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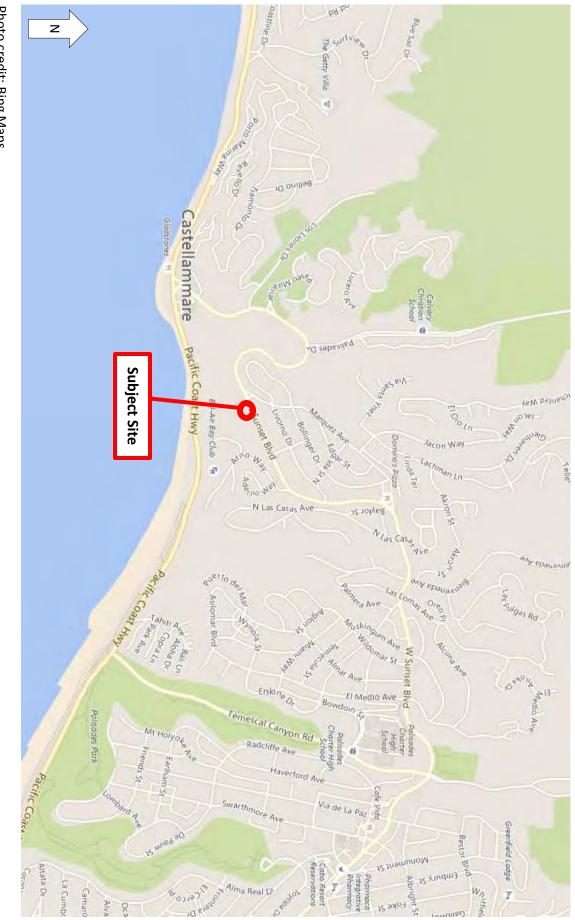
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# Photo of PTDS at Sunset Blvd. Public Right-of-Way, 10-7-16

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Photo of PTDS at Sunset Blvd. Public Right-of-Way, 10-7-16

Looking Seaward from Sunset Blvd.

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## COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

(Under authority of Sec. 30600(b) of the California Coastal Act of 1976)

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16-14 APPLICATION NUMBER:

- NAME OF APPLICANT: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) 111 North Hope Street, Room #856 Los Angeles, CA 90012
- **PROJECT LOCATION:** The project is located in the public right-of-way parallel with Sunset Boulevard, near the intersection with Marguez Avenue and Marguez Place, within the Brentwood-Pacific Palisades Community Plan

DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION: The project consists of two 61-foot high, 18.4-inch diameter poles, a platform measuring 26 feet x 7 feet 5 inches, three 833-KVA transformers measuring 6 feet 9 inches tall x 4 feet 7 inches wide, cross arms, circuit breakers, switches, and a controller. The project also requires the installation of an underground vault, conduits, and cables. The underground substructure will be connected to the PTDS via underground cable terminations. The underground substructure work consists of approximately 1,000 feet of trench for conduit installation with a 9 feet 4 inches x 17 feet 4 inches substructure near the PTDS. The trench will be from two existing substructures on Marquez and Sunset to the new substructure and the PTDS. The PTDS is designed, constructed and maintained to meet or exceed California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) safety rules and regulations. The PTDS would be temporary, and will be removed once a new permanent distribution station is operational.

All applicable regulations will be incorporated into and adhered to per standard procedures.

- I. The proposed development is subject to the following conditions imposed pursuant to the California Coastal Act of 1976:
  - (a) Notice of Receipt and Acknowledgment: 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

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acceptance of the terms and conditions, is returned to the City Engineer's office.

- (b) Interpretation: Any questions of intent or interpretation of any condition will be resolved by the City Engineer.
- (c) Assignment: The permit may be assigned to any qualified person, provided assignee files with the City Engineer an affidavit accepting all terms and conditions of the permit.
- (d) Terms and Conditions Run with the Land: These terms and conditions shall be perpetual, and it is the intention of the City Engineer and the permittee to bind all future owners and possessors of the subject property to the terms and conditions.
- (e) Other approvals: Obtain permit from the State Coastal Commission if project is determined to be a Major Public Works per §13012 of the California Code of Regulations.
- II. The following are conditions of approval for the LADWP Temp Pole Top Distribution Station Sunset Blvd. @ Marquez Ave. (W.O. UR400725):
  - (a) Special Conditions of Approval
  - 1. Monitor. A qualified archaeologist who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards shall be present to monitor all grounddisturbing activities.
  - 2. Awareness Training. Prior to initiation of ground-disturbing activities for the underground portions of the project, the archaeological monitor will conduct a brief awareness training session for the benefit of all construction workers and supervisory personnel. The training would explain the importance of and legal basis for the protection of significant archaeological resources. Each worker would also learn the proper procedures to follow in the event that cultural resources or human remains/burials are uncovered during ground-disturbing activities. These procedures include work curtailment or redirection and the immediate contact of the site supervisor and the archaeological monitor. It is recommended that this worker education session include visual images of artifacts that might be found in the project vicinity, and that the session take place on-site immediately prior to the start of ground-disturbing activities.
  - 3. Inadvertent Discovery. In the event that archaeological resources are exposed during construction, work in the immediate vicinity of the find must stop until a qualified archaeologist can evaluate the significance of the find and make applicable recommendations to avoid significant impacts to archaeological resources. Construction activities may continue in other areas. If the discovery proves

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significant under CEQA, additional work such as testing or data recovery may be warranted.

- 4. **Procedure for Human Remains.** In accordance with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.5(e), in the event of the accidental discovery or recognition of any human remains during construction, the following steps shall be taken:
  - (1) There shall be no further excavation or disturbance of the site of the human remains or any nearby area reasonably suspected to overlie adjacent human remains until:
    - A. The Los Angeles County Coroner must be contacted to determine that no investigation of the cause of death is required, and
    - B. If the coroner determines the remains to be Native American:
      - 1. The coroner shall contact the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) within 24 hours.
      - 2. The NAHC shall identify the person or persons it believes to be the most likely descended from the deceased Native American.
      - 3. The most likely descendent (MLD) may make recommendations to the landowner or the person responsible for the excavation work, for means of treating or disposing of, with appropriate dignity, the human remains and any associated grave goods as provided in Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. The MLD shall complete its inspection and make recommendations or preferences for treatment within 48 hours of being granted access to the site, or
  - (2) Where the following conditions occur, LADWP or its authorized representative shall rebury the Native American human remains and associated grave goods with appropriate dignity in a location not subject to further subsurface disturbance.
    - A. The NAHC is unable to identify a MLD or the MLD failed to make a recommendation within 24 hours after being notified by the NAHC.
    - B. The MLD identified fails to make a recommendation; or
    - C. LADWP or its authorized representative rejects the recommendations of the MLD, and the mediation by the NAHC fails to provide measures acceptable to LADWP.
- 5. Written Report. A written report detailing monitoring activities and recommendations

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> for further treatment of archaeological discoveries shall be provided to the City upon completion of the monitoring work. The report shall comply with the requirements and recommendations of the California Office of Historic Preservation. A draft copy shall be submitted to the City for review within 30 days of monitoring completion. A final report shall be submitted to the City in hard copy and electronic format (Adobe PDF acceptable) no later than one week after receipt of comments on the draft report from the City. A hard copy of the report shall also be submitted to the South Central Coastal Information Center within forty-five (45) days of final submittal to the City.

