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1 MS. GREEN REBSTOCK: Hello. Welcome to the public
2 scoping meeting for the City Dock Marine Science Research
3 Center. I'd like to thank all of you for your patience as
4 we're working with our new security system, but you guys had
5 a chance to enjoy our new lobby coming in.

6 And I'm going to turn the mic over now to our
7 executive director, Geraldine Knatz, and she's going to give
8 a broad overview about the wonderful vision that we have for
9 this project.

10 MS. KNATZ: Thank you, Jan.

11 Happy New Year, everyone. I too also want to
12 apologize for the hassle getting into the building, and I see
13 some of you have the new badges on where you actually have
14 your photo on it, and I guess that that machine must take an
15 awfully long time. So we probably won't use that for future
16 public meetings.

17 I just wanted to open the meeting and kind of give
18 you a little bit of background about how this project
19 originated and some of the bigger strategies that were kind
20 of at work in the thinking around here that sort of resulted
21 in the idea for this project.

22 One of the things that we started doing several
23 years ago is trying to look at different areas of the port
24 and see maybe where we had land-use conflicts where we wanted
25 to make changes. You know, it was sort of like playing

1 dominoes. If we could move all -- some of these around into
2 the perfect spot, where would we like them to be?

3 And so as we looked on Terminal Island, surprise.
4 We come across the Southern California Marine Institute,
5 which of course has been here for at least 30 years, maybe a
6 little bit longer. Well, actually much longer than that but
7 under different names.

8 And over here in Fish Harbor and looking at plans
9 and development around there, we thought, "Gee. You know,
10 over here, they might be in the face of future development.
11 Maybe someplace else in the port might be a better spot for
12 them." Right now we've got 11 universities that have
13 facilities that use the facility here in the port, and they
14 are on 1.3 acres, and they have their laboratory and research
15 vessels.

16 Most people didn't even know Southern California
17 Marine Institute was even a tenant of the Port of Los Angeles
18 because it was very difficult to find them. If you had a
19 child in the Port of Los Angeles Maritime Charter School from
20 the very beginning, the students actually went out there and
21 did some of their science lab work out there before the lab
22 facilities were put into the charter school. But a lot of
23 people didn't know about it.

24 And so at that point, I happened to talk to the
25 director there and said, "What do you think about maybe

1 moving out of here and moving to San Pedro?" And I can
2 remember his comment. It was, like, "Well, we've been
3 waiting 30 years for someone to ask us this."

4 And, meanwhile, over on the San Pedro side, a lot of
5 planning going on on the San Pedro waterfront. And what came
6 out of that master planning process was people's affinity for
7 the warehouses there. One of the concepts in the plan was
8 that this area is no longer destined to be used long-term for
9 cargo handling but that it would be good to adaptively reuse
10 the warehouses and put some other things in there.

11 So it looked like a prime spot for the Southern
12 California Marine Institute. And they came over and looked at
13 it and thought, "Wow. This is pretty fabulous."

14 So in addition to sort of the strategy of trying to
15 do land-use planning and get the things -- right things in
16 the right spot, there's another strategy going on in the
17 San Pedro waterfront. And as you know, we had brought on
18 consultants to help us with planning the waterfront,
19 particularly going out and finding developers to undertake
20 the Ports of Call development.

21 And one of the things that consultants said, too,
22 "You've really got to get a lot of activity going along the
23 waterfront to make it really attractive to a developer." So
24 they want to know that people -- a lot of people are going to
25 be down there for various things. So the more activities you

1 can kind of get underway, the more attractive that would be
2 for the developer. So, of course, you know, that we've got,
3 you know, some activities out there already.

4 One of the other big things for the San Pedro
5 waterfront is next fiscal year, which begins July, we're
6 going to go to bid on the downtown harbor, start doing that.
7 That's a -- that's a -- you know, kind of a sure indication
8 that we're moving forward with this project, and the
9 developers will see that.

10 Meanwhile, some of you know we had issued an R.F.P.
11 for warehouses 9 and 10, which are right next to the park on
12 22nd Street, and there was a lot of publicity about those
13 warehouses, how they might be used. And we recently had
14 developers and interested people come down, and we had 17
15 different groups go on a tour to look at using those
16 warehouses. So that's another thing in close proximity that
17 would bring people down to the waterfront.

18 And one of the things the Ports of Call developer
19 said -- "Now, that City Dock thing -- if that got going, that
20 would be another thing that would kind of pique their
21 interest because they'd know, gee, there would be a lot more
22 people that are coming down to the waterfront."

23 So -- and so we're trying to get a number of
24 activities underway, trying to build that critical mass
25 because we want to go forward and do a subsequent R.F.P. to

1 select a developer to redo Ports of Call, which is sort of
2 one of the crown jewels in the San Pedro waterfront.

3 So this particular project -- you know, after we
4 talked to S.C.M.I. -- "Gee. Are you interested?" --
5 scientists came over. They looked at the warehouses and
6 thought, "Oh, my gosh. There's really a lot of space
7 there."

8 And so we gave the Southern California Marine
9 Institute a planning grant, and it was matched by the
10 Annenberg Foundation. And a couple of people that were very
11 involved in undertaking that visioning study are here. Tony
12 Michaels, the former head of the Wrigley Institute -- he was,
13 you know, one of the people we first met with. And it was
14 Tony that said, "Oh, there could be business components and
15 educational components -- all of these great things that
16 could be there." Dr. Jim Fawcett, who was part of the team
17 that worked on the visioning study. Larry Allen, who is the
18 current executive director of Southern California Marine
19 Institute. And so they all came together, did a lot of
20 outreach in the community, and they produced a visioning
21 study.

