

CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

South Coast Area Office
 200 Oceangate, Suite 1000
 Long Beach, CA 90802-4302
 (2) 590-5071

Item M7f

Filed: 7/17/2001
 49th Day: 9/4/2001
 180th Day: N/A
 Staff: CP-LB
 Staff Report: 7/24/2001
 Hearing Date: August 6, 2001
 Commission Action:



CP

RECORD PACKET COPY

STAFF REPORT: APPEAL
SUBSTANTIAL ISSUE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: City of Los Angeles

LOCAL DECISION: Approval without Conditions

APPEAL NUMBER: A-5-VEN-01-279

APPLICANT: City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

AGENT: Raul Rojas, Deputy City Engineer

PROJECT LOCATION: Ballona Lagoon west bank, Pacific Avenue from Canal Court to Via Marina, Venice, City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Appeal of City of Los Angeles approval of a local coastal development permit for the implementation of Phase III of the Ballona Lagoon Enhancement Plan, which includes: 1) stabilizing the west bank of the lagoon with native plant landscaping, 2) improvement of the existing west bank public access trail from Canal Court to Topsail Street, 3) construction of a split rail fence along the public access trail, and 4) construction of a public education/information area with benches at the north end of the lagoon.

APPELLANT: Residents of Ballona Lagoon, Attn: Clare Bronowski

SUMMARY OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Commission **open and continue** the public hearing to determine whether a substantial issue exists with respect to the grounds on which the appeal has been filed for the following reasons:

Pursuant to Section 30621 of the Coastal Act, a hearing on a coastal development permit appeal shall be set no later than 49 days after the date on which the appeal is filed with the Commission. An appeal of the above-described decision was filed on July 17, 2001. The 49th day after July 17, 2001 falls on September 4, 2001.