- III. FINDINGS: In keeping with the findings and recommendations set forth in the adopted staff report incorporated herein by reference, the City of Los Angeles finds that:
  - (a) The development is in conformity with Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act of 1976, and will not prejudice the ability of the City of Los Angeles to prepare a Local Coastal Program in conformity with said Chapter 3.
  - (b) The Interpretative Guidelines established by the Coastal Commission dated August 14, 1978 and any subsequent amendments thereto have been reviewed, analyzed, and considered in the light of the individual project in making this determination, and the decision of the permit granting authority has been guided by any applicable decision of the Coastal Commission.
  - (c) If the development is located between the nearest public road and the sea of shoreline of any body of water located within the Coastal Zone, the development is in conformity with the public access and public recreation policies of Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act.
  - (d) Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the LADWP found the project to be exempt from CEQA review and filed a Notice of Exemption on May 26, 2016.

Staff reviewed and considered the Notice of Exemption and determined there are no additional evaluations required by the California Environmental Quality Act in connection with the approval of this permit.

- IV. Pursuant to a public hearing held on November 9, 2016, a Notice of Decision on December 5, 2016, and following the expiration of the mandatory ten calendar day appeal period with one appeal having been filed, and denial of the appeal by the Board of Public Works Commissioners on March 8, 2017.
- V. This permit may not be assigned to another person except as provided in Section 13170, Coastal Commission Rules and Regulations.

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- VI. This permit shall not become effective until the expiration of 20 working days after a <u>COPY</u> of this permit has been received by the State Coastal Commission, upon which copy all permittees or agent(s) authorized in the permit application have acknowledged that they have received a copy of the permit and have accepted its contents, unless a valid appeal is filed within that time. The acknowledgement should be returned within ten (10) working days following issuance of the permit but in any case prior to commencement of construction. If the acknowledgement has not been returned within the time for commencement of construction under Section 13156(g), the executive director shall not accept any application for the extension of the permit.
- VII. Work authorized by this permit must commence within <u>two</u> years from the effective date of this permit. Any extension of time of said commencement date must be applied for prior to expiration of the permit.
- VIII. Issued: <u>March 9, 2016</u> pursuant to local government authority as provided in Chapter 7 of the California Coastal Act of 1976.
- XIV. I, <u>William K. Harriott</u>, permittee/agent, hereby acknowledge receipt of permit number 16-13 and have accepted its content.

W.K. Aunt Mand 10,2017 Signature Date



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### COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 16-14 FINAL STAFF REPORT

(Under authority of the California Coastal Act, § 30600(b) of the California Public Resources Code, and Chapter 1, Article 2, § 12.20.2 of the Los Angeles City Municipal Code)

### I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Title: Inter. @ Sunset Blvd @ Marquez Ave

Applicants: Department of Water and Power

### **Project Location**:

Council District: 11 Community: Brentwood-Pacific Palisades District: West Los Angeles

### A. Project Description:

The project is located in the public right-of-way parallel with Sunset Boulevard, near the intersection with Marquez Avenue and Marquez Place, within the Brentwood-Pacific Palisades Community Plan (Figure 1. Project Vicinity Map and Figure 2. Aerial Overview).

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) installed a temporary Pole-Top Distribution Station (PTDS) on Sunset Boulevard near Marquez Avenue in the Pacific Palisades community.

The project consists of two 61-foot high, 18.4-inch diameter poles, a platform measuring 26'0" x 7'5", three (3) 833-KVA transformers measuring 6'9" tall x 4'7" wide, cross arms, circuit breakers, switches, and a controller. The project also requires the installation of an underground vault, conduits, and cables. The underground substructure will be

connected to the PTDS via underground cable terminations. The underground substructure consists of approximately 1,000' of trench for conduit installation with a 9'4" X 17'4" substructure near the PTDS. The trench will be from two existing substructures on Marquez and Sunset to the new substructure and the PTDS. The PTDS is designed, constructed and maintained to meet or exceed California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) safety rules and regulations. The PTDS would be temporary, and will be removed once a new permanent distribution station is operational. The PTDS is not a permanent solution for the need to provide adequate power service for the Palisades community.

All applicable regulations will be incorporated into and adhered to per standard procedures.

### B. Project Background:

"Currently, the power load in Pacific Palisades is being distributed by a single distribution station, Distribution Station 29 (DS-29), constructed almost 80 years ago. The heaviest power load is also being distributed on circuits that are furthest away from DS-29, which negatively impacts reliability for the entire area. There is no space at DS-29 to build more capacity, and LADWP has not yet selected a site for a new D.S. As a temporary measure to relieve three overloaded 4,800 volts circuits that currently serve the Pacific Palisades community. Distribution Construction and Maintenance (DC&M) proposes to install two PTD Stations. To



prevent power outages, limit outage durations, and improve power quality for our Pacific Palisades customers. Without the PTD Stations, the next unscheduled outage that occurs due to natural causes or equipment failures, may last for several hours or days until permanent circuit repairs may be completed" (Ref. 9). Public services and facilities in the areas include the Pacific Palisades Medical Group, Pacific Palisades Veterinary Clinic, and fifteen (15) schools.

### C. Project Cost:

The project cost is approximately \$930,000.00.

### **D.** Previous Coastal Commission Actions:

None.

### II. REGULATORY BASIS FOR REVIEW

### A. Local Coastal Program

PRC § 3600(b) allows local governments to assume authority to issue coastal development permits within its jurisdiction before certification of its local coastal program and the Project is within the City Engineer's jurisdiction (LACMC § 12.20.2 et seq.). The application filed with the City Engineer was deemed adequate.