22 And so from that visioning study, this project
23 description has been crafted, and we're now to the stage of
24 kicking off the public process to undertake the environmental
25 impact report. And as you'll see in this project, a lot of

1 different components. It's not just -- it's moving S.C.M.I.,
2 allowing them to expand; promoting research as a use in the
3 harbor that takes advantage of the fact that this is a
4 peninsula surrounded by water, deep water.

5 We sort of boldly in our planning decided, gee,
6 wouldn't it be great if NOAA, the agency that has everything
7 to do with sea-level rise and climate and the oceans, had
8 some presence in Los Angeles? They don't. So we just said,
9 "Oh, there's space. We'll just stick their logo on this."
10 And then we went back to Washington and said, "Oh, you know.
11 Did you ever think of coming to L.A.?"

12 And they, you know, came out, and they looked at the
13 site and looked up and down our main channel and said,
14 "Los Angeles -- we never thought about being here. But now
15 they asked, we're kind of interested."

16 And so, actually next week, I'm going back to
17 Washington to meet with the NOAA administrator because, hey,
18 this is something really cool. There's space for a business
19 component and educational facilities -- you know, programs
20 for K to 12; research programs for graduate students; classes
21 being taught there; community college involvement. To us,
22 it's a place where all -- everyone comes together to really
23 take advantage of what could be there.

24 But a key component in our waterfront is the
25 promenade all the way around it, because it will be another

1 thing for people that are walking along that eight miles in
2 San Pedro, is "Oh, let me look into this wave tank. Let me
3 look and see what's going on down here. Let me walk past
4 these research vessels because they're kind of neat to look
5 at." So that was the vision.

6 We actually got into the wave-tank idea, and after
7 looking at wave tanks around the world and interacting with
8 the researchers, we learned that the three pre-eminent
9 scientists who study ocean waves happen to all be located in
10 the United States, and one of them lives in the L.A. area.

11 And one of the things we learned is that, gee, all
12 the wave tanks where researchers study use artificial sea
13 water. But in this location, you have the opportunity to use
14 real sea water, and waves behave, from my understanding from
15 the scientists, differetly with real sea water.

16 So if that component was part of it, that could make
17 this research facility something that would draw researchers
18 from around the world who would want to come here and use
19 that tank for research for things like sea-level rise and
20 tsunami and rogue waves and all of that other cool stuff.

21 So that's kind of a little bit of the background --
22 you know, how we sort of got to where we are now. So this is
23 the start of kind of our second public process after the
24 outreach for the visioning to kick off the environmental
25 process.

1 And so I'm going to turn it over to Jan, who is our
2 project manager, and she's going to tell you a little bit
3 more about the project.

4 MS. GREEN REBSTOCK: Great. Thank you, Geraldine.

5 And I also wanted to take this opportunity to
6 highlight some of the other staff faces that you're going to
7 see associated with this project over the next year.

8 So we have Barb Garrett here.

9 If you want to stand up, Barb.

10 She's the project lead for the port.

11 And we also have Adrienne Fedrick, who is the
12 project engineer who is going to be working with me through
13 the environmental review process, and we'll all meet again
14 this summer once we've drafted the draft E.I.R.

15 So tonight we're going to -- I'm going to give you a
16 broad overview of the CEQA process that we're about to embark
17 on. Adrienne will give you a description of the project a
18 bit further, and then we're -- participation will be if you
19 choose. You can come up here and provide public comment.
20 You'll have three minutes to say whatever you like -- you
21 know, your concerns about the scope of the environmental
22 review, support of the project, you know, and so forth.

23 If you'd like to speak, please fill out a comment
24 card. They are at the front of the room. And please make
25 sure you sign in so we can track attendance for the meeting

1 and make sure that you're on the mailing list.

2 And then I'll give a final summary of kind of what
3 we've heard, and then we'll move forward.

4 Okay. So the purpose of our meeting this evening is
5 just to identify for you that the Port of Los Angeles is
6 serving as the lead agency in the environmental review process
7 for this project, and we're going to provide you some more
8 information about the project in a bit more detail. And this
9 process will help us assist the environmental issues that
10 need to be looked at in the review, any mitigation measures
11 that can be identified to reduce environmental impacts and
12 alternatives that need to be considered. And we invite you
13 to participate in this process with us.

14 So the objectives of the CEQA process -- the
15 California Environmental Quality Act -- is to disclose any
16 environmental effects that could be created as developing the
17 project, identify how to avoid or reduce those impacts, and
18 how to use mitigation measures, maybe to prevent
19 environmental damage, or alternatives that could reduce those
20 impacts.

21 And at the end when we are faced with making a
22 decision about the project, you'll have an understanding of
23 what alternatives were chosen or why the proposed project is
24 moving forward. And this also gives us an opportunity to
25 interact with other agencies and enhance your participation

1 in the decision-making process.

2 Okay. So tonight we are here -- we've released the
3 notice of preparation, which I hope all of you have received,
4 and if you haven't, there's additional copies at the front of
5 the room. We're having a scoping meeting. All of your
6 comments are being recorded by the court reporter. So if you
7 do decide to come up and make a comment, please speak slowly
8 for her benefit and state your name.

