



**THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES**

Executive Director's
Report to the
Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2012

FROM: PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ – ISSUANCE OF A LEVEL I
COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (NO. 12-12) TO BP WEST COAST
PRODUCTS LLC FOR THE REMOVAL OF A SEGMENT OF PIPELINE**

SUMMARY:

The City of Los Angeles Harbor Department has requested BP West Coast Products LLC (BP) to remove a segment of pipeline located within the South Wilmington Grade Separation (SWGS) Project area. Staff is recommending the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) approve Coastal Development Permit (CDP) No. 12-12, 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. 12-12, consistent with the project description listed on Application for Discretionary Project No. 120910-116; and
3. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

DISCUSSION:

Background/Context – A segment of pipeline currently owned by BP is located within the SWGS Project area, specifically west of Fries Avenue and south of Water Street (Transmittal 1). The SWGS project will provide grade-separated vehicular access to all facilities south of Harry Bridges Boulevard from a heavily utilized rail line. The pipeline is inactive and BP has no future plans to reactivate the pipeline. An 82-foot segment of the pipeline needs to be removed to accommodate a new bridge column for the SWGS Project. Any fluids recovered from the pipeline removal will be processed at a BP approved processing or disposal facility.

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Removal of the pipeline is necessary for the SWGS Project to proceed. Consistent with Order No. 10-7048 (Transmittal 2), BP was notified of the need to remove the pipelines and submitted an Application for Discretionary Project (ADP No. 120910-116) on September 10, 2012.

Coastal Permit Requirements – The proposed project, located in Master Planning Area 5, 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 3). 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 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 BP for removal of a segment of pipeline within the SWGS 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 the California Environmental Quality Act (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. BP will fully bear the \$200,000 cost for the removal of the pipeline.

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CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed this Board report and has determined it raises no legal issues at this time.

TRANSMITTALS:


1. Site Location Map
2. Order No. 10-7048
3. CDP No. 12-12

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


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