The Coastal Commission has the responsibility to review proposals for development in the Pacific Palisades coastal zone for compliance with the California Coastal Act of 1976.

The City of Los Angeles does not have a certified Local Coastal Program. However, after certification of the Local Coastal Program, permit processing procedures for coastal permits in the Pacific Palisades coastal zone are controlled by the Coastal Act and the California Code of Regulations. The City's permit issuing ordinances must be certified as part of the Local Implementation Plan. After certification of the Local Coastal Program by the Coastal Commission, the authority of the Coastal Commission is limited to development within the retained or original jurisdiction and to appeals of locally issued coastal development permits.

The Coastal Commission will also retain iurisdiction over amendments to coastal development permits that it approved before certification of the Local Coastal Program. Section 30519(a) of the Coastal Act provides that, except for appeals to the commission (as provided in Section 30603) after a Local Coastal Program, or any portion thereof, has been certified and all implementing actions have become effective, the development review authority provided for in Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 30600) of the Coastal Act shall no longer be exercised by the Coastal Commission and shall at that time be delegated to the local government that is implementing the Local Coastal Program.

Section 30519(b) states that 30519(a) does not apply to development proposed or undertaken on any tidelands, submerged lands, or on public trust lands. The Commission also retains jurisdiction over costal development permits that were previously approved by the Commission as well as amendments to such permits.

The temporary Pole-Top Distribution Station project is located within the California Coastal Zone which is considered 'single coastal jurisdiction' (i.e., the Coastal Zone of the City of Los Angeles alone). This project must be authorized by a coastal development permit processed pursuant to the requirement of the Coastal Act. The PTDS is considered development, as defined in Section 30106 of the Coastal Act. Section 30106 of the Coastal Act states:

"Development" means, on land, in or under water, the placement or erection of any solid material or structure; discharge or disposal of any dredged material or of any gaseous, liquid, solid, or thermal waste; grading, removing, dredging, mining, or extraction of any materials; change in the density or intensity of use of land, including, but not limited to, subdivision pursuant to the Subdivision Map Act (commencing with Section 66410 of the Government Code), and any other division of land, including lot splits, except where the land division is brought about in connection with the purchase of such land by a public agency for public recreational use; change in the intensity of use of water, or of access thereto; construction, reconstruction, demolition, alteration of the size of

any structure, including any facility of any private, public, or municipal utility; and the removal or harvesting of major vegetation other than agricultural purposes, kelp harvesting, and timber operations which are in accordance with a timber harvesting plan submitted pursuant to the provision of the Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973 (commencing with Section 4511).

### **B.** Coastal Guidelines

In accordance with the provisions of Section 30620 of the Public Resources Code; and, in order to sustain the findings contained in Section 12.20.2-G(c) of the Municipal Code which requires a review and consideration of "...Interpretative Guidelines for Coastal Planning and Permits...", the State Coastal Commission has issued Interpretative Guidelines for the South Coast Region of Los Angeles including certain subareas of the City of Los Angeles. These subareas are defined as Pacific Palisades, Venice, Playa Del Rey, San Pedro and Wilmington. However, following prevailing case law (e.g., Pacific Legal Foundation v. Coastal Commission (1982) 33 Cal.3d 158), the City Engineer's determination is based on the cited provisions of the California Coastal Act and other legally established laws and regulations.

### C. Issues of Legal Adequacy of the Application

None.

### **III. STAFF FINDINGS**

Six findings are required in order for a Coastal Development Permit to be issued. The six findings are:

(1) That the development is in conformity with Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act of 1976 (commencing with Section 30200 of the California Public Resources Code).

(2) That the permitted development will not prejudice the ability of the City of Los Angeles to prepare a Local Coastal Program that is in conformity with Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act of 1976.

(3) That the Interpretative Guidelines for Coastal Planning and Permits as established by the California Coastal Commission dated February 11, 1977 and any subsequent amendments thereto have been reviewed, analyzed, and considered in the light of the individual project in making its determination.

(4) That the decision of the permit granting authority has been guided by any applicable decision of the California Coastal Commission pursuant to Section 30625(c) of the Public Resources Code.

(5) If the development is located between the nearest public road and the sea or shoreline of any body of water located within the coastal zone, that the development is in conformity with the public access and public recreation policies of Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act of 1976.

(6) Any other finding or findings as may be required for the development by the California Environmental Quality Act.

Staff finds as follows:

1. The development is in conformity with Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act of 1976 (commencing with Section 30200 of the California Public Resources Code).

In addition to the policies discussed above, Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act of 1976 provides:

a) MARINE ENVIRONMENT (Article 4, of Chapter 3 of Public Resources Code, Sections 30230 through 30237)

Sections 30230 and 30231 state:

Section 30230. Marine resources shall be maintained, enhanced, and where feasible, restored. Special protection shall be given to areas and species of special biological or economic significance. Uses of the marine environment shall be carried out in a manner that will sustain the biological productivity of coastal waters and that will maintain healthy populations of all species of adequate for long-term marine organisms commercial, recreational, scientific, and educational purposes.

Section 30231. The biological productivity and the quality of coastal waters, streams, wetlands,



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estuaries, and lakes appropriate to maintain optimum populations of marine organisms and for the protection of human health shall be maintained and, where feasible, restored through, among other means, minimizing adverse effects of waste water discharges and entrainment, controlling runoff, preventing depletion of ground water supplies and substantial interference with surface water flow, encouraging waste water reclamation, maintaining natural vegetation buffer areas that protect riparian habitats, and minimizing alteration of natural streams.

The project is not expected to impact any coastal waters, wetlands, estuaries or lakes. No marine resources exist within or adjacent to the project site.

The project consists of a temporary Pole-Top Distribution Station (PTDS) on Sunset Boulevard in the public right-of-way, in the Pacific Palisades community. The project also requires the installation of an underground vault, conduits, and cables.

Project construction will not involve transport of hazardous substances and, thus, there will be no spillage of crude oil, gas, petroleum products, or hazardous substances as prohibited by PRC Section 30232. The project will not involve the diking, filling, or dredging of open coastal waters (PRC Section 30233), commercial fishing and recreational boating facilities (PRC Sections 30234 30234.5), constructing and revetments, breakwaters, or other construction altering the natural shoreline (PRC Section 30235). The project does not alter rivers or streams and, therefore, does not affect water supply and flood control (PRC Section 30236). PRC Section 30237 relates to Orange County wetlands and therefore does not apply.

b) LAND RESOURCES (Article 5 of Chapter 3 of Public Resources Code, Sections 30240 through 30244)

Sections 30240 and 30244 state:

Section 30240.