9 We'll take all of the comments that we have received
10 through the mail, through e-mail, and tonight and take those
11 back and inform what the scope of the environmental review is
12 going to be and then present to you a draft E.I.R., hopefully
13 this summer. And then we'll meet back here in this room most
14 likely and talk about some of the findings of the
15 environmental review. And hopefully the end game is to
16 present the Board of Harbor Commissioners with a final
17 document at the end of the year.

18 Okay. So the environmental review process addresses
19 a range of environmental issues. In this particular case,
20 the cultural resources, historic resources are going to be of
21 interest because we are dealing with some historic
22 structures. Obviously air quality is always something that
23 we need to be concerned about here at the port and mitigation
24 measures for reducing emissions associated with the
25 construction activities, the traffic that might be created

1 through operations of the project. But you can see that
2 there's a range of environmental issues that are going to be
3 looked at.

4 And with that, I'm going to turn it over to
5 Adrienne, who is going to give you some more detail about the
6 project.

7 MS. FEDRICK: I'm going to speak from up here if that's
8 okay.

9 So, again, I'm Adrienne. I'm the project engineer,
10 and I'll be speaking to you about the project objectives and
11 the project elements.

12 So as you can see on this aerial, S.C.M.I. is
13 currently located on Terminal Island at berth 260, and the
14 proposed project would be in San Pedro at the corner of 22nd
15 Street and Signal Street and will encompass berth 56 through
16 60 and berth 70 and 71.

17 The existing S.C.M.I. facilities, just as I
18 mentioned before, are located on Terminal Island. This area
19 is obviously constrained for space and depth. They only have
20 1.3 acres, and they're fitting 11 universities doing research
21 here. They have their building here, which is an old
22 building and it's been there 30 years; and they have their
23 machine shop, warehouse, storage, parking lot, small-boat
24 storage, lab, offices, and docks all crammed into 1.3 acres.

25 So the proposed project location -- again, as I

1 mentioned before, on 22nd Street and Signal Street -- it has
2 a total area of 28 acres. So this is very exciting for
3 S.C.M.I. And for the San Pedro waterfront E.I.R., this
4 rendering shows that City Dock will be a part of the San
5 Pedro waterfront, or within the vicinity.

6 The proposed project -- Geraldine did a great job of
7 introducing the project; so this is -- the main City Dock
8 vision is to become home to a thriving cluster of university
9 researchers, educational facilities, and spin-off technology
10 ventures seeking to solve problems, create jobs, and improve
11 the quality of life in Los Angeles.

12 The main project objectives: City Dock -- we hope
13 to construct a world-class marine institute at berth 56
14 through 60 and 70 and 71 with state-of-the-art facilities.
15 The research here will involve climate change; robotic and
16 remote sensing of oceans and habitat; fisheries; marine
17 resource conservation and management as well as several other
18 studies. I just wanted to mention a few.

19 The main objective here is to replace S.C.M.I. from
20 berth 60 at Terminal Island to a location that allows for
21 expanded capabilities. We hope to provide dock space for
22 small and large vessels. We have enough space to have
23 300-foot vessels, or even larger.

24 Continuing with the project objectives, City Dock
25 will provide public amenities, including public education

1 classroom space and interpretive exhibits related to
2 marine-related research studies. Also, as Geraldine
3 mentioned, this will provide a continuous waterfront
4 promenade, as approved in the San Pedro waterfront project.

5 And the most exciting part of this project, I think,
6 is to construct the world's largest salt-water wave tank
7 where we can study tsunamis, rogue waves, and different types
8 of wave energy; and then, lastly, to provide a location for
9 marine-related businesses, to provide a synergy among
10 research and commercial interests for such uses as
11 aquaculture, sustainable energy production, and marine
12 exploration.

13 This is the proposed site plan. I'll go into this a
14 little bit further on the next few slides, but I just wanted
15 to get you acquainted with the site. So -- I know it's kind
16 of hard to see this pointer, but here at berth 56 will be a
17 new building. Currently at berth 57 is an existing transit
18 shed, or warehouse. Berth 58 through 60 is another huge
19 warehouse, basically three into one. And then the project
20 also encompasses the old former Westways terminal, which is
21 at berth 70 and 71.

22 So the first project element -- this rendering here
23 is zoomed in of berth 56 and 57. This will be the first
24 phase of the project, which I'll show later on in the phasing
25 slide. But this involves recollecting S.C.M.I. from Terminal

1 Island to this facility, the warehouse at berth 57 and the
2 new building at berth 56. The project also will include
3 demoing the current S.C.M.I. facility and restoring it back
4 to its original condition. This will include a large wharf
5 retrofit of berth 57 to bring the wharf up to seismic code
6 and make it safe for all who enter.

7 The main idea of the project is to do adaptive reuse
8 so we can save the old historic buildings and build out
9 inside different classrooms and research facilities and make
10 it look like a really great modern facility.

11 And lastly, within berth 56 -- which is the orange
12 part here, if you can see here -- this will be new facilities
13 for a 150-seat auditorium and a lecture hall, and then it
14 will have two classrooms inside -- two indoor classrooms and
15 one outdoor classroom.

