

FINAL
INITIAL STUDY/ MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

**Naples Seawall Interim and Long Range
Repair Project**

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (see Public Resources Code Sections 21000-21177), as well as the State CEQA Guidelines (see Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Sections 15063). The IS/MND was made available for public review and comment pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15070. The public review period commenced on January 26, 2010, and expired on February 24, 2010. The IS/MND and supporting attachments were available for review by the general public at the following locations:

- City of Long Beach, Public Works Records, City Hall, 333 West Ocean Boulevard, 10th Floor, Long Beach, CA 90802; and
- Long Beach Public Library and Information Center, 101 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90822.



2.0 RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

During the public review period, comments were received on the IS/MND from certain interested public agencies and private parties. The following is a list of the persons, firms, or agencies that submitted comments on the IS/MND during the public review period:

Comment Letter No.	Person, Firm, or Agency	Letter Dated	Letter Received
1	Scott Morgan, Acting Director, State Clearinghouse, State of California Office of Planning and Research	February 25, 2010	February 25, 2010
2	Elmer Alvarez, IGR/CEQA Branch Chief, California Department of Transportation, District 7, Regional Planning	February 8, 2010	February 11, 2010

Although the State CEQA Guidelines do not require a Lead Agency to prepare written responses to comments received, as contrasted with a Draft Environmental Impact Report (see State CEQA Guidelines Section 15088), the City has elected to prepare the following written responses with the intent of conducting a comprehensive and meaningful evaluation of the proposed project.

The number designations in the responses are correlated to the bracketed and identified portions of each comment letter.



ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
GOVERNOR

February 25, 2010

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE of PLANNING AND RESEARCH
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE AND PLANNING UNIT



CYNTHIA BRYANT
DIRECTOR

Mark Christoffels
City of Long Beach
333 W. Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90802

Subject: Naples Seawall Interim and Long Range Repair Project
SCH#: 2010011073

Dear Mark Christoffels:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Mitigated Negative Declaration to selected state agencies for review. On the enclosed Document Details Report please note that the Clearinghouse has listed the state agencies that reviewed your document. The review period closed on February 24, 2010, and the comments from the responding agency (ies) is (are) enclosed. If this comment package is not in order, please notify the State Clearinghouse immediately. Please refer to the project's ten-digit State Clearinghouse number in future correspondence so that we may respond promptly.

Please note that Section 21104(c) of the California Public Resources Code states that:

"A responsible or other public agency shall only make substantive comments regarding those activities involved in a project which are within an area of expertise of the agency or which are required to be carried out or approved by the agency. Those comments shall be supported by specific documentation."

These comments are forwarded for use in preparing your final environmental document. Should you need more information or clarification of the enclosed comments, we recommend that you contact the commenting agency directly.

This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Please contact the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Acting Director, State Clearinghouse

Enclosures
cc: Resources Agency

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**Document Details Report
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

SCH# 2010011073
Project Title Naples Seawall Interim and Long Range Repair Project
Lead Agency Long Beach, City of

Type MND Mitigated Negative Declaration

Description The intent of the project is to identify viable options for the stabilization of the seawall in its present deteriorating state and extend the life of the seawalls. An investigation of the distressed concrete sheet pile seawall, was performed to analyze its stability, and develop repair concepts. Engineers have assessed the various factors contributing to the seawall's horizontal, vertical, and rotational displacements from the original constructed positions. Interim as well as long range have been recommended. Interim repairs would consist of sinkhole repairs (gravel filled bag system beneath sinkholes), a tieback system (grouted rods to relieve stress), and scour repairs (underwater rock protection). Since the existing seawalls are currently 70 years old, a replacement program (long range repairs) was also recommended. Long range repairs would include the option of waterside or landside repairs.

Lead Agency Contact

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Project Location

County Los Angeles
City Long Beach
Region
Lat / Long 33° 45' 15.91" N / 118° 7' 33.50" W
Cross Streets The Toledo and Rivo Alto Canal
Parcel No.
Township 5S **Range** 12W **Section** **Base** SBB&M

Proximity to:

Highways
Airports
Railways Yes
Waterways Alamitos Bay, Los Cerritos Channel, San Gabriel River, Anaheim Bay, Pacific Ocean
Schools Yes
Land Use GP: District No. 1 (Single Family)
Z: R-1-S (Single Family Residential, small lot) and R-4-N (Medium Density Multiple Residential)