(a) Environmentally sensitive habitat areas shall be protected against any significant disruption of habitat values, and only uses dependent on those resources shall be allowed within those areas. (b) Development in areas adjacent to environmentally sensitive habitat areas and parks and recreation areas shall be sited and designed to prevent impacts which would significantly degrade those areas, and shall be compatible with the continuance of those habitat and recreation areas. Section 30244. Where development would adversely impact archeological or paleontological resources as identified by the State Historic Preservation Officer, reasonable mitigation measures shall be required.

The project site contains no environmentally sensitive habitat areas and does not contain agricultural land or soils or timberland.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) indicates that ten(10) endangered or threatened species occur or have occurred historically within the Topanga Topographical Quadrangle of the 7.5-minute series map (See Attachment A). The project site does not provide suitable habitat for the species in question. Therefore, no impact to candidate, sensitive, or special status species would occur as a result of construction or operation of the project.

The project involved removal of four eucalyptus trees, of approximately 22-24 feet in height. LADWP will coordinate with the Urban Forestry Division of the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Street Services to ensure replacement of removed trees, and any other requirements as determined by the Bureau.

The project site is within an area of known archaeological resources. The project is in the public right of way, which has already been developed and disturbed.

However, to ensure cultural resources are protected, measures shall be implemented as outlined in the permit conditions in Section V of this report.

c) DEVELOPMENT (Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Public Resources Code, Sections 30250 through 30255)

Coastal Act Sections 30251, 30252, 30253 and 30254 state:

Section 30251. The scenic and visual qualities of coastal areas shall be considered and protected as



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a resource of public importance. Permitted development shall be sited and designed to protect views to and along the ocean and scenic coastal areas, to minimize the alteration of natural land forms, to be visually compatible with the character of surrounding areas, and, where feasible, to restore and enhance visual quality in visually degraded areas. New development in highly scenic areas such as those designated in the California Coastline Preservation and Recreation Plan prepared by the Department of Parks and Recreation and by local government shall be subordinate to the character of its setting.

The project consists of two 61-foot high, 18.4-inch diameter poles, a platform measuring  $26'0" \ge 7'5"$ , three (3) 833-KVA transformers measuring 6'9" tall x 4'7" wide, cross arms, circuit breakers, switches, and a controller. The project also requires the installation of an underground vault, conduits, and cables. The project is located in the public right-of-way parallel with Sunset Boulevard near the intersection with Marquez Avenue and Marquez Place.

Sunset Boulevard is a City designated scenic highway. Scenic features include views of mountains and estates. According to the Mobility Plan 2035, an element of the General Plan for the City of Los Angeles, "a. To the maximum extent feasible. all new or relocated electric. communication, and other public utility distribution facilities within five hundred feet of the center line of a Scenic Highway shall be placed underground. b. Where undergrounding of such utilities is not feasible, all such new or relocated utilities shall be screened to reduce their visibility from a Scenic Highway".

According to the permit application, measures have been implemented to help screen the structures. Their placement is where other utility poles and lights are located. The poles were painted to blend in with the surroundings. There are no unobstructed views of the ocean from the project site.

No adverse impacts to scenic and visual qualities of the coastal area are expected (Figures 3 and 4).

Section 30252. The location and amount of new development should maintain and enhance public

access to the coast by (1) facilitating the provision or extension of transit service, (2) providing commercial facilities within or adjoining residential development or in other areas that will minimize the use of coastal access roads, (3) providing non-automobile circulation within the development, (4) providing adequate parking facilities or providing substitute means of serving the development with public transportation, (5) assuring the potential for public transit for high intensity uses such as high-rise office buildings, and by (6) assuring that the recreational needs of new residents will not overload nearby coastal recreation areas by correlating the amount of development with local park acquisition and development plans with the provision of onsite facilities recreational to serve the new development.

The project does not interfere with any existing coastal access roadways, bikeways, pedestrian paths or walkways.

Section 30253. New development shall:

(1) Minimize risks to life and property in areas of high geologic, flood, and fire hazard.

(2) Assure stability and structural integrity, and neither create not contribute significantly to erosion, geologic instability, or destruction of the site or surrounding area or in any way require the construction of protective devices that would substantially alter natural land forms along the bluffs and cliffs.

(3) Be consistent with requirements imposed by an air pollution control district or the State Air Resources Control Board as to each particular development.

(4) Minimize energy consumption and vehicle miles traveled.

(5) Where appropriate, protect special communities and neighborhoods which, because of their unique characteristics, are popular visitor destination points for recreational uses.

The project would not affect geologic, flood or fire risks (30253(1) (2)), would not conflict with any requirements of the State Air Resources Control Board or South Coast Air Quality District (30253(3)), would not affect energy consumption and vehicle miles traveled (30253(4)), and would not permanently affect the local community (30253(5)).



d) INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Public Resources Code, Sections 30260 through 30265.5)

The project does not involve the development or expansion of industrial developments as addressed in Article 7, and as such, Section 30260 through 30265.5 are not applicable to the project.

2. The permitted development will not prejudice the ability of the City of Los Angeles to prepare a Local Coastal Program that is in conformity with Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act of 1976.

The project conforms to relevant provisions and policies of the Coastal Act and the applicable Brentwood-Pacific Palisades Community Plan. The Community Plan recognizes the need for adequate sewers, drainage facilities, fire protection services and other public utilities to support development within hillside areas.

Thus the Project will not prejudice the ability of the City to prepare a Local Coastal Plan in conformity with the Coastal Act and amendments.

3. The Interpretative Guidelines for Coastal Planning and Permits as established by the California Coastal Commission dated February 11, 1977 and any subsequent amendments thereto have been reviewed, analyzed, and considered in the light of the individual project in making the City Engineer's determination.

As noted in the preceding Sections, the California Coastal Commission's interpretive guidelines (State and Regional) for the Pacific Palisades area have been reviewed and considered in preparation of these findings and recommendations. However, following prevailing case law (e.g., Pacific Legal Foundation v. Coastal Commission (1982) 33 Cal.3d 158), the City Engineer's determination is based on the cited provisions of the California Coastal Act and other legally established laws and regulations.

4. The decision of the permit granting authority has been guided by any applicable decision of the California Coastal Commission pursuant to Section 30625(c) of the Public Resources Code. The decision of the permit granting authority, as evidenced in the staff report of this project, has been guided by any applicable decision of the California Coastal Commission pursuant to Section 30625(c) of the Public Resources Code.

