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Ms. Julie Turner
Executive Director
San Pedro & Peninsula and Wilmington YMCA
301 S. Bandini Street
San Pedro, CA 90731



Dear Ms. Turner,

Thank you for your letter dated August 11, 2011 regarding the Wilmington YMCA Aquatic Center (Center) project funded by the China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation Funds and your current shortfall of funding. I understand from your letter and discussion with staff that the \$500,000 shortfall is due to unexpected expenses and that you have been working with several City departments to minimize permit fees and completing plan checks in order to move the project forward.

After considering the requests you submitted, the Harbor Department is willing to work with you to allow operations funds to be redirected towards construction costs and also to provide an extension of the current timeline. Please coordinate these efforts with Teresa Pisano, China Shipping Mitigation Funds Coordinator, in our Environmental Management Division.

With regard to your request for new funding from the Harbor Department for the Center, unfortunately, this is something we are unable to provide as all the China Shipping Aesthetic Mitigation funds for Wilmington have been allocated to projects.

We understand that you are planning to seek funding from the Harbor Community Benefit Foundation (HCBF) independent from your funding from the Harbor Department. We wish you well in working with HCBF to secure funds.

The realization of the Wilmington YMCA Aquatic Center is important to the Harbor Department because of the significant need it will fill in terms of safety and health for the families in our community. I appreciate being kept updated on the progress of this project and hope the accommodations listed here will assist you in ensuring the Center is completed.

Best Regards,


Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D.
Executive Director

cc: Teresa Pisano