Project Issues Aesthetic/Visual; Agricultural Land; Air Quality; Archaeologic-Historic; Biological Resources; Coastal Zone; Cumulative Effects; Drainage/Absorption; Flood Plain/Flooding; Forest Land/Fire Hazard; Geologic/Seismic; Growth Inducing; Landuse; Minerals; Noise; Population/Housing Balance; Public Services; Recreation/Parks; Schools/Universities; Septic System; Sewer Capacity; Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading; Solid Waste; Toxic/Hazardous; Traffic/Circulation; Vegetation; Water Quality; Water Supply; Wetland/Riparian; Wildlife

Reviewing Agencies Resources Agency; Department of Boating and Waterways; California Coastal Commission; Department of Conservation; Department of Fish and Game, Region 5; Office of Historic Preservation; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Water Resources; Office of Emergency Management Agency, California; Caltrans, District 7; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 4; Native American Heritage Commission; State Lands Commission

Note: Blanks in data fields result from insufficient information provided by lead agency.

**Document Details Report
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

Date Received 01/26/2010 *Start of Review* 01/26/2010 *End of Review* 02/24/2010

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER NO. 1

Mr. Scott Morgan, Acting Director

State of California Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse

February 25, 2010

- 1.1 This comment indicates that the State Clearinghouse submitted the IS/MND to selected state agencies for review, and that the comment period for the Draft IS/MND concluded on February 24, 2010 for State agencies. The comment indicates that the lead agency complied with the review requirements for draft environmental documents pursuant to CEQA. As such, the comment does not provide specific comments regarding information presented in the IS/MND and no further response is necessary.

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IGR/CEQA No. 100140AL, MND
 Naples Seawall-Interim and Long Range Repair Project
 Vic. LA-01 / PM 0.59
 SCH# 2010011073

February 8, 2010

Mr. Mark Christoffels
 City of Long Beach
 333 West Ocean Boulevard
 Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Mr. Christoffels:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The proposed project is to identify viable options for the stabilization of the seawall in its present deteriorating state and extend the life of the seawalls.

The project is less than one mile from Pacific Coast Highway (SR-01). The proposed long/short range repairs would only generate truck traffic trips during short-term construction activities. We recommend that the following items related to truck traffic be evaluated/considered, where applicable:

1. Cargo spills need to be cleaned up expeditiously to prevent accidents.
2. Truck routes need to avoid areas with frequent pedestrian use, such as schools.

Any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires the use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will require a Caltrans transportation permit. We recommend that large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods.

Storm water run-off is a sensitive issue for Los Angeles and Ventura counties. Please be mindful that projects need to be designed to discharge clean run-off water. Additionally storm water run-off is not permitted to discharge onto State highway facilities.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (213) 897-6696 or Alan Lin the project coordinator at (213) 897-8391 and refer to IGR/CEQA No. 100140AL.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elmer Alvarez".

ELMER ALVAREZ
IGR/CEQA Branch Chief

cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse



RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER NO. 2
Mr. Elmer Alvarez, IGR/CEQA Branch Chief
California Department of Transportation
February 8, 2010

- 2.1 This comment recommends that cargo spills from construction truck traffic would need to be cleaned up expeditiously to prevent accidents. In the event of a cargo spill, the City would ensure the immediate cleanup of the spill in accordance with Caltrans regulations.
- 2.2 This comment notes that truck routes during construction need to avoid areas with frequent pedestrian use. As stated in Mitigation Measure TRA-1 in Section 4.15, Transportation/Traffic of the IS/MND, a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) would be prepared for project construction which would address safety and traffic concerns within the project vicinity. The TMP would include a traffic signage plan to ensure pedestrian safety and access.
- 2.3 This comment states that any transportation of heavy construction equipment or materials requiring the use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will require a Caltrans transportation permit. The comment also recommends that large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods. In the event that the use of oversized-transport vehicles is required during construction of the proposed project, the City would be required to obtain the appropriate transportation permit from Caltrans. Also, these oversized truck trips, if necessary, would occur during off-peak traffic hours.
- 2.4 This comment states that projects should discharge clean run-off water. However, storm water run-off is not permitted to discharge onto State highway facilities. Section 4.8, Hydrology and Water Quality, of the IS/MND states that the project would be required to obtain the appropriate permits (i.e., National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System [NPDES] permit) from the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). Compliance with the RWQCB permits, project implementation would not violate any discharge requirements. Also, storm water run-off would not be discharged onto State highway facilities due to the distance of Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) from the project site.