5. If the development is located between the nearest public road and the sea or shoreline of any body of water located within the coastal zone, the development is in conformity with the public access and public recreation policies of Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act of 1976.

a) PUBLIC ACCESS (Article 2, of Chapter 3 of the Public Resources Code, Sections 30210 - 30214).

This project is not located between the nearest public road and the sea or shoreline of a body of water located within the coastal zone.

The project will not interfere with coastal access and will not impair any existing access to the coast.

The project is located within the public right-ofway on Sunset Boulevard near the intersection with Marquez Avenue and Marquez Place. There is no coastal access at the project site.

b) RECREATION (Article 3, of Chapter 3 of Public Resources Code, Sections 30220 through 30224)

Section 30220. Coastal areas suited for wateroriented recreational activities that cannot readily be provided at inland water areas shall be protected for such uses.

The project will not interfere with or impair any oceanfront or other land suitable for water-oriented recreational activities.

Section 30223. Upland areas necessary to support coastal recreational uses shall be reserved for such uses, where feasible.

The project will not affect any currently undeveloped upland areas that might be approved for coastal recreation uses. There are no existing coastal-dependent recreational uses at the project site.



6. Any other finding or findings as may be required for the development by the California Environmental Quality Act.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the LADWP found the project to be exempt from CEQA review and filed a Notice of Exemption on May 26, 2016.

Staff reviewed and considered the Notice of Exemption and determined there are no additional evaluations required by the California Environmental Quality Act in connection with the approval of this permit.

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

A public hearing was held on November 9, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the Palisades Branch Library located at 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272.

In addition to staff members from the Bureau of Engineering, staff members from the L.A. Department of Water and Power, and a representative from Council District 11, twenty-six (26) members of the public were in attendance. Before the public hearing, twenty-one (21) written comments, including a petition with one hundred eleven (111) signatures, supporting the project were received; four written comments, including a petition with one hundred fifty one (151) signatures, opposing the project were received; two inquiries were received; and five people provided written comments at the hearing. Oral comments were also noted.

The following issues relevant to the California Coastal Act were raised:

1. "The PTDS is already in violation of the Act and must be removed."

Work on the project has stopped. The applicant submitted Application No. 16-14 for a local coastal development permit (CDP), which is evaluated in this staff report.

2. "The City has a conflict of interest and is highly motivated to approve the Application despite it violating the Act."

Section 12.20.2 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) establishes the City Engineer as the permit

granting authority for public projects and private projects where the approval for the underlying permit is within the jurisdiction of the City Engineer. Application No. 16-14 is being processed in accordance with the LAMC.

3. "The PTDS violates the Act due to visual blight and safety."

The project is located within the public right of way. As discussed in the foregoing staff report, measures have been implemented to help screen the structures. The PTDS was placed near other utility poles and lights. The poles were painted in an effort to blend in with the surroundings. There are no unobstructed ocean views from the project site.

The PTDS is designed, constructed and maintained to meet or exceed California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) safety rules and regulations.

4. "Current violations of the Los Angeles General Plan and the Brentwood-Pacific Palisades Community Plan."

As discussed in the foregoing staff report, the Mobility Plan 2035, an element of the General Plan for the City of Los Angeles, states "a. To the maximum extent feasible, all new or relocated electric, communication, and other public utility distribution facilities within five hundred feet of the center line of a Scenic Highway shall be placed underground. b. Where undergrounding of such utilities is not feasible, all such new or relocated utilities shall be screened to reduce their visibility from a Scenic Highway". The majority of the project is underground, as stated in the public hearing and will be screened to reduce visibility. The Brentwood-Pacific Palisades Community Plan states: "1. Install utilities underground through assessment districts or other funding, when feasible."

5. "The LADWP has not complied with CEQA and it is a requirement for the PTDS."

As discussed in the foregoing staff report, LADWP filed a Notice of Exemption on May 26, 2016. Class 3 Categorical Exemption consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. The project is also exempt under Section 21080(b)(4), Specific actions



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necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency. The CEQA Notice of Exemption was properly posted by the County Clerk for the public notice and review.

6. "The LADWP has violated due process. ...failing to give sufficient notice and by failing to make materials and accurate information related to the Application available to the public in a timely manner and by holding the hearing on shortened notice after the LADWP had already constructed a significant portion of the PTDS without the proper permit."

Notice was provided in accordance with the LAMC, Section 12.20.2, F. Proceedings and Hearing, which states that "...the appropriate City agency shall notify by mail, at least (10) days prior to the hearing, the following: ..." The Notice of Public Hearing was mailed on October 25, 2016 and the hearing was held on November 9, 2016.

### IV. STANDARD CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. Notice of Receipt and Acknowledgment. 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

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acceptance of the terms and conditions, is returned to the City Engineer's Office.

- 2. Expiration. If development has not commenced, the permit will expire two years from the permit date as reported from the Coastal 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. Interpretation. Any questions of intent or interpretation of any condition will be resolved by the City Engineer.
- 4. Assignment. The permit may be assigned to any qualified person, provided assignee files with the City Engineer an affidavit accepting all terms and conditions of the permit.
- 5. Terms and Conditions Run with the Land. These terms and conditions shall be perpetual, and it is the intention of the City Engineer and the permittee to bind all future owners and possessors of the subject property to the terms and conditions.
- 6. Other approvals. Obtain permit from the State Coastal Commission.
- 1. **Monitor.** A qualified archaeologist who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards shall be present to monitor all ground-disturbing activities.
- 2. Awareness Training. Prior to initiation of ground-disturbing activities for the underground portions of the project, the archaeological monitor will conduct a brief awareness training session for the benefit of all construction workers and supervisory personnel. The training would explain the importance of and legal basis for the protection of significant archaeological resources. Each worker would also learn the proper procedures to follow in the event that cultural resources or human remains/burials are uncovered during ground-disturbing activities. These procedures include work curtailment or redirection and the immediate contact of the site supervisor and the archaeological monitor. It is recommended that this worker education session include visual images of artifacts that might be found in the project vicinity, and that the session take place on-site immediately prior to the start of ground-disturbing activities.
- 3. **Inadvertent Discovery.** In the event that archaeological resources are exposed during construction, work in the immediate vicinity of the find must stop until a qualified archaeologist can evaluate the significance of the find and make applicable recommendations to avoid significant impacts to



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archaeological resources. Construction activities may continue in other areas. If the discovery proves significant under CEQA, additional work such as testing or data recovery may be warranted.

