



PORT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PCAC) PROJECT INVOLVEMENT

B.1 Introduction

PCAC Purpose and Goals

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:

- Assess the impacts of Port developments on the harbor area communities and recommend suitable mitigation measures to the Board for such impacts.
- 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.
- 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.

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 Wilmington Waterfront Development Project is to document the involvement of the PCAC in the preparation and review of this Draft EIR.

B.2 Overview of PCAC Involvement

This appendix documents PCAC members' involvement in the review of the Wilmington Waterfront Development Project. Working with the Past EIR subcommittee, a generalized approach was identified for PCAC involvement in the preparation of EIRs, and a template was developed to document this involvement.

1 The PCAC Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee was established to
2 provide input into the various development projects that are proposed along the
3 Wilmington Waterfront, including the Wilmington Waterfront Development Project.
4 The bullets below summarize the PCAC Wilmington Waterfront Development
5 Subcommittee involvement in the Project spanning back to the planning phases and
6 throughout the environmental review.

7 **Project Planning**

8 The following is a short summary of the involvement of the PCAC Wilmington
9 Waterfront Development Subcommittee throughout the planning phase of the Project.

- 10 ▪ **December 2002**—Former Mayor James Hahn declared the Project area, initially
11 known as the Avalon Corridor, stretching from C Street south to the waterfront,
12 would be used for community-serving development. The Wilmington Parkway
13 subcommittee of the PCAC was asked to provide input on possible projects in
14 this area, and was subsequently renamed the Wilmington Waterfront
15 Development Subcommittee.
- 16 ▪ **2003–2004**—In 2003, the Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee
17 worked with the planning firm SMWM on a conceptual plan for the
18 development of the Wilmington Waterfront area. The Wilmington Waterfront
19 Development Subcommittee—Final Plan was adopted in concept by the Board
20 of Harbor Commissioners in October 2004.
- 21 ▪ **2005–2006**—Sasaki Design Associates, working closely with the Wilmington
22 Waterfront Development Subcommittee, conducted public outreach for the next
23 planning design phase. Over 2006, four community planning workshops were
24 held at critical milestones to gather community input, review, and comment.
25 The final meeting in December 2006 hosted over 1,000 people and displayed a
26 model of the Project design.
- 27 ▪ **2007**—The Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee received
28 monthly updates on the progress of the Project design and preparation for the
29 environmental review process.

30 **Environmental Review**

31 The following is a timeline of the noticing and public involvement that has occurred
32 to date within the environmental review process for the proposed Project:

- 33 ▪ **January 8, 2008.** LAHD staff and Sasaki Associates provided an update on the
34 planning design for the proposed Project to the PCAC Wilmington Waterfront
35 Development Subcommittee.
- 36 ▪ **February 12, 2008.** LAHD staff provided an updated on the progress and
37 impending release of the NOP to the PCAC Wilmington Waterfront
38 Development Subcommittee.

- 1 ■ **March 14, 2008.** The CEQA NOP and IS were released and distributed to over
2 600 agencies, organizations, individuals, and the California Office of Planning
3 and Research, State Clearinghouse. The State Clearinghouse assigned the
4 following State Clearinghouse Number to the proposed Project: 2008031065.
5 An Executive Summary of the NOP was translated into Spanish and included in
6 the distribution. Over 70,000 postcards were distributed notifying the public of
7 the date of the scoping meeting and the term of the comment period. Notice of
8 the comment period and meeting was also posted in five local newspapers and
9 2000 flyers were distributed.
- 10 ■ **March 14, 2008.** The NOP was also filed with the Los Angeles City Clerk and
11 the Los Angeles County Clerk.
- 12 ■ **March 25, 2008.** A public scoping meeting was held at Banning’s Landing
13 Community Center in Wilmington, CA. Thirteen people at the meeting provided
14 written or oral comments on the proposed Project. Spanish translation services
15 were made available at the meeting. A transcript of the meeting was posted on
16 the LAHD’s website.
- 17 ■ **April 8, 2008.** LAHD staff provided an update to the PCAC Wilmington
18 Waterfront Development Subcommittee regarding the level of public outreach in
19 distributing the NOP, comments heard at the public scoping meeting, and the
20 next steps in preparing the draft EIR.
- 21 ■ **April 14, 2008.** The comment period ended. Fourteen comment letters were
22 received during the scoping period. Copies of the letters were posted on the
23 Port’s website.
- 24 ■ **July 7, 2008.** LAHD staff provided an update to the PCAC Wilmington
25 Waterfront Development Subcommittee regarding the progress of the draft EIR.
26 The traffic, hazards, land use, and air quality analysis were still in process.
- 27 ■ **August 12, 2008.** LAHD staff provided an update on the Project design and
28 progress of the draft EIR to the PCAC Wilmington Waterfront Development
29 Subcommittee. The air quality and traffic analysis was complete, but there were
30 still some outstanding issues related to land use and hazards. Sustainable project
31 design components were also discussed.
- 32 ■ **October 14, 2008.** LAHD staff announced to the PCAC Wilmington Waterfront
33 Development Subcommittee plans to release the draft EIR in November. Public
34 art for the Wilmington Waterfront Development Program was also discussed.