16 Next we move on to berth 58 through 60. So this
17 warehouse is 180,000 square feet. So it's actually about
18 four acres. So it's a huge building; so there's lots of
19 space in there. So part of the project elements on this part
20 is to retrofit the wharf as well as same as berth 57 -- do
21 all the seismic upgrades and next do adaptive reuse of the
22 transit shed inside to have research labs and all different
23 teaching labs and classrooms and graduate student cubicles.

24 And here is a zoomed-in picture, if you can see.
25 This is just basic from the visioning study, but we've

1 done -- S.C.M.I. has done some programming space here.

2 And then lastly at berth 59 and 60 are spaces
3 allotted for marine research businesses that could be
4 associated.

5 Moving on to the main channel side, the former
6 Westways terminal, which is in the process of being demoed --
7 demolished -- this will be the new site for the largest wave
8 tank in the world as well as hopefully NOAA coming to the
9 Port of L.A. This site actually provides 70 lineal feet of
10 docking space, and the wharf is in very good condition.
11 So -- the 80,000 square foot wave tank is, in volume,
12 36,000 cubic yards.

13 And my last slide will be phasing. So Phase I for
14 the project is, as you read in the N.O.P., 2012 to 2016, and
15 it will involve berth 57, S.C.M.I. relocation; the berth 56
16 new building with the lecture hall and classroom space; and a
17 public plaza at berth 57.

18 Phase II is everything that you see in magenta here,
19 which includes the berth 58 through 60, 180,000 square foot
20 building; the business park within the building at berth 59
21 and 60; Signal Street improvements; the continuous
22 waterfront promenade, as well as the largest wave tank in the
23 world.

24 And with that, I'm going to turn it back over to
25 Jan.

1 MS. GREEN REBSTOCK: Thanks. Okay. So another thing
2 we're going to be looking at is alternatives. You've heard
3 Adrienne going into detail about the proposed project, but
4 under CEQA, we also have to look at alternatives to see if
5 they will reduce any of the environmental impacts.

6 So no project will be looked at where S.C.M.I. stays
7 in its current location. The Westways terminal will be
8 demoed because that was analyzed under another project; so
9 that will move forward, but everything else would stay in its
10 existing condition.

11 Under the reduced project, you'll see S.C.M.I.
12 relocate to berths 57 and 58, but the Westway -- the
13 development proposed for the Westway terminal for future
14 development would not occur and a new building at berth 56
15 would not occur.

16 And then under the third alternative under
17 consideration right now would be demolishing the buildings at
18 57 through 60 with new construction happening.

19 So, you know, we welcome your comments on the
20 alternatives, any new alternatives that you would like to
21 propose for us to consider through the environmental review
22 process.

23 And, again, we'd love to take your comments tonight.
24 You can also send written comments in. They're due at the
25 end of the month, January 31st, or you can also send an

1 e-mail to cegacomment@portla.org.

2 I have received a few comment cards; so we're going
3 to go ahead and get started on the public-comment process.
4 So I'm going to call your name, and I'll call them in twos.
5 So if one person can kind of queue up behind the other and
6 please state your name for the court reporter before you make
7 your comment. You will have three minutes, and there's a
8 little light stick here. So when it hits red, that's when
9 you need to end your turn.

10 So with that, the first person I'm going to call is
11 Herb Zimmer.

12 MR. ZIMMER: Are we going to face that way, go up, or
13 what do you want to do, Jan?

14 MS. GREEN REBSTOCK: You can make your comment there, and
15 I'll stand up here so you don't feel like you're talking to
16 yourself.

17 MR. ZIMMER: Hi, Jan.

18 Okay. My name is Herb Zimmer. The Port of
19 Los Angeles is to San Pedro's communities one of our greatest
20 assets, and we need to capitalize on that fact at every
21 opportunity if we want to become an economically,
22 environmentally, and socially sustainable community.

23 So I have to praise the port management for their
24 vision and efforts over the last three or four years in
25 crafting, first, the waterfront development project and,

1 second, for joining with the community in founding PortTech
2 L.A., which is a non-profit corporation bringing companies to
3 the harbor area that will create jobs and develop new
4 technologies to clean the air, create new energy sources,
5 secure the port, and reduce negative effects on surrounding
6 communities.

7 Closer?

8 MS. GREEN REBSTOCK: Please.

9 MR. ZIMMER: Okay. Now we're going to add to that list
10 the proposed marine research center. As we've recently,
11 experienced with the economic recession, our mainstay
12 industry, international trade, sharply declined and the
13 number of jobs related to cargo movement declined with it.
14 That had a real negative affect on San Pedro's work force and
15 on the community. Thankfully, it's once again showing signs
16 of improving, but being so dependent on just one industry is
17 not a path to community sustainability.

18 And that's the reason that the diversification
19 represented by the waterfront redevelopment, PortTech L.A.,
20 and now the marine research center is so important. It will
21 add well paid, scientific, technical jobs to the mix of
22 longshore, tourism, and manufacturing jobs represented by the
23 other waterfront and maritime industries.

24 The proposed center's environmental benefits are
25 obvious. Researching how a lush marine environment, a large

1 industrial port, and a large population center like
2 Los Angeles interact in an era of global warming is an
3 extremely important study, and it sets us on the path to
4 becoming the world center for such research and attracting
5 the world's best scientists to San Pedro.

