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To: Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report in Compliance with Title 14, Section 15052(a) of the California Code of Regulations and Scoping Session

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21165 and the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15050, the City of Long Beach is the Lead Agency responsible for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) addressing potential impacts associated with the project identified below.

Agencies: The purpose of this notice is to serve as a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an EIR pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15082, and solicit comments and suggestions regarding the scope and context of the EIR to be prepared for the proposed project. Specifically, the City of Long Beach requests input on the environmental information that is germane to your agency's statutory responsibility in connection with the proposed project. Your agency may rely on the Draft EIR prepared by the City when considering permits or other approvals for this project.

Organizations and Interested Parties: The City of Long Beach requests your comments and concerns regarding the proposed scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the EIR.

Project Title: Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration and Oil Consolidation Project

Project Location: The project is comprised of four sites located at: 6422 E. 2nd Street (Synergy Oil Field Site); 6701 E. Pacific Coast Highway (Pumpkin Patch site); northeast corner of Studebaker Road and 2nd Street (Los Cerritos Wetland Authority site); and 2nd Street and Shopkeeper Road (City-Property site) in the City of Long Beach.

Project Description: The project would implement a comprehensive wetlands restoration project which will restore a privately-owned oil field in the City of Long Beach through creation of a wetlands mitigation bank. The project includes the relocation of certain oil facilities currently located on the Synergy Oil Field and City-owned property to two off-site properties (Los Cerritos Wetland Authority Site and Pumpkin Patch site).

Probable Environmental Effects of the Project: Based on the findings of the Initial Study, the proposed project could have potentially significant impacts on the following environmental factors: **Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise, Public Services, Population and Housing, Recreation, Transportation and Traffic, and Utilities and Service Systems.**

Public Review Period: This NOP is available for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b). The public review and comment period during which the City of Long Beach will receive comments on the NOP for this proposed project is:

Beginning: Thursday, April 28, 2016 Ending: Friday, May 27, 2016

THE NOP AND INITIAL STUDY ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

City Hall, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, 5th Floor
Long Beach Main Library, 101 Pacific Avenue
Online at: www.lbds.info/planning/environmental_planning/environmental_reports.asp

Scoping Meeting: As part of the NOP process, the City will conduct a public scoping meeting in order to present the proposed project and environmental process and to receive public comments and suggestions regarding the proposed project. The scoping meeting will be held on May 11, 2016, from 6:00PM to 8:00 PM at Kettering Elementary School, Cafeteria Dining Room, 550 Silvera Avenue, Long Beach, CA. The parking lot is located on the south side of the School on 5th Street.

Responses and Comments: Please list a contact person for your agency or organization, include U.S. mail and email addresses, and send your comments to:

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