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RESPONSES TO COMMENTS

2.1 Distribution of the Draft SEIS/SEIR

The Draft SEIS/SEIR prepared for the LAHD was distributed to the public and regulatory agencies on May 28, 2008 for a 60-day review period. Approximately 150 copies of the Draft SEIS/SEIR were distributed to various government agencies, organizations, individuals, and Port tenants. In addition, postcards in English and Spanish were mailed to all addresses in Wilmington and San Pedro. On June 26, 2008, the 60-day review period was extended to August 13, 2008, for a total of 75 days. Notice of this change was made by e-mail, announced at public meetings and was noticed on the first page of the Port's web site. The 75-day public review period on the Draft SEIS/SEIR officially closed on August 13, 2008. LAHD, in cooperation with USACE, held a public hearing on the Draft SEIS/SEIR on June 26, 2008, in the Port of Los Angeles Board Room to provide an overview of the proposed Pacific L.A. Marine Terminal Project and accept public comments on the proposed Project and environmental document.

The Draft SEIS/SEIR was made available for review at the following locations:

- L.A. Public Library, San Pedro Branch, 921 South Gaffey Street, San Pedro, California;
- L.A. Public Library, Central Branch, 630 West 5th Street, Los Angeles, California;
- L.A. Public Library, Wilmington Branch, 1300 North Avalon, Wilmington, California;
- Long Beach Public Library, Main Branch, 101 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach, California; and
- Los Angeles Harbor Department, Environmental Management Division, 425 South Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro, California.

The document was also available online at the Port of Los Angeles web site: http://www.portoflosangeles.org/environment/public_notices.asp and the public notice was available on the USACE website at

www.spl.usace.army.mil/regulatory/POLA.htm. Electronic copies of the Draft SEIS/SEIR in CD-ROM format were made available free of charge to all interested parties.

2.2 Comments on the Draft SEIS/SEIR

The public comment and response component of the NEPA/CEQA process serves an essential role. It allows the respective lead agencies to assess the impacts of a project based on the analysis of other responsible, concerned, or adjacent agencies and interested parties, and it provides the opportunity to amplify and better explain the analysis that the lead agencies have undertaken to determine the potential environmental impacts of a project. To that extent, responses to comments are intended to provide complete and thorough explanations to commenting agencies and individuals and to improve the overall understanding of the project for the decision-making body.

The USACE and LAHD received 102 comment letters on the Draft SEIS/SEIR during the public review period. Table 2-1 presents a list of those agencies, organizations, and individuals who provided comment on the Draft SEIS/SEIR.

Table 2-1. Public Comments Received on the Draft SEIS/SEIR

| <i>Letter Code</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Individual/Organization</i> | <i>Page</i> |
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| Federal Government | | | |
| USEPA | 8/20/2008 | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency | 2-6 |
| NMFS | 7/15/2008 | National Marine Fisheries Service | 2-40 |
| FEMA | 8/11/2008 | Federal Emergency Management Agency | 2-46 |
| DOI | 7/28/2008 | Department of Interior | 2-49 |
| State Government | | | |
| CSLC | 7/29/2008 | California State Lands Commission | 2-52 |
| CEC | 8/14/2008 | California Energy Commission | 2-88 |
| NAHC | 6/10/2008 | Native American Heritage Commission | 2-95 |
| DTSC | 7/11/2008 | Department of Toxic Substances Control | 2-100 |
| Regional/Local Government | | | |
| SCAQMD | 8/22/2008 | South Coast Air Quality Management District | 2-107 |
| SCAG | 6/12/2008 | Southern California Association of Governments | 2-124 |
| RPV | 7/23/2008 | City of Rancho Palos Verdes | 2-126 |
| Local Organizations | | | |
| CBE | 8/13/2008 | Communities for a Better Environment | 2-130 |
| CSE | 8/13/2008 | Coalition for a Safe Environment | 2-135 |
| WLC(A) | 7/16/2008 | Frank Herrera, Wilmington Lions Club | 2-163 |