6 The center will also add great value to our
7 community's social environment through well paid jobs and
8 provide a career ladder for local high school students
9 studying marine science at the Port of L.A. High School and
10 San Pedro High School.

11 Just as any good investment adviser would tell a
12 client, diversification is the key to long-term
13 profitability, and additionally, this project has an
14 excellent triple bottom line -- that is, that it profits the
15 community in all three areas -- economically,
16 environmentally, and socially.

17 So representing the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce,
18 PortTech L.A., and myself as a downtown business owner, I
19 fully endorse the proposed marine research center and will
20 advocate for its swift completion.

21 Thank you, Jan.

22 MS. GREEN REBSTOCK: Thank you, Herb.

23 MR. ZIMMER: You can have that (indicating).

24 MS. GREEN REBSTOCK: We're going to have Nancy
25 Richardson, then, followed by Dominick Miretti.

1 MS. RICHARDSON: My name is Nancy Richardson, and I'm
2 speaking from my local dedication to the L.A. Maritime
3 Institute, Topsail Youth Program, and also from decades-long
4 experience -- excuse me -- with marine education on tall
5 ships nationally and internationally.

6 Expanded education programs under sail would support
7 marine education and research in innovative ways. We offer
8 the unique educational synergy of the sailing ship, a
9 tradition with a future, and value-added key to the success
10 of this dynamic endeavor. Any of our ships -- in fact, we
11 are the only twin brigantines in the world, Irving Johnson
12 and Exy Johnson -- could add up to shipboard offerings from
13 City Dock number 1.

14 In the face of today's economic challenges,
15 collaborations that will fully utilize our ships will
16 multiply positive outcomes for all concerned. LAMI-TYP's
17 emphasis has been on meeting the needs of at-risk youth,
18 especially middle school students, half of whom say they've
19 never seen the ocean. Sailing tall ships, we know, is good
20 for youth of all ages.

21 I'd like to suggest that we would all benefit from
22 forming a working group of other experiential marine
23 education organizations, including those with tall ships, to
24 explore ways to collaborate with the programs at the marine
25 research center, both as contributors and as customers.

1 We could add such groups -- Southern California
2 groups with ships as the L.A. Maritime Institute; Ocean
3 Institute, with the Spirit of Dana Point and Pilgrim; Totally
4 More (phonetic) out of Long Beach; Seaward, which comes
5 through here from their home port in San Francisco; Robert C.
6 Seamans, which is actually part of the Sea Education
7 Association in California and in San Pedro -- I mean San
8 Diego. We'd be able to add to COSEE West and L.A.U.S.D. and
9 others in the plan, adding such groups as the Southwest
10 Marine Educators and others not yet mentioned in the project
11 plan.

12 What we can do is provide sailing ships for maritime
13 research center research expeditions that would be
14 fuel-efficient and provide local excursions as well as
15 distant voyages, including on our ships, for example,
16 overnight accommodations for up to thirty, plus eight crew.
17 We could make LAMI ships and crew available as floating
18 laboratories under sail to complement shoreside classes.

19 We could offer things like marine-life observations,
20 data gathering, and census-taking in harbor and offshore
21 sites, because we're out there all the time with kids and
22 could gather data. We would offer green -- or I guess if
23 we're talking about the ocean -- blue boat operation and
24 maintenance. I think it would be great if we could exchange
25 more "marine education under sail" curricula, and I think

1 modeling, testing, and interpreting green technology and
2 practices would be a positive.

3 Sailing ships are a unique, reality-based setting
4 for adventure education, a natural fit for the new marine
5 research center. We build better sailors, sailing through
6 life skilled and safe; better shipmates, responsive and
7 responsible, getting along with and valuing diversity; and
8 better stewards, competent and committed to making the world
9 a better place. Obviously, we're for it.

10 MS. GREEN REBSTOCK: Thank you.

11 Dominick Miretti? You're next.

12 And he will be followed by Ed Kaufman.

13 MR. MIRETTI: Thank you for the opportunity to speak this
14 evening. I'm Dominick Miretti, a member of the International
15 Longshore and Warehouse Union, Local 63, and the union's
16 liaison to the ports of San Pedro Bay.

17 The I.L.W.U. has expressed its interest and support
18 for the City Dock 1 Marine Research Center project during its
19 early inception, and our interest and support continues. The
20 academic, research, and educational component of the project,
21 we believe, will benefit our local schools, colleges, and
22 universities and will generate student interest in pursuing
23 careers in a variety of scientific disciplines.

24 Always interested in job creation, the I.L.W.U. sees
25 the project offering technology venture opportunities and its

1 business component as a means of creating a variety of new
2 jobs for our local area. Those of us who work the docks and
3 live in the harbor community hope that the National Oceanic
4 and Atmospheric Administration will become a key player in
5 the City Dock 1 project. Their presence could provide us
6 with a greater understanding of our oceans and atmosphere and
7 the role they might play in climate change.

8 Aside from my duties as a marine clerk, I am also
9 chairman of the Earth Science Department at East Los Angeles
10 College, and as such, I can assure you that the Los Angeles
11 Community College District, which includes nine colleges and
12 upwards of 150,000 students, is very interested in and
13 supportive of the City 1 Maritime Research Community project.

14 Presently, the Los Angeles Community College
15 District is implementing plans to become a part of a
16 consortium of colleges and universities that will house the
17 City Dock research and educational facilities. I have
18 discussed in the past with the port of Los Angeles the
19 possibility of expanding City Dock's scope to include issues
20 dealing with economic and environmental sustainabilities.
21 This is an important research and educational component for
22 both growing and greening our ports.

