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Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

TO: Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Oil Consolidation and Restoration Project (SCH# 2016041083).

As the Lead Agency overseeing this project's environmental review, the City of Long Beach initiated the preparation of an environmental impact report (EIR) to determine the nature and extent of the proposed project's impact upon the environment. An EIR also identifies ways to reduce environmental effects and analyzes reasonable alternatives to avoid or minimize significant environmental effects.

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 14, Section 15087 (a), this Notice has been prepared to advise that the City of Long Beach has completed a Draft EIR for the proposed project listed above and described below. The Draft EIR is available for public review.

PROJECT TITLE: Los Cerritos Wetlands Oil Consolidation and Restoration Project

PROJECT APPLICANT: Beach Oil Minerals Partners

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is comprised of four sites located at 6433 East 2nd Street (Synergy Oil Field site), 2nd Street and Shopkeeper Road (City Property site), 6701 Pacific Coast Highway (Pumpkin Patch site), and the northeast corner of Studebaker Road and 2nd Street (Los Cerritos Wetland Authority [LCWA] site) in the City of Long Beach; refer to attached "Project Site and Local Vicinity" figure. All four sites are listed on one or more hazardous materials lists under Government Code Section 65962.5 for the presence of active, idle, or plugged oil wells; historical releases of petroleum or PCBs; and/or the presence of landfill materials.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project would consolidate existing oil operations and implement a wetlands habitat restoration project that would provide new public access opportunities to this portion of the Los Cerritos wetlands. The proposed project would occur on the four individual sites, which together comprise the project. Existing oil operations on the Synergy Oil Field and City Property sites would be phased out over time, and new oil production facilities would be constructed and operated on the Pumpkin Patch and LCWA sites. The northern portion of the Synergy Oil Field site would be restored to a natural wetlands area. Oil operations on the southern portion of the

Synergy Oil Field site and on the City Property site would continue for a fixed period of time of up to 40 years, but would ultimately be phased out as new operations are established on the Pumpkin Patch and LCWA sites. The proposed project also includes the construction of a new office building and warehouse structure on the Pumpkin Patch site to support the oil operations. Once the Applicant's offices are relocated to the Pumpkin Patch site, the proposed project will relocate the existing office building on the Synergy Oil Field site 400 feet southwest of its current location, repurpose the building for use as a visitors center, and construct a new parking area and perimeter trail to provide public access to this portion of the Los Cerritos Wetlands.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The EIR has determined that the proposed project would have significant and unavoidable environmental impacts with respect to air quality.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The public comment period during which the City of Long Beach will receive written comments on the Draft EIR is:

Beginning: Monday July 24, 2017 **Ending:** Wednesday September 6, 2017

The City of Long Beach must receive all written comments relating to the Draft EIR no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday September 6, 2017. Comments should be sent to:

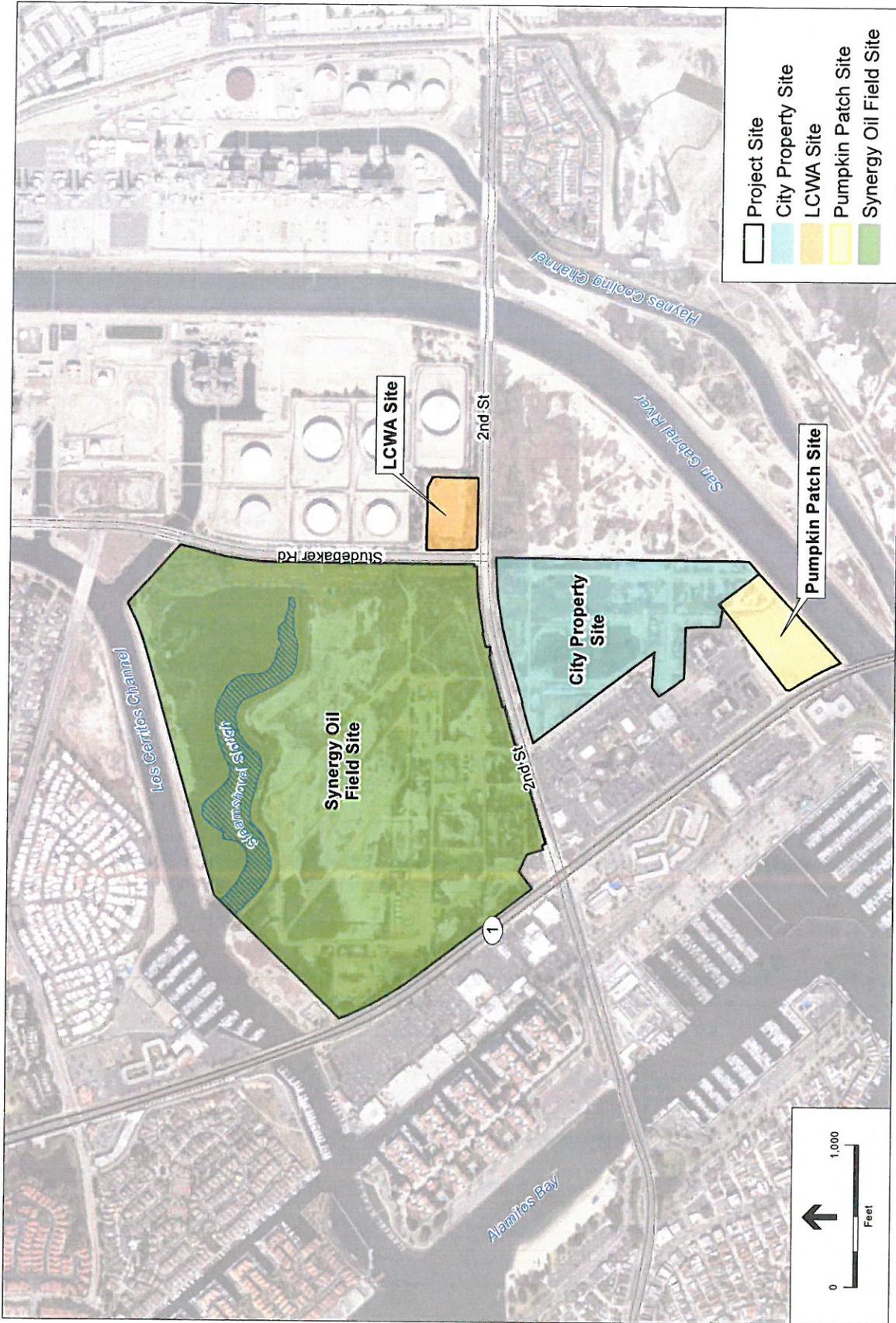
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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft EIR is available for public review online and at the locations listed below during regular business hours:

http://www.lbds.info/planning/environmental_planning/environmental_reports.asp
Long Beach Main Library, 101 Pacific Avenue
Long Beach City Hall, 333 W. Ocean Blvd, 5th Floor

If you require additional information, please contact Craig Chalfant at (562) 570-6368 or at craig.chalfant@longbeach.gov.



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 Project Site and Local Vicinity

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