- 4. **Procedure for Human Remains.** In accordance with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.5(e), in the event of the accidental discovery or recognition of any human remains during construction, the following steps shall be taken:
  - (1) There shall be no further excavation or disturbance of the site of the human remains or any nearby area reasonably suspected to overlie adjacent human remains until:
    - A. The Los Angeles County Coroner must be contacted to determine that no investigation of the cause of death is required, and
    - B. If the coroner determines the remains to be Native American:
      - 1. The coroner shall contact the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) within 24 hours.
      - 2. The NAHC shall identify the person or persons it believes to be the most likely descended from the deceased Native American.
      - 3. The most likely descendent (MLD) may make recommendations to the landowner or the person responsible for the excavation work, for means of treating or disposing of, with appropriate dignity, the human remains and any associated grave goods as provided in Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. The MLD shall complete its inspection and make recommendations or preferences for treatment within 48 hours of being granted access to the site, or
  - (2) Where the following conditions occur, LADWP or its authorized representative shall rebury the Native American human remains and associated grave goods with appropriate dignity in a location not subject to further subsurface disturbance.
    - A. The NAHC is unable to identify a MLD or the MLD failed to make a recommendation within 24 hours after being notified by the NAHC.
    - B. The MLD identified fails to make a recommendation; or
    - C. LADWP or its authorized representative rejects the recommendations of the MLD, and the mediation by the NAHC fails to provide measures acceptable to LADWP.
- 5. Written Report. A written report detailing monitoring activities and recommendations for further treatment of archaeological discoveries shall be provided to the City upon completion of the monitoring work. The report shall comply with the requirements and recommendations of the California Office of Historic Preservation. A draft copy shall be submitted to the City for review within 30 days of monitoring completion. A final report shall be submitted to the City in hard copy and electronic format (Adobe PDF acceptable) no later than one week after receipt of comments on the draft report from the City. A hard copy of the report shall also be submitted to the South Central Coastal Information Center within forty-five (45) days of final submittal to the City.



### VI. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the preceding analysis, we recommend that the City Engineer issue a Coastal Development Permit for this project.

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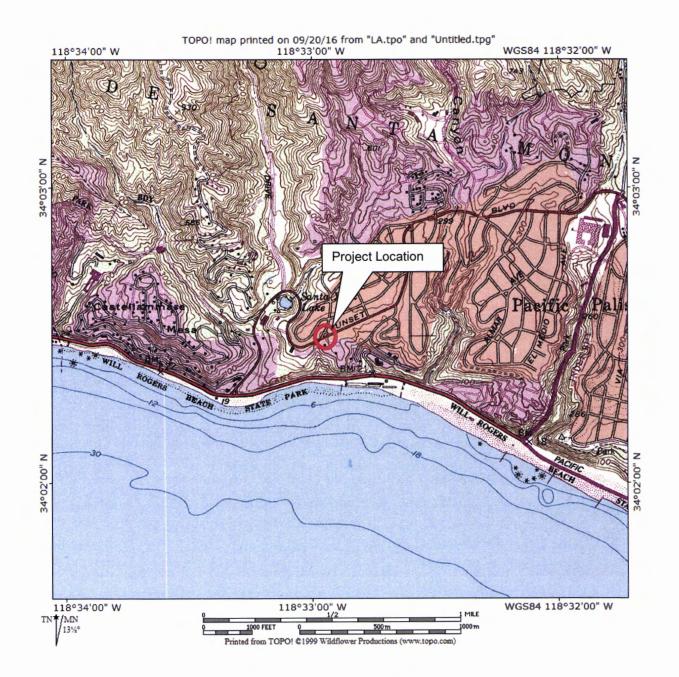


Figure 1. Vicinity map



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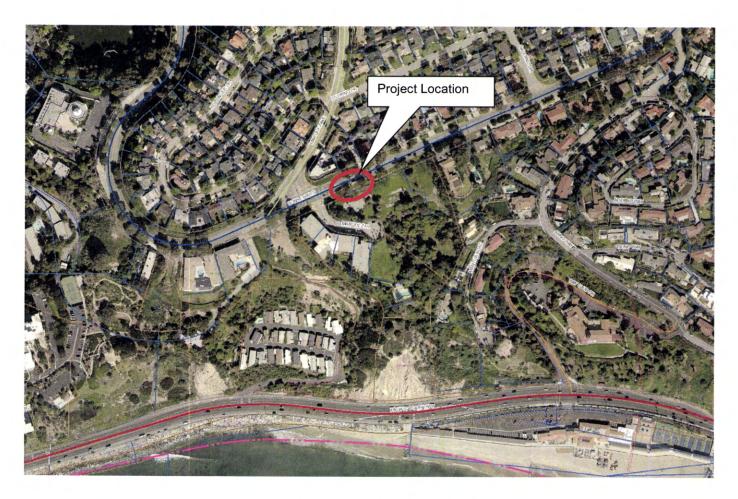


Figure 2. Aerial overview (Google Earth)



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Figure 3. Sunset Blvd. looking west



Figure 4. Sunset Blvd. looking south



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### APPEAL FROM COASTAL PERMIT DECISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Please Review Attached Appeal Information Sheet Prior To Completing This Form.

### SECTION I. <u>Appellant(s)</u>

Name: 16974 Sunset Blvd, LLC Mailing Address: 16974 West Sunset Boulevard City: Pacific Palisades, CA

Zip Code: 90272

Phone: (310) 458-5959

### SECTION II. Decision Being Appealed

- 1. Name of local/port government: City of LA Pacific Palisades
- 2. Brief description of development being appealed: Installation of a "temporary" pole top power distribution station.
- 3. Development's location (street address, assessor's parcel no., cross street, etc.):

16970 W. Sunset Blvd., In The Prow Between Marquez Ave. And Marquez Pl., Pacific Palisades, City Of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, CA 90272

- 4. Description of decision being appealed (check one.):
- Approval; no special conditions
- Approval with special conditions:
- Denial
  - **Note:** For jurisdictions with a total LCP, denial decisions by a local government cannot be appealed unless the development is a major energy or public works project. Denial decisions by port governments are not appealable.

TO BE COMPLETED BY COMMISSION:		
APPEAL NO:	A-5-PPL-17-0015	
DATE FILED:	4-12-17	
DISTRICT:	South Cogst	

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5.	Decision being appealed was made by (check one):		
	Planning Director/Zoning Administrator		
	City Council/Board of Supervisors		
	Planning Commission		
Χ	Other		
6.	Date of local government's decision:	3/9/2017	
7.	Local government's file number (if any):	16-14	

### SECTION III. Identification of Other Interested Persons

Give the names and addresses of the following parties. (Use additional paper as necessary.)