23 Most seem to agree that the City Dock project will
24 be a great benefit to our community. The I.L.W.U. and the
25 Los Angeles Community College District wish the project

1 success, and we hope to play an important role in its
2 development, implementation, and use. Thank you.

3 MS. GREEN REBSTOCK: Thank you.

4 We have Ed Kaufman, followed by Robert Gelfan.

5 MR. KAUFMAN: Hello. Good evening, everyone. This will
6 be real interesting. I'm not used to public speaking.

7 My name is Ed Kaufman. You would probably know me
8 through my editorials which appear in the local paper quite
9 often, and I don't know if Geraldine is still here, but
10 they're usually in opposition to you. So --

11 The only thing I'd like to say tonight is the most
12 important thing you heard tonight was when Geraldine said she
13 met with developers and they suggested that perhaps if they
14 saw a little activity here at the port, they'd be more
15 interested in coming here.

16 Now, let me tell you, I know S.C.M.I. I love
17 S.C.M.I. If you don't know it, they do some of the best
18 environmental work that is being done right now. They're
19 fantastic people. But they're a research institute. They're
20 not what developers want to see. Developers want to see
21 things like West Marine, an Outback restaurant -- things that
22 are more retail-oriented.

23 Now, having said that, I will say this: I jumped to
24 conclusions. I really didn't realize exactly where this
25 institute is going to be put, and I notice -- I think it's

1 right across from a tank farm. So I'm not sure what kind of
2 retail could go here. You know, I'd have to discuss that
3 with the Harbor Commission.

4 But my main point of being here tonight -- and I'm
5 surprised that the I.L.W.U. and some of the dock workers here
6 support this project, saying it's going to bring more jobs.
7 It's not going to bring more than 40 or 50 jobs, and I will
8 point out that last week, this commission turned down a
9 project which would have brought 2,500 union jobs to this
10 city.

11 So I guess -- I'm not putting this project down.
12 I'm going to have to really go look at the site. I'll have
13 to admit that I wasn't familiar with where it's going, but I
14 think when somebody is in Los Angeles and wants to come to
15 San Pedro, they really don't want to look at wave pools and
16 research. This to me is mainly a project for students, which
17 is great, but I think S.C.M.I. is where it's at because that
18 is an industrial area. I see this as a retail area, and I
19 guess that's mainly what I have to say here tonight. So
20 thank you.

21 MS. GREEN REBSTOCK: Okay. Thank you.

22 Next would be Robert Gelfan, followed by Jesse
23 Marquez.

24 MR. GELFAN: Hi there. I'll introduce myself as
25 Dr. Robert Gelfan because I'm a molecular biologist and have

1 an interest in this subject and at one time in my life, even
2 spent some time working at Woods Hole marine biology
3 laboratory working with the horseshoe crab.

4 A very preliminary part of this project was
5 presented to our neighborhood council, Coastal San Pedro
6 Neighborhood Council, I think a few years ago, and it
7 received a rousing welcome. We said, "Geraldine, we love
8 it." And the only comment made at the time was it should
9 probably be about four times bigger, and what I see here
10 tonight looks probably about ten times bigger than that
11 original schema. So I think you have got the right idea.

12 I'll simply point out that -- a couple of things,
13 first of all. I think Harbor-UCLA/L.A. Bio-Med might like to
14 have a little piece of this action too, and I just heard from
15 the community colleges, who have lots and lots of students
16 and almost nowhere to put them.

17 When you design research laboratories, the design is
18 considerably different from, let's say, a business building
19 or an office building like this. I mean, for example, almost
20 every room has to have access to flowing deionized water.
21 You don't think about that. So what I'm thinking is that you
22 probably did invite a designer who is involved in design of
23 research facilities. You should be willing to carefully
24 criticize and evaluate this and possibly revise it several
25 times in order to make it just right.

1 And as for whether people come down to San Pedro as
2 tourists to go to the latest Denny's or to see something
3 really different like a container ship or a world-class
4 research institute, I think would take quite a bit of
5 thinking. Thank you.

6 MS. GREEN REBSTOCK: Thank you.

7 So Jesse Marquez is going to be followed by Diane
8 Nave.

9 MR. MARQUEZ: Thank you for this opportunity. My name is
10 Jesse Marquez. I am a lifetime Wilmington resident. I'm
11 also a father of three children and a harbor resident. I
12 will also be speaking as an executive director of the
13 Coalition for Safe Environment. And the reason I'm stating
14 it that way is when I filed a lawsuit against the port last
15 year, the port made a motion to dismiss my court case because
16 I did not state I was a resident of the harbor or of
17 Wilmington.

18 As you well know, I serve several purposes in my
19 organization, and that is evaluating environmental impact
20 reports and project proposals; so I do that in depth. I
21 always try to look at positive signs in terms of marine
22 research. I'd like to state for the record, since 2001, our
23 organization was one of the first to request and recommend
24 that port property be allocated for marine research
25 institutes and things of that nature, and I'm glad to see

1 that on our tenth anniversary this year, it's now coming to
2 pass.

3 Over the years I've been able to have opportunity to
4 meet with many companies with newly emerging technologies.
5 So I'm one of the great advocates for innovation and in
6 support of technologies. So that is the nice side of my hat.

