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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 11, 2019

TO: Jeffrey King, Park Maintenance Supervisor Marine Bureau, City of Long Beach

FROM: Lonnie Rodriguez, Senior Biologist

SUBJECT: Nesting Bird Survey for Will Rodgers Mini Park and Marine Stadium Park per Coastal Development Permit 5-08-187

On October 31 and November 7, 2019, LSA Biologists Lonnie Rodriguez and Jeremy Rosenthal conducted a survey consistent with the terms of Coastal Development Permit (CDP) 5-08-187 (Tree Trimming and Removal Policy), Section A: During Non-Breeding and Non-Nesting Season (October through December), which states the following:

1. Prior to tree trimming or removal, a qualified biologist or ornithologist shall survey the trees to be trimmed or removed to detect nests and submit a survey report to the City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, a representative of the Audubon Society, and the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission. The survey report shall include identification of all trees with nests. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine shall maintain a database of survey reports that includes a record of nesting trees that is available as public information and to be used for future tree trimming and removal decisions.

2. Any trimming of trees with nests shall be supervised by a qualified biologist or ornithologist and a qualified arborist to ensure that adequate nest support and foliage coverage is maintained in the tree, to the maximum extent feasible, in order to preserve the nesting habitat. Trimming of any nesting trees shall occur in such a way that the support structure of existing nests will not be trimmed and existing nests will be preserved, unless the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine in consultation with a qualified arborist, determines that such trimming is necessary to protect the health and safety of the public. The amount of trimming at any one time shall be limited to preserve the suitability of the nesting tree for breeding and/or nesting habitat.

   Trees or branches with a nest that has been active anytime within the last five years shall not be removed or disturbed unless a health and safety danger exists.

3. Trimming may not proceed if a nest is found and evidence of a courtship or nesting behavior is observed at the site. In the event that any birds continue to occupy the trees during the non-nesting season, trimming shall not take place until a qualified biologist or ornithologist has assessed the site, determined that courtship behavior has ceased, and given approval to proceed within 300 feet of any occupied tree.

The City of Long Beach is continuing its annual tree maintenance activity and has requested that all trees to be trimmed at Will Rogers Mini Park and Marine Stadium Park be surveyed prior to maintenance (Figure 1; all figures attached). All trees surveyed are referenced by number for identification (see Figure 2).