- Name and mailing address of permit applicant: William Herriott, Power System Superintendent Los Angeles Department of Water and Power 111 North Hope Street, Room # 856 Los Angeles, California 90012
- b. Names and mailing addresses as available of those who testified (either verbally or in writing) at the city/county/port hearing(s). Include other parties which you know to be interested and should receive notice of this appeal.

(1) See Addendum 1

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### SECTION IV. <u>Reasons Supporting This Appeal</u>

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- Appeals of local government coastal permit decisions are limited by a variety of factors and requirements of the Coastal Act. Please review the appeal information sheet for assistance in completing this section.
- State briefly your reasons for this appeal. Include a summary description of Local Coastal Program, Land Use Plan, or Port Master Plan policies and requirements in which you believe the project is inconsistent and the reasons the decision warrants a new hearing. (Use additional paper as necessary.)
- This need not be a complete or exhaustive statement of your reasons of appeal; however, there must be sufficient discussion for staff to determine that the appeal is allowed by law. The appellant, subsequent to filing the appeal, may submit additional information to the staff and/or Commission to support the appeal request.

See Addendum 2

### ADDENDUM 1 TO APPEAL OF 16974 SUNSET LLC TO COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT 16-14 (CCC Post-Cert No. 5-PPL-17-0030)

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### SECTION V. <u>Certification</u>

The information and facts stated above are correct to the best of my/our knowledge.

Signature of Appellant(s) or Authorized Agent

Date: April 12, 2017 By: Alexandre Cornelius

**Note:** If signed by agent, appellant(s) must also sign below.

### Section VI. <u>Agent Authorization</u>

I/We hereby

authorize

Alexandre Cornelius

to act as my/our representative and to bind me/us in all matters concerning this appeal.

Signature of Appellant(s)

Date: April 12, 2017 By: Manager of the Appellant

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### ADDENDUM 2 TO APPEAL OF 16974 SUNSET LLC TO COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT 16-14 (CCC Post-Cert No. 5-PPL-17-0030)

This addendum is submitted in furtherance of the appeal of 16974 Sunset Blvd, LLC ("Objecting Party") to Coastal Development Permit 16-14 (the "Permit") and the Notice of Decision dated December 5, 2016 (the "Decision") that approved Coastal Development Permit Application Number 16-14 (the "Application") of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power ("LADWP") for a Temporary Pole Top Distribution Station ("PTDS") located near the intersection of Sunset Boulevard and Marquez Avenue in Pacific Palisades, California. The Permit is attached hereto as "Exhibit "I." Objecting Party filed an Objection to the Application and appeared at the hearing on the Application on November 9, 2016 (the "Objection"). Objecting Party also filed an appeal with the City of Los Angeles (the "City"), dated December 15, 2016 (the "City Appeal"). The City Appeal is attached hereto as Exhibit "II." The Decision is attached to the City Appeal as Exhibit "A." The Objection is attached to the City Appeal as Exhibit "B" and the Application is attached to the Objection as Exhibit "1."

### I. <u>GROUNDS FOR THE APPEAL AND FACTS SUPPORTING THE</u> <u>SAME.</u>

The Objecting Party appeals from the Permit and from the entire decision set forth in the Decision, which lead to the issuance of the Permit. The Decision states that the project proposed under the Application, the PTDS, "is found to be in conformity with Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act." There is no support for this conclusion or finding and the Final Staff Report issued on December 5, 2016 (the "**Staff Report**"), lacks material support for its findings and conclusions and cannot be relied upon as basis to approve the Application or for the issuance of a permit for the PTDS. The Final Staff Report is attached to the City Appeal as Exhibit "C."

As summarized in Section III, below, there are substantial issues that warrant granting this appeal and reversing the issuance of the Permit. The Permit should have been denied for reasons set forth herein and/or modified as proposed herein including, but not limited to, to require compliance with the California Coastal Act, California Resources Code §§ 30000, et seq. (the "Act"), the Los Angeles General Plan (the "General Plan") and the Brentwood-Pacific Palisades Community Plan (the "Community Plan") by situating the PTDS underground or installing a padmounted transformer and setting a deadline for the removal of the temporary power installation. On this point, the LADWP and the City both state that the PTDS is temporary yet the Staff Report and the Decision do not set forth a deadline as to when the temporary PTDS must be removed and do not define what "temporary" means. As a temporary installation, the conditions for approval of the PTDS must include a deadline for the removal of the same. Appeal of Permit 16-14 April 12, 2017 Page 2

The project consists of two 61-foot high, 18.4-inch diameter poles, a platform measuring 26' x 7'5", three 8333-KVA transformers measuring 6'9" tall and 4'7" wide, cross arms, circuit breakers, switches and a controller.

The Objecting Party is an "Aggrieved Person" under the Act.<sup>1</sup> A number of community members are also opposed to the PTDS. The Facebook Page for the Pacific Palisades Residence Association with a post opposed to the PTDS shows 900 likes, 48 shares and 6 comments; a Change.Org petition opposing the PTDS has 240 signatures; and the Save the Palisades Bluffs Facebook post shows 192 likes, 27 shares and 18 comments. The screenshots of the Facebook Posts and the Change.Org petition are collectively attached to the Objection as Exhibit "4." In fact another petition entitled "PETITION TO Protect Sunset Boulevard's Scenic Highway!" has collected 590 signatures urging LADWP to install a more aesthetically pleasing alternative to their PTDS and firmly opposing the issuance of a Coastal Development Permit to proceed with construction. The "PETITION TO Protect Sunset Boulevard's Scenic Highway!" is attached hereto as Exhibit "III."

The Objecting Party has reviewed the Permit, Decision, Application and Staff Report and it is familiar with the site of the PTDS as it is adjacent to the residential development site located at 16974 West Sunset Boulevard, Pacific Palisades, California (the "**Property**").<sup>ii</sup> Since the PTDS and the Property are located within the coastal zone, as confirmed by the City's ZIMAS zoning information system, it is protected by the Act.<sup>iii</sup> Under § 30003 of the Act – Compliance by Public Agencies, the California Coastal Commission (the "**Commission**"), the City and the LADWP are required to comply with the Act:

> All public agencies and all federal agencies, to the extent possible under federal law or regulations or the United States Constitution, shall comply with the provisions of this division."