7 On the other side, however, I must also look at the
8 potential dangers and hazards of project proposals. So I'm
9 going to state certain things which are my request and
10 recommendations, and then the second part will be examples of
11 why I'm stating what I'm stating in case people are not going
12 to comprehend why I'm bringing up some of these issues.

13 Number one, I want no military weapons research or
14 biological weapons research and development to be permitted
15 on these sites.

16 Number two, I want no military weapons or biological
17 support equipment, parts, systems, or software research and
18 development to be permitted at the site.

19 Number three, I want no research and development
20 that involves any biological DNA, nonreproduction,
21 termination, genetic modification to be permitted at this
22 facility. I want all research that results in a patent will
23 be held in public domain.

24 Number five, no public patent can be awarded to any
25 one private business enterprise in exclusivity or in

1 perpetuity.

2 Number six, I want an annual signed statement by the
3 C.E.O. of each one of these universities and institutes that
4 will occupy this facility that they have not violated any of
5 these previous five requirements.

6 Number seven, I want an annual report of all the
7 alleged benefits and contributions that will improve my
8 quality of life as well as everyone else's quality of life,
9 that will improve our environment, improve public health,
10 improve our economic situation and our future
11 sustainability.

12 Now I'd like to give you some examples of why these
13 concerns. Number one, every port in the United States and
14 every U.S. customs office in the United States denies that
15 they're responsible for the West Nile Virus mosquito causing
16 deaths and illnesses of hundreds of residents and children.

17 Monsanto has created termination seeds that cannot
18 reproduce themselves. So if you want to plant corn and you
19 want to save some of the seeds and plant them in the future,
20 you cannot. They will not allow that to happen. A good
21 example of that is fish have already been genetically
22 modified.

23 Dolphins have been used extensively by the military,
24 and they have been used in doing weapons and various type of
25 weapons applications which I'm concerned about, which

1 includes bomb detection, carrying of weapons, carrying of
2 other type of instrumentation. And we talk about the
3 wave-generating machine. Well, they can also stick a dophin
4 in that wave-generating machine to see can it achieve its
5 objective.

6 So these are some of the concerns that I have, and I
7 want to have those addressed and included in the
8 environmental impact report. I'd also like to have them
9 included in the lease agreements.

10 MS. GREEN REBSTOCK: Thank you, Jesse. That's three
11 minutes. And we'll be happy to receive your letter with the
12 rest of --

13 MR. MARQUEZ: And I'll just say one last line, and that
14 is people have referred to the economic situation of the
15 United States and our recession. It was the corruption and
16 fraud of Fortune 1000 companies' financial sector that caused
17 it. We the public did not.

18 MS. GREEN REBSTOCK: Thank you. And we'll have Diane
19 Nave, followed by Liz Johnson.

20 MS. NAVE: Good evening. I'm Diane Nave. I'm the
21 president of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council,
22 and I'm speaking in that capacity.

23 Our neighborhood council is very excited about this
24 project, and we think that it has the potential to be a real
25 game-changer for our community. But with that said, we do

1 have three comments that we would like to submit for
2 consideration with regards to the scope of the E.I.R.

3 The first one I think several other people have
4 talked about, and that is that the E.I.R. should discuss
5 incorporating linkages to local youth and education programs.
6 Okay. The City Dock 1 project should be viewed as an
7 opportunity to engage the youth and the community in marine
8 science and scientific method.

9 The second comment is that we would like to see it
10 evaluate linkages to the community itself so that it does not
11 become an enclave in and of itself. And so linkages such as
12 the connectivity to the Red Car -- how do we connect it and
13 involve the people who are working there in the day-to-day
14 life of the community? And we recommend that it include the
15 waterfront walkway enhancement that are similar or the same
16 as those that have been approved as a part of the L.A.
17 waterfront plan.

18 Our final comment relates to the former Westways
19 facility and the current status of the site. And I believe I
20 understand now that everything is being removed already from
21 there. So that was the first part of our comment, was we
22 wanted to make sure that everything got removed no matter
23 what else happens.

24 And then as a part of the E.I.R. to actually look at
25 the future of the Westways site and how it fits into the

1 waterfront plan, should the City Dock 1 project for some
2 reason not occur so that this E.I.R. takes care of that
3 property even if this project doesn't go forward. And that's
4 our last one. Thank you very much.

5 MS. GREEN REBSTOCK: Thank you.

6 And next up is Liz Johnson, followed by our last
7 speaker for the evening, which will be John Schafer.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Hello, Jan.

9 My name is Liz Schiller-Johnson, and I run Grand
10 Vision Foundation, a nonprofit organization in downtown
11 San Pedro, and I've been very involved with the overall
12 revitalization of downtown San Pedro. I care very much about
13 that and very much about the role of the port in creating
14 jobs and invigorating our community.

15 This seems like a really exciting project. I think
16 there's very few people that would be, you know, against the
17 concept of bringing education and educators and top-level
18 scientists and expanding a -- growing a much needed -- giving
19 a much-needed expansion to a very small facility that has
20 probably been doing amazing work but in some sense is
21 hobbling along because of its constraints. So of course I
22 came tonight because I'm really for it, and I believe that
23 any type of expansion of education makes a community richer
24 and better and more desirable.