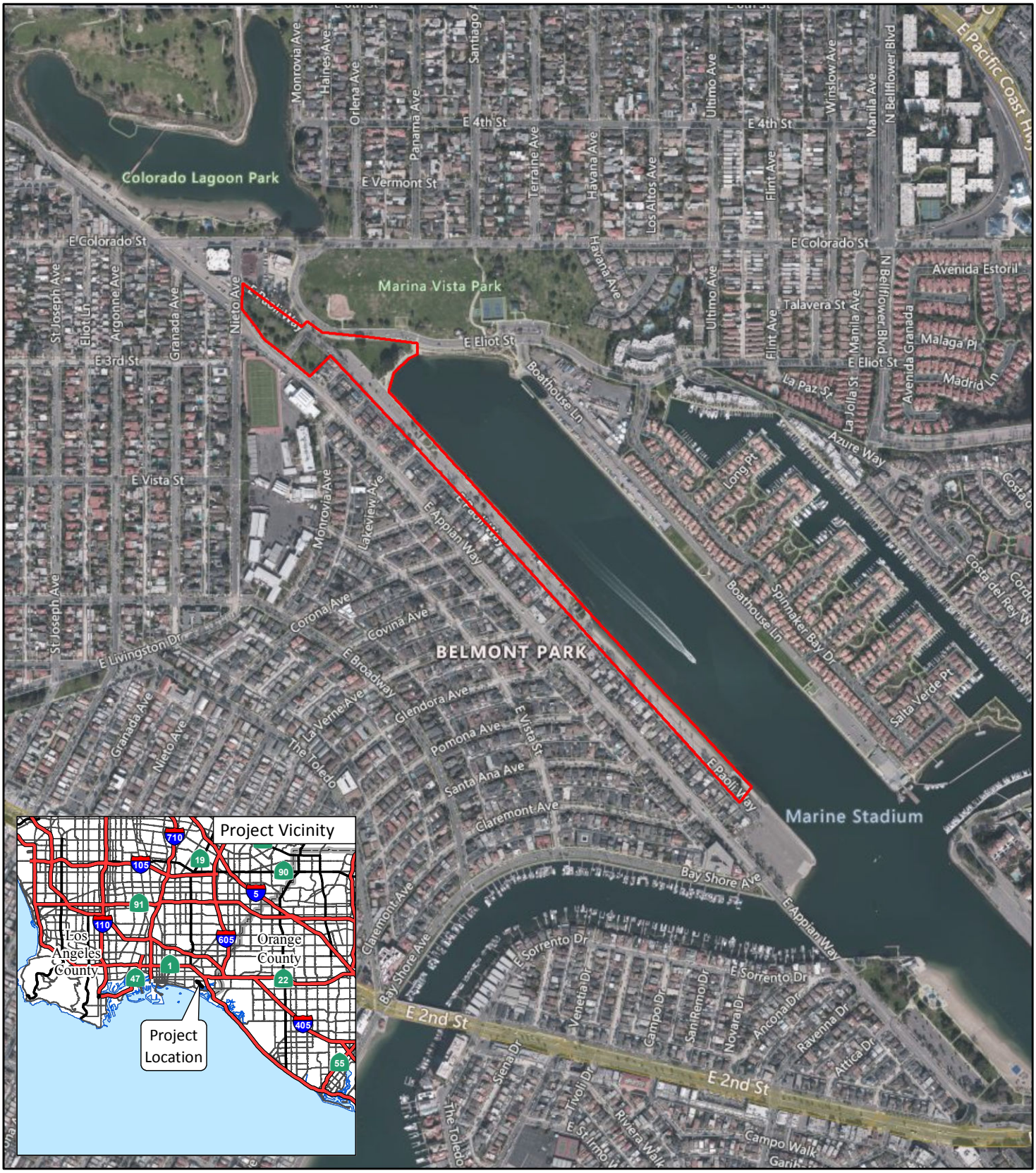
The survey was conducted on October 31 and November 7, 2019. Weather conditions were clear, calm, and cool . Aided with the use of binoculars, Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Rosenthal surveyed a total of 46 trees within Will Roger Mini Park and Marine Stadium Park (see Figure 2). These trees are ornamental species and include ficus trees (*Ficus microcarpa*), lemon-scented gum trees (*Corymbia citriodora*), Brazilian pepper trees (*Schinus terebinthifolius*), silk trees (*Albizia julibrissin*), and Chinese elms (*Ulmus parvifolia*). The trees surveyed within the two parks were absent of nests. Other trees noted within the survey area that had extensive whitewash (i.e., bird excrement below tree branches) from bird roosting were ficus trees (Nos. 1 and 4). No nests were identified at the time of the surveys within the project area.

Per CDP 5-08-187, the identified trees within the project area can be trimmed without the supervision of a qualified biologist or ornithologist and qualified arborist during the nonbreeding and nonnesting season (October through December).

Bird species observed during the survey included the western gull (*Larus occidentalis*), California gull (*Larus californicus*), mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*), yellow-rumped warbler (*Setophaga coronata*), mourning dove (*Zenaida macroura*), house finch (*Haemorhous mexicanus*), black phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*), American crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*), and American pipit (*Anthus rubescens*). Nonnative bird species observed include the European starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*), rock pigeon (*Columba livia*), and house sparrow (*Passer domesticus*).

Please contact me at (949) 553-0666 if you have any questions regarding the results of this survey.