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| Local Organizations (continued) | | | |
| WLC(B) | 7/16/2008 | Charlie Rico, Wilmington Lions Club | 2-165 |
| ME | 7/17/2008 | Marine Exchange | 2-168 |
| WSPA | 7/28/2008 | Western States Petroleum Association | 2-171 |
| Business/Labor Groups | | | |
| LBCOC | 6/26/2008 | The Chamber, Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce | 2-174 |
| LCOC | 6/17/2008 | Lomita Chamber of Commerce | 2-176 |
| SPCOC | 7/8/2008 | San Pedro Chamber of Commerce | 2-178 |
| WCOC | 6/23/2008 | Wilmington Chamber of Commerce | 2-180 |
| PCASC | 7/17/2008 | Pipeline Contractors Association of Southern California | 2-182 |
| SBLCOC | 7/16/2008 | South Bay Latinos Chamber of Commerce | 2-184 |
| HCHGCOC | 7/21/2008 | Harbor City/Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce | 2-186 |
| Local-2375 | 7/17/2008 | Pile Drivers, Bridge, Dock and Wharf Builders, Local Union 2375 | 2-188 |
| Local-11-3 | 7/22/2008 | International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 11-3 | 2-191 |
| Local-11 | 7/23/2008 | International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 11 | 2-193 |
| CPMCA | 7/16/2008 | California Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association | 2-195 |
| CCA | 7/22/2008 | Central City Association of Los Angeles | 2-197 |
| LABC | 7/23/2008 | Los Angeles Business Council | 2-200 |
| LAAFL-CIO | 8/6/2008 | Los Angeles County Coalition of Labor | 2-202 |
| LACOC | 8/12/2008 | Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce | 2-204 |
| FP | 8/13/2008 | Future Ports | 2-206 |
| LAEDC | 8/12/2008 | Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation | 2-209 |
| Local-433 | 8/12/2008 | Iron Workers Local 433 | 2-212 |
| HAIC | 8/11/2008 | Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce | 2-215 |
| RHCOC | 8/4/2008 | Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce | 2-218 |
| SBACC | 8/7/2008 | South Bay Area Chambers of Commerce | 2-220 |
| LAOCBCTC | 8/8/2008 | L.A. and Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council | 2-222 |
| San Pedro/Wilmington Community Groups | | | |
| PCAC-EIR | 8/13/2008 | PCAC EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee | 2-224 |
| PCAC-AQ | 7/10/2008 | PCAC Air Quality Subcommittee | 2-252 |
| CSPNC | not dated | Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council | 2-258 |
| SPPHCO | 8/12/2008 | San Pedro and Peninsula Homeowners Coalition | 2-268 |
| NWSPNC | 8/12/2008 | Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council | 2-276 |
| WNC | 7/23/2008 | Wilmington Neighborhood Council | 2-282 |
| WCC | 7/18/2008 | Wilmington Coordinating Council | 2-285 |
| Individuals/Companies | | | |
| KW/JM | 8/13/2008 | Kathleen Woodfield and John Miller | 2-287 |
| DN | 8/11/2008 | Daniel Nord | 2-302 |