25 Couple small comments. One is that it does seem

1 like a bit of a distant outpost, and in your future meetings
2 and in your explanation -- further development explanation of
3 the project, can you do more to help us understand how it
4 won't be a separate enclave and how the people involved will
5 be more connected to our community?

6 Also -- so what Diana was talking about, about
7 linkages -- let's build those in. Let's not make those
8 afterthoughts. And I can't say tonight what those are, but
9 I'm sure smarter people and people who have more experience
10 with how to blend an educational institution with a community
11 can do that.

12 And if this doesn't -- I don't fully understand it;
13 I don't pretend to -- but I believe this sounds like a very
14 big gift of a -- I don't want to misinterpret it, but it does
15 seem like a gift of public land and public dollars to private
16 or possibly public universities. But in some way, it is a
17 gift. I don't -- and as it should be.

18 But at the same time, since it is a gift from the
19 citizens of California, it should in some sense give back in
20 more than possibly just the overall good that education
21 provides, and maybe it can give back to our community
22 specifically. And there could be ways that we can connect
23 the people -- maybe the people who work there need to live in
24 our community and need to buy houses in our community and
25 patronize our shops. And maybe there's more to it than that.

1 And just finally, I think what's really important --
2 and it sounds really superficial -- but we just don't want to
3 have it be so isolated that if you come to visit, there's
4 nothing to do. So let's make sure there is at least a small
5 cafe on the property. Let's make sure that your zoning and
6 your regulations don't prevent that or require endless
7 security. Let's make sure that people can come and see our
8 giant wave-maker and understand what's good about it and
9 what's important. Thank you.

10 MS. GREEN REBSTOCK: Thank you.

11 And, John, you get the last word.

12 MR. SHAFER: Yeah. My name is John Schafer. I'm a San
13 Pedro resident and business manager of the Piledriver's Local
14 2375. I just wanted to comment, particularly hearing the
15 other comments, regarding jobs and also the importance of
16 research that goes through there.

17 Just to provide historical context, I guess at
18 first, 106 years ago -- or 107 years ago now with the new
19 year, the origins of our Piledriver's Local 2375 began in
20 San Pedro in 1904. And we had -- we're accused of bombing
21 the L.A. Times some time ago, and so we had to change it.
22 Went to the Piledrivers Local 2375 in 1923.

23 In 1928 my grandfather joined the local. Came from
24 Santa Barbara to work on developing Terminal Island. And he
25 had two sons who both went to Todd Shipyard when they got out

1 of high school and then to the piledrivers.

2 My dad and his kids all became piledrivers, but my
3 uncle -- I wanted to point out for the research -- my dad and
4 my uncle were piledrivers, and they -- my uncle and them
5 built Hyperion --

6 So we're talking about 50, 60 years ago. I forgot
7 the date. A little while ago.

8 -- and he went on to research because he loved the
9 marine environment, fishing, all this other stuff, and he
10 captained the boat that studied the marine biology effects of
11 what was going on with Hyperion.

12 His sons -- one became a marine biologist who did
13 one of the first comprehensive studies of the effects of
14 pollution and so forth on the outer harbor and the immediate
15 coastline. His other son now captains the boat for Hyperion,
16 and we have worked on projects up and down, as have my
17 members, throughout the coast and throughout particularly the
18 Port of L.A. and the Port of Long Beach.

19 As you know, through the environmental review
20 process and lawsuits and politics and so forth, there hasn't
21 been much activity down in the port area, particularly in the
22 Ports of Call area -- lot of consultants, lot of lawyers and
23 what have you, but not much activity as far as the
24 construction, although now with China Shipping and Rowe
25 Marine (phonetic), many of my members are working right now.

1 This is a tremendous opportunity for people who care
2 about the marine environment, not only building the state of
3 the art facilities, but also the studies and the jobs that
4 are created from the technology.

5 We also represent hardhat divers, and we were
6 talking to the PortTech group regarding wave-energy
7 possibilities. So we look forward to working with the port
8 and with whoever ends up being selected to inhabit this
9 facility in creating jobs and opportunities to be stewards of
10 the marine environment. Thank you.

11 MS. GREEN REBSTOCK: Thank you.

12 So just a couple of things I want to respond to.
13 Hopefully this will help clarify how this project is related
14 to the overall San Pedro waterfront project. In that
15 document, we did assess the demolition of the Westways
16 terminal. So that would move forward regardless of whether
17 this project got approved or not. This is really looking at
18 the future development of that site.

19 It also assumes that the Red Car extension down to
20 warehouse 1 gets built and the Promenade. So you've heard a
21 little about those physical linkages and connections that you
22 were -- those will be maintained within the overall scope of
23 the waterfront development.

24 You also heard some comments tonight about how this
25 project fits in with the port sustainability goals and

1 diversification of port operations and connections with other
2 educational facilities here. And so feel free to continue to
3 give us our comments.

4 And we do have the court reporter here. We're going
5 to be posting a transcript of the meeting on our Web site
6 along with the presentation. If you continue to like to look
7 at that and get your comments in to us by the 31st, and we'll
8 see you again in the summer. Thank you.

9 MS. KNATZ: Jan, I thought there was a cafe in the plans.

10 MS. GREEN REBSTOCK: There is. Thank you. I did want to
11 highlight that. We are including a cafe. Thank you.

12 (Whereupon the proceeding was
13 adjourned at 7:19 P.M.)

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