Attachments: Figures 1 and 2



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Project Location - Will Rogers Mini Park

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SOURCE: Bing Maps (2018)

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Will Rogers Mini Park Project Location

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- Trees Surveyed within Project Area

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Will Rogers Mini Park and
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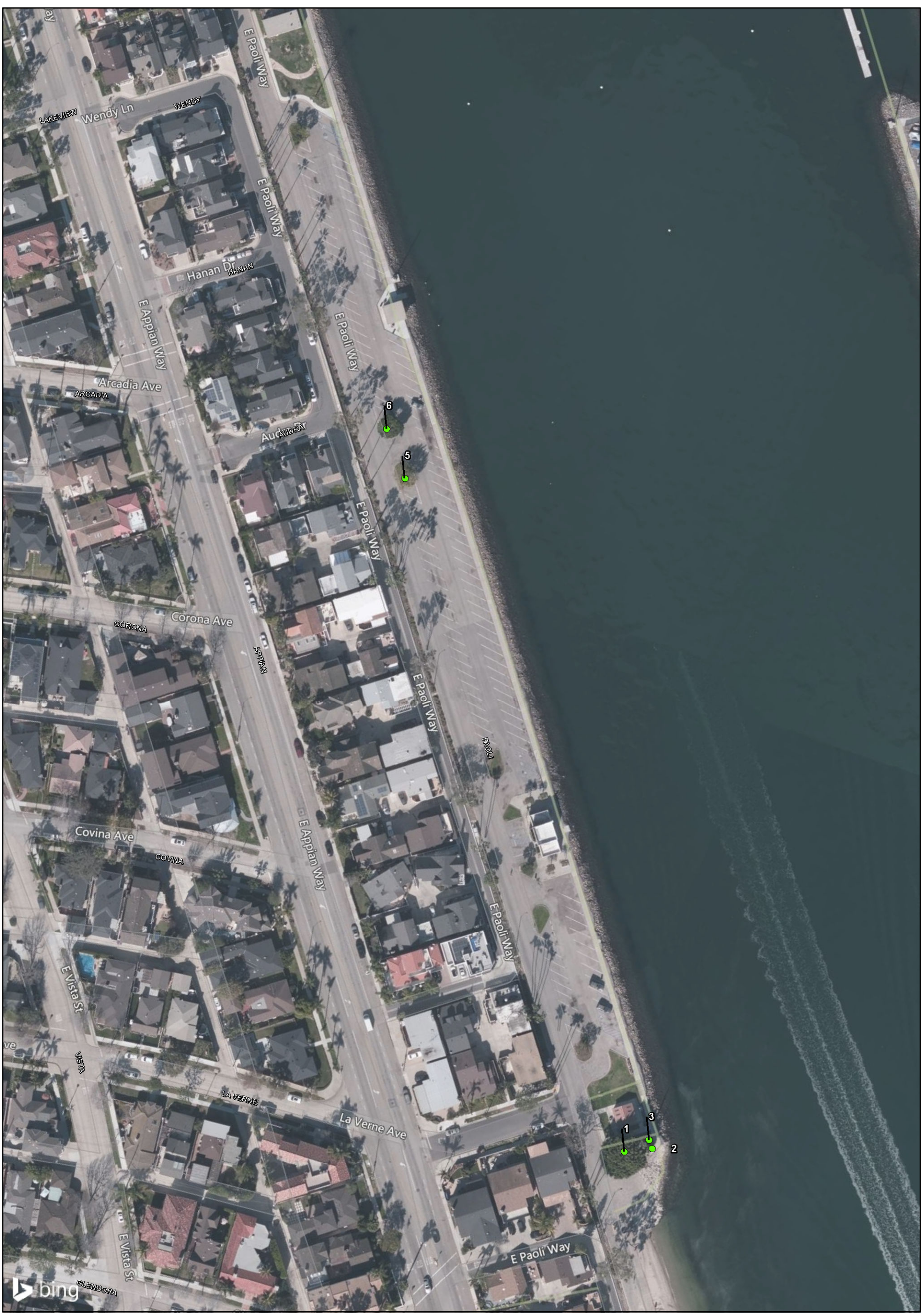

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