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| MJ/PW(A) | 8/18/2008 | Melanie Ellen Jones and Peter Warren | 2-331 |
| MJ/PW(B) | 8/13/2008 | Melanie Ellen Jones and Peter Warren | 2-345 |
| JJ | 8/11/2008 | Jody James | 2-354 |
| CB | 7/9/2008 | Cathy Beauregard | 2-357 |
| FS | 8/6/2008 | Fran Siegel | 2-359 |
| BS | 8/12/2008 | Beth Sohngen | 2-363 |
| CSS | 8/9/2008 | Carol Shaw-Sutton | 2-365 |
| AL | 8/10/2008 | Amy Lambert | 2-367 |
| ED | 7/9/2008 | Eugene Daub | 2-369 |
| AD | 7/9/2008 | Anne Daub | 2-371 |
| BE | 7/9/2008 | Beth Elliot | 2-373 |
| LD | 7/11/2008 | Linda Day | 2-375 |
| KL | 7/10/2008 | Kelly Limberg | 2-377 |
| MT | 8/13/2008 | Marie Thibeault | 2-379 |
| MB | 8/12/2008 | Marty Barrera | 2-381 |
| MG | 8/9/2008 | Martine Garcia | 2-383 |
| TT | 8/10/2008 | Ted Twine | 2-385 |
| TM | 8/9/2008 | Toni Martinovich | 2-387 |
| RS | 8/13/2008 | Robin Stirling | 2-389 |
| DE | 8/4/2008 | Donna Ethington | 2-391 |
| DL | 6/26/2008 | Dennis Lord | 2-393 |
| JB | not dated | John Beal | 2-395 |
| SA | 7/7/2008 | Shield Anderson | 2-397 |
| DB | 6/26/2008 | Deborah Berg | 2-399 |
| MP | 6/26/2008 | Mehmet Pehlivan | 2-401 |
| GW | 7/10/2008 | Genesa Wagoner | 2-403 |
| MCG | 7/7/2008 | Mary C. Gutierrez | 2-405 |
| AB | 7/9/2008 | Arthur Bartlett | 2-407 |
| ACG | 7/7/2008 | Armando Cortez Garcia | 2-409 |
| GD | 7/10/2008 | Gary Dwight | 2-411 |
| S.Atencio | 7/10/2008 | Shirley Atencio | 2-413 |
| DH | 7/14/2008 | Dan Hoffman | 2-415 |
| GK | 7/8/2008 | Gary Kern | 2-417 |
| JG | 7/16/2008 | Joe Gatlin | 2-419 |
| GS | 7/17/2008 | Gojko Spralja | 2-421 |
| TP | 7/14/2008 | Toni Plescia | 2-423 |
| BC | 7/21/2008 | Betsy Cheek | 2-425 |
| RD | 7/16/2008 | Ruben Diaz | 2-427 |

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| DGN | 8/12/2008 | David G. Nichol | 2-429 |
| JM | 8/9/2008 | John Maver | 2-431 |
| KF | 8/11/2008 | Ken Fredrickson | 2-434 |
| WC | 8/8/2008 | William Carroll | 2-436 |
| JA | 8/4/2008 | Jerry Asplund | 2-438 |
| DY | 7/18/2008 | Dasiy Ybarra | 2-440 |
| JC | 8/4/2008 | James Cross | 2-442 |
| RW | 8/7/2008 | Robert White | 2-444 |
| EB | 7/24/2008 | Elizabeth Brazil | 2-446 |
| VH | 8/11/2008 | Vern Hall | 2-448 |
| AT/JP | 8/14/2008 | Amy Thornberry and Jim Pike | 2-451 |
| UM | 8/13/2008 | Ultramar, Inc. | 2-453 |
| BNSF | 8/13/2008 | LaDonna DiCammillo, BNSF | 2-465 |
| PI | 6/27/2008 | Daniel Domonoske, Potential Industries | 2-469 |
| MC | 6/27/2008 | Mark Stussey, Manson Construction | 2-471 |
| PC | 8/13/2008 | Thomas Poe, Poe Communications | 2-473 |
| IEM | 8/13/2008 | Behjat Zanjani, IEM | 2-476 |
| Public Hearing | | | |
| PHT | 6/26/2008 | Public Hearing Transcript | 2-479 |

2.3 Responses to Comments

In accordance with CEQA (Guidelines Section 15088) and NEPA (23 CFR Part 771), the USACE and LAHD have evaluated the comments on environmental issues received from agencies and other interested parties and have prepared written responses to each comment pertinent to the adequacy of the environmental analysis contained in the Draft SEIS/SEIR. In specific compliance with Section 15088(b) of the CEQA Guidelines and implementing regulations 23 CFR Part 771 of the NEPA Guidelines, the written responses address the environmental issues raised. In addition, where appropriate, the basis for incorporating, or not incorporating specific suggestions into the Project is provided. In each case, LAHD and USACE have expended a good faith effort, supported by reasoned analysis, to respond to comments.

This section includes responses to comments at the public hearing on the Draft SEIS/SEIR and written comments received during the 75-day public review period of the Draft SEIS/SEIR. Where responses have resulted in changes to the text of the Draft SEIS/SEIR, these changes are referenced, and are illustrated in Chapter 3. A copy of each comment letter is provided, and responses to each comment immediately follow.