port Master Plan and the California Coastal Act of 1976, as amended, and find that this project will have no significant adverse environmental impacts as provided in the California Environmental Quality Act;
2. Authorize the Executive Director to approve the issuance of a Level I, non-appealable Coastal Development Permit No. 12-14; consistent with the project description listed on Application for Discretionary Project No. 121107-143; and
3. Adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**DISCUSSION:**

Background/Context – A segment of the Union Oil Harbor Pipeline, currently owned by Phillips 66, is located within the Downtown Harbor Landside Project along Sampson Way (Transmittal 1). The Union Oil Harbor Pipeline was previously used to convey crude and fuel oil from the former liquid bulk terminal at Berth 46 to the Phillips 66 Los Angeles Refinery in Wilmington. The pipeline has been inactive since the late 1980s and is classified as being out-of-service by the State of California, Office of the State

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Fire Marshal, Pipeline Safety Division. CDP No. 12-14 will allow Phillips 66 to eliminate approximately 604 feet of the 12-inch pipeline located within the Downtown Harbor Landside Project. Of the 604 feet underground pipeline, 79 feet will be abandoned in-place, 196 feet will be removed, and 329 feet will be cut-and-capped for later removal. The cut-and-capped portion will either be removed or abandoned in place with activities associated with the 7th Street Harbor improvements. Any waste generated from the pipeline abandonment and/or removal activities will be processed at a Phillips 66 approved disposal facility.

Coastal Permit Requirements – The proposed project, located in Master Planning Area 2, is a Level I, non-appealable project in accordance with the definitions set forth in the *Guidelines for Implementation of the Port of Los Angeles Certified Port Master Plan*. A Level I permit is one of three levels of permits that the Board can issue (Transmittal 2). Level I permits are issued for developments that involve minimal changes in land/water use, and minor changes in density and intensity of use.

The proposed project has been found to be consistent with the Port Master Plan and Chapter 8 policies of the California Coastal Act of 1976, as amended, as it would allow for future port-related development to occur in the vicinity of the project. Specifically, the removal and abandonment of the pipeline is consistent with Section 30708 that requires port-related development to give highest priority to the use of existing land space within harbors for port purposes.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

The proposed action is issuance of a Level I CDP to Phillips 66 to remove, abandon-in-place, and cut-and-cap an inactive underground oil pipeline located within the Downtown Harbor Landside Project area. As an activity involving minor alteration of a subsurface pipeline, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of CEQA in accordance with Article III Class 1 (17) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

**ECONOMIC BENEFITS:**

Approval of the proposed CDP will have no employment impact for the five-county region. The proposed project associated with this CDP is anticipated to support 2 direct and 1 secondary one-year equivalent jobs for the region.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Issuance of the proposed Level I CDP will not have a financial impact upon the Harbor Department. Phillips 66 will fully bear the cost of \$200,000 for the proposed project.

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**CITY ATTORNEY:**

The proposed action raises no legal issues at this time.

**TRANSMITTALS:**

1. Site Location Map
2. CDP No. 12-14

FIS Approval:  (initials)  
CA Approval:  (initials)

  
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