35 **B.3 Notice of Preparation**

36 Public involvement and outreach was a chief component of the environmental review
37 process for the proposed Wilmington Waterfront Development Project. The NOP
38 was issued on March 14, 2008, and mailed to all stakeholders, including elected
39 officials, residents, businesses, Port of Los Angeles tenants, and other community
40 based organizations. The NOP scoping period occurred between March 14, 2008,

1 and April 14, 2008. The NOP was distributed to over 600 agencies, organizations,
2 individuals, and the California Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse.
3 Copies of the NOP were posted on the Port website
4 (http://www.portoflosangeles.org/environment/public_notices.asp). Hardcopies and
5 CD ROMs were also available at the Wilmington Waterfront Waterfront Information
6 Center and at public scoping meetings.

7 An executive summary of the NOP was translated into Spanish and included in the
8 distribution. Over 70,000 postcards were distributed notifying the public of the date
9 of the scoping meeting and the term of the comment period.

10 Notice of the comment period and public scoping meetings was also posted in five
11 local newspapers: Los Angeles Times, Long Beach Press-Telegram, Daily Breeze,
12 Random Lengths News, and La Opinión. These newspapers were selected for their
13 circulation and audience. The Los Angeles Times is circulated daily throughout the
14 region and country. The Long Beach Press-Telegram is a daily, local newspaper
15 distributed throughout Los Angeles County. The Daily Breeze is a daily newspaper
16 distributed in South Los Angeles County. Random Lengths News is a free bi-weekly
17 publication circulated in the communities of San Pedro, Palos Verdes Peninsula,
18 Long Beach, Carson, Harbor City, Lomita, and Wilmington on Thursdays. La
19 Opinión is the largest Spanish-language newspaper in the United States and is
20 circulated daily throughout the region.

21 The public scoping meeting was held within the Project site at Banning's Landing
22 Community Center in Wilmington, CA on March 25, 2008, and took place from 6:00
23 to 8:30 p.m. Thirteen people at the meeting provided written or oral comments on
24 the proposed Project. The meeting was staffed by LAHD and the Project consultant
25 team. Spanish interpreters were available to accommodate Spanish-speakers. A
26 transcript of the meeting was posted on the Port website.

27 The first half hour included an open house viewing of proposed project displays,
28 followed by a 20-minute proposed project presentation and a 90-minute public
29 hearing to gather testimony. The display boards included maps of the proposed
30 Project, construction phasing, and details of Project elements for attendees to view
31 while interacting with proposed project representatives.

32 The public scoping meeting informational materials were available in English and
33 Spanish. The materials included a welcome sheet to explain the purpose and format
34 of the meeting, a public participation guide to summarize how the public could get
35 involved and provide input, comment sheets, speaker cards, and the NOP/Project
36 Description.

37 **B.4 Draft EIR Preparation**

38 Once the Draft EIR is released, LAHD staff will meet with the PCAC Wilmington
39 Waterfront Development Subcommittee to review the contents of the document in
40 accordance with the process.