



**THE PORT  
OF LOS ANGELES**  
Executive Director's  
Report to the  
Board of Harbor Commissioners

**DATE: MAY 8, 2012**

**FROM: PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ – ISSUANCE OF A LEVEL I  
COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (NO. 12-04) TO  
CONOCOPHILLIPS COMPANY FOR THE REMOVAL OF AN INACTIVE  
PIPELINE**

**SUMMARY:**

The City of Los Angeles Harbor Department has requested ConocoPhillips Company (ConocoPhillips) to remove an inactive pipeline located within the Phase III China Shipping Terminal Expansion Project area. Staff is recommending the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) approve Coastal Development Permit (CDP) No. 12-04, a Level I, non-appealable permit for the proposed project.

**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 Coastal Development Permit No. 12-04; consistent with the project description listed on Application for Discretionary Project No. 120405-037; and
3. Adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Background** – A segment of the Union Oil Harbor Pipeline, currently owned by ConocoPhillips, is located within the Phase III China Shipping Terminal Expansion Project limits (Transmittal 1). The Union Oil Harbor Pipeline was previously used to convey crude and fuel oil from the former Harbor Pump Station to the ConocoPhillips Wilmington Refinery. The pipeline has been inactive since the late 1980s and is currently classified as being out-of-service by the State of California, Office of the State Fire Marshal, Pipeline Safety Division. An estimated 1,600 linear feet of a 12-inch diameter will be removed within the project area.

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Removal of the inactive pipeline is necessary for the China Shipping Terminal Expansion Project to proceed. Consistent with Permit No. 643 and Order No. 6599, ConocoPhillips was notified of the need to remove the pipeline and submitted an application for the pipeline removal on April 5, 2012.

Coastal Permit Requirements – The proposed project, located in Master Planning Area 3, 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* (Transmittal 2). A Level I permit is one of three levels of permits that the Board can issue. 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 of the pipeline at Berths 100-102 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 ConocoPhillips for removal of a section of the Union Oil Harbor Pipeline located within the footprint of the Phase III China Shipping Terminal Expansion Project. As an activity involving the removal of subsurface pipelines involving negligible or no expansion of use, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article III Class 1(17) of the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines. Additionally, removal of the pipeline was included and analyzed in the China Shipping Final Environmental Impact Statement/Final Environmental Impact Report which was certified on December 8, 2008. Therefore, as an activity for which the underlying project has previously been evaluated for environmental significance and processed according to the requirements of CEQA, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is also exempt from CEQA in accordance with Article II Section 2(i) of the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines.

**ECONOMIC BENEFITS:**

Approval of the proposed CDP No. 12-04 will have no employment impact for the five-county region. The project associated with the proposed CDP will support 5 direct and 4 secondary one-year equivalent jobs for the region.

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Issuance of the proposed Level I CDP will not have a financial impact upon the Harbor Department. All costs for the removal of two pipelines will be entirely borne by ConocoPhillips.

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

This matter presents no legal issues at this time.

**TRANSMITTALS:**

1. Site Location Map
2. CDP No. 12-04

FIS Approval: KB (initials)  
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