1 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.

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

**Project Planning**

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

- **December 2002**—Former Mayor James Hahn declared the Project area, initially known as the Avalon Corridor, stretching from C Street south to the waterfront, would be used for community-serving development. The Wilmington Parkway subcommittee of the PCAC was asked to provide input on possible projects in this area, and was subsequently renamed the Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee.

- **2003–2004**—In 2003, the Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee worked with the planning firm SMWM on a conceptual plan for the development of the Wilmington Waterfront area. The Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee—Final Plan was adopted in concept by the Board of Harbor Commissioners in October 2004.

- **2005–2006**—Sasaki Design Associates, working closely with the Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee, conducted public outreach for the next planning design phase. Over 2006, four community planning workshops were held at critical milestones to gather community input, review, and comment. The final meeting in December 2006 hosted over 1,000 people and displayed a model of the Project design.

- **2007**—The Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee received monthly updates on the progress of the Project design and preparation for the environmental review process.

**Environmental Review**

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

- **January 8, 2008**. LAHD staff and Sasaki Associates provided an update on the planning design for the proposed Project to the PCAC Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee.

- **February 12, 2008**. LAHD staff provided an updated on the progress and impending release of the NOP to the PCAC Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee.
March 14, 2008. The CEQA NOP and IS were released and distributed to over 600 agencies, organizations, individuals, and the California Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse. The State Clearinghouse assigned the following State Clearinghouse Number to the proposed Project: 2008031065. An Executive Summary of the NOP was translated into Spanish and included in the distribution. Over 70,000 postcards were distributed notifying the public of the date of the scoping meeting and the term of the comment period. Notice of the comment period and meeting was also posted in five local newspapers and 2000 flyers were distributed.

March 14, 2008. The NOP was also filed with the Los Angeles City Clerk and the Los Angeles County Clerk.

March 25, 2008. A public scoping meeting was held at Banning’s Landing Community Center in Wilmington, CA. Thirteen people at the meeting provided written or oral comments on the proposed Project. Spanish translation services were made available at the meeting. A transcript of the meeting was posted on the LAHD’s website.

April 8, 2008. LAHD staff provided an update to the PCAC Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee regarding the level of public outreach in distributing the NOP, comments heard at the public scoping meeting, and the next steps in preparing the draft EIR.

April 14, 2008. The comment period ended. Fourteen comment letters were received during the scoping period. Copies of the letters were posted on the Port’s website.

July 7, 2008. LAHD staff provided an update to the PCAC Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee regarding the progress of the draft EIR. The traffic, hazards, land use, and air quality analysis were still in process.

August 12, 2008. LAHD staff provided an update on the Project design and progress of the draft EIR to the PCAC Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee. The air quality and traffic analysis was complete, but there were still some outstanding issues related to land use and hazards. Sustainable project design components were also discussed.

October 14, 2008. LAHD staff announced to the PCAC Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee plans to release the draft EIR in November. Public art for the Wilmington Waterfront Development Program was also discussed.

B.3 Notice of Preparation

Public involvement and outreach was a chief component of the environmental review process for the proposed Wilmington Waterfront Development Project. The NOP was issued on March 14, 2008, and mailed to all stakeholders, including elected officials, residents, businesses, Port of Los Angeles tenants, and other community based organizations. The NOP scoping period occurred between March 14, 2008,
and April 14, 2008. The NOP was distributed to over 600 agencies, organizations, individuals, and the California Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse. Copies of the NOP were posted on the Port website (http://www.portoflosangeles.org/environment/public_notices.asp). Hardcopies and CD ROMs were also available at the Wilmington Waterfront Waterfront Information Center and at public scoping meetings.

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

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

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

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

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

**B.4 Draft EIR Preparation**

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