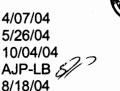
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STAFF REPORT: CONSENT CALENDAR

APPLICATION NUMBER: 5-03-344

APPLICANT: Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

- **PROJECT LOCATION:** Marina del Rey Harbor, within the main channel, near Bora Bora Way on the western side of the channel and Fiji Way on the eastern side.
- **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Repair leak in an existing 10-inch underwater waterline. Repair work will include anchoring dive support vessel above construction area for diver access, hand cutting approximately 8-10 foot section of pipe, removing damaged section, refitting and connecting new section of pipe.

SUBSTANTIVE FILE DOCUMENTS: Emergency Permit No. 5-03-344G

SUMMARY OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed project with a special condition requiring the removal of construction related debris.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission adopt the following resolution to <u>APPROVE</u> the coastal development permit application:

<u>MOTION</u>: I move that the Commission approve coastal development permit applications included on the consent calendar in accordance with the staff recommendations.

Staff recommends a **YES** vote. Passage of this motion will result in approval of all permits included on the consent calendar. An affirmative vote of a majority of the Commissioners present is needed to pass the motion.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PERMIT:

The Commission hereby approves a permit, subject to the conditions below, for the proposed development and adopts the findings set forth below on grounds that the development as conditioned will be in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act and will not prejudice the ability of the local government having jurisdiction over the area to prepare a local coastal program conforming to the provisions of Chapter 3. Approval of the permit complies with the California Environmental Quality Act because either 1) feasible mitigation measures and/ or alternatives have been incorporated to substantially lessen any significant adverse effects of the development on the environment, or 2) there are no further feasible mitigation measures or alternative that would substantially lessen any significant adverse impacts of the development on the environment.

II. STANDARD CONDITIONS:

- 1. <u>Notice of Receipt and Acknowledgment.</u> The permit is not valid and development shall not commence until a copy of the permit, signed by the permittee or authorized agent, acknowledging receipt of the permit and acceptance of the terms and conditions, is returned to the Commission office.
- 2. <u>Expiration.</u> If development has not commenced, the permit will expire two years from the date this permit is reported to the Commission. Development shall be pursued in a diligent manner and completed in a reasonable period of time. Application for extension of the permit must be made prior to the expiration date.
- 3. <u>Interpretation.</u> Any questions of intent or interpretation of any condition will be resolved by the Executive Director or the Commission.

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- 4. <u>Assignment.</u> The permit may be assigned to any qualified person, provided assignee files with the Commission an affidavit accepting all terms and conditions of the permit.
- 5. <u>Terms and Conditions Run with the Land.</u> These terms and conditions shall be perpetual, and it is the intention of the Commission and the permittee to bind all future owners and possessors of the subject property to the terms and conditions.

III. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Debris Removal

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The permittee shall comply with the following construction-related requirements:

Any and all debris resulting from construction activities shall be removed from the site within 10 days of completion of construction.

IV. FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS:

The Commission hereby finds and declares:

A. <u>Project Description and Location</u>

The applicant requests an after the fact approval to repair a leak in an existing 10-inch underwater waterline that was completed under an emergency permit (5-03-344G). Repair work will include anchoring dive support vessel (barge) above construction area for diver access, hand cutting approximately 8-10 foot section of pipe, removing damaged section, lowering new section of pipe from support vessel and refitting and connecting new section to existing pipe.

Debris generated by the construction activity will be the damaged section of pipe. The damaged section of pipe will be removed and disposed of outside of the Coastal Zone.

The section of pipe to be repaired is exposed and under approximately 20 feet of water, within an approximately 6 foot depression created by the break and the force of the released water. The bottom of the channel consists of sand. No excavation or filling will be necessary for the repair work. The applicant has indicated that natural sand movement within the channel will rebury the pipe.

The support vessel will be launched from the harbor's boat ramp. A staging area for the storage of pipe and construction equipment will be located within a public parking lot near the end of Bora Bora Way. The staging area will occupy a maximum of four parking spaces during construction. Construction will take approximately two weeks.

The proposed project is located in the main channel of Marina del Rey harbor. The underwater waterline crosses the main channel just south of Bora Bora Way on the west side of the channel and near the terminus of Fiji Way on the east side of the channel. The location of the break is approximately 150 feet from the western side of the 1,000 foot wide channel. Because of the width of the channel and location of the break, repair work will not disrupt boater traffic within the channel.

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The area of construction and channel does not contain any eel grass or other significant habitat. The channel is periodically dredged to main proper boating depth.

In September 2003, the applicant received an emergency permit (5-03-344G) from the Commission's Executive Director for emergency repair of the waterline. The work was performed at the end of September 2003. The work completed under the emergency permit is the same work being proposed under this permit application. Emergency permits that are issued by the Executive Director are temporary and require the applicant to submit an application to have the emergency work become a permanent development.

B. <u>Access</u>

The proposed development will not affect the public's ability to gain access to, and/or to make use of, the coast and nearby recreational facilities. Therefore, as proposed the development conforms with Sections 30210 through 30214, Sections 30220 through 30224, and 30252 of the Coastal Act.

C. <u>Recreation/ Marine Resources</u>

As conditioned, the development will not result in significant degradation of habitat, recreation areas, or parks and is compatible with the continuance of those habitat, recreation, or park areas. Therefore, the Commission finds that the project, as conditioned, conforms with Section 30240(b) of the Coastal Act.

D. Local Coastal Program

Coastal Act section 30604(a) states that, prior to certification of a local coastal program ("LCP"), a coastal development permit can only be issued upon a finding that the proposed development is in conformity with Chapter 3 of the Act and that the permitted development will not prejudice the ability of the local government to prepare an LCP that is in conformity with Chapter 3. Marina del Rey has a certified LCP. As conditioned, the proposed development will be consistent with Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act. The proposed development is consistent with Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act.

E. California Environmental Quality Act.

There are no feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures available which would substantially lessen any significant adverse effect which the activity may have on the

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environment. Therefore, the Commission finds that the proposed project, as submitted, is the least environmentally damaging feasible alternative and can be found consistent with the requirements of the Coastal Act to conform to CEQA.

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