Thus the Commission, City, LADWP and the Bureau of Engineering (the "**Bureau**") are required to comply with all the provisions of the Act.<sup>iv</sup>

### A. <u>THE DECISION TO APPROVE THE PERMIT APPLICATION DID</u> NOT ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THE PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ISSUES RAISED AT THE HEARING ON THE APPLICATION AND THE OBJECTIONS TO THE SAME.

### 1. The PTDS is In Violation of the Act and Must Be Removed.

Contrary to Section III., A., 1, of the Staff Report, the unpermitted work at the site for the PTDS violated the Act and is a substantial issue and grounds in and of itself to grant this appeal. Construction of the PTDS began on or about July 6, 2016 *without* a permit complying with the Act and with knowledge Appeal of Application 16-14 April 12, 2017 Page 3

by LADWP that the work required a permit since it was a development as defined under the Act. Section 30106 of the Act – Development, defines "Development" to mean "on land, in or under water, the placement or erection of any solid material or structure ..., *including any facility of any private, public, or municipal utility*;...

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As used in this section, "structure" includes, but is not limited to, any building, road, pipe, flume, conduit, siphon, aqueduct, telephone line, and <u>electrical</u> <u>power transmission and distribution line</u>." (emphasis added.)

Development includes, but is not limited to, the construction of any structure such as an electrical power transmission and distribution line.<sup>v</sup> The installation of a PTDS constitutes "development" as defined in the Act thus triggering the requirement of a coastal development permit *prior* to the commencement of any development or installation of any PTDS structures.

Prior to having a coastal development permit issued (or any kind of permit), LADWP vehicles trespassed onto the Property and Objecting Party's representatives demanded that the LADWP personnel leave the Property immediately, which the LADWP refused. Thereafter, a significant portion of the installation of the PTDS continued without a permit in violation of the Act and only now, after-the-fact, did the LADWP attempt to comply with the Act by filing the Application. In a shocking admission as to how improper the LADWP's conduct was, Section VI, 1. – Standard Conditions of Approval of the Staff Report, states that the "development <u>shall not commence</u> until a copy of the permit is signed."<sup>vi</sup> (emphasis added.) Moreover, the Staff Report requires at Section VI, 6. – Standard Conditions of Approval, that before construction the LADWP, "[o]btain a permit from the State Coastal Commission.<sup>vii</sup> Yet, the LADWP commenced construction of the PTDS without a permit from either the City or the Commission, in violation of its own staff report and the Act.

The work performed by LADWP, including the actual installation of three (3) 61' metal poles for the PTDS and a fourth pole of about 30', was done in an effort to "ram" the project through in violation of the Act. The LADWP is forcing the PTDS on the Community as a "done-deal," a fate-acompli', which the LADWP insists the Community must accept without question because money has already been spent and construction started. This approach by the LADWP is heavy handed, improper, a violation of the Act and the General and Community Plans and a complete trampling of the community's and property owners' rights to have a say in "development" within the Coastal Zone. The LADWP is trying to "boot-strap" itself into approval of the Application by violating the law and starting the work and spending rate payer and tax payer money without a valid permit from the City or the Commission. Had LADWP actually followed the correct process (which they have admitted they did not because they sought a coastal permit after they had begun work), the public would have been given a real opportunity to give meaningful input and

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potentially change the location or an alternative at grade padmounted or underground development solution could have been pursued. If a private citizen had proceeded to construct 61' structures in the Coastal Zone without a coastal development permit such construction would be red tagged and ordered to be removed. The LADWP is subject to the same provisions of the Act. This "act first and seek permission later" approach of the LADWP is reason enough to grant this appeal and order removal of the PTDS.

Pursuant to Section 30600 of the Act – Coastal Development Permit; Procedures Prior to Certification of Local Coastal Program:

> Except as provided in subdivision (e), and in addition to obtaining any other permit required by law from any local government or from any state, regional, or local agency, any person, as defined in Section 21066, wishing to perform or undertake any development in the coastal zone, other than a facility subject to Section 25500, shall obtain a coastal development permit."

The Property and the site of the PTDS "is located within the California Coastal Zone and is considered 'single coastal jurisdiction' (i.e. the Coastal Zone of the City of Los Angeles alone)[,]" as defined by the Act, and the draft staff report confirms the same.<sup>viii</sup> The City and the LADWP were required prior to construction of the PTDS to comply with the § 30600 of the Act.<sup>ix</sup> This failure is a substantial issue and grounds in and of itself to grant this appeal.

### 2. The PTDS Violates the Act Due to Visual Blight and Safety.

Contrary to Section III., A., 3, of the Staff Report, the PTDS violates the Act and this is a substantial issue warranting the granting of this appeal. Pacific Palisades is a small scenic community where development proposals should be considered very carefully. The Property and the proposed site for the PTDS are located in a very sensitive area off Sunset Boulevard which is designated as a scenic highway by the City.<sup>x</sup> The installation of the PTDS will create a visual blight, contrary to the claims in the Staff Report. The poles are in excess of 60', and are effectively an industrial development negatively impacting the views along Sunset Boulevard and the properties that face along Sunset Boulevard as well as the Property. The poles are out of place and are wholly incompatible with the surrounding residential development. Pictures showing the negative impact of the poles that have been installed at the site of the PTDS are attached to the Objection as Exhibit "5." It must be further noted that the currently installed poles do not yet include one of the most aesthetically impactful parts of the installation - the suspended transformers. The transformers are extremely incompatible, as they are not similar in any way to a typical wooden power pole. Scenic features include views of the estates, which

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are negatively impacted by the PTDS. Section 30251 of the Act – Scenic and Visual Qualities of the Coastal Act, provides:

"The scenic and visual qualities of coastal areas shall be considered and protected as a resource of public importance. Permitted development shall be sited and designed to protect views to and along the ocean and scenic coastal areas, to minimize the alteration of natural land forms, to be visually compatible with the character of surrounding areas, and, where feasible, to restore and enhance visual quality in visually degraded areas. New development in highly scenic areas such as those designated in the California Coastline Preservation and Recreation Plan prepared by the Department of Parks and Recreation and by local government shall be subordinate to the character of its setting." <sup>xi</sup> (emphasis added.)

Thus, the scenic and visual qualities of coastal areas are to be considered and protected as a resource of public importance. Permitted development, including development like the PTDS, shall be sited and designed to protect views along the scenic coastal areas. In order to implement this, both the Community Plan and the General Plan require that electrical and utility installations be installed underground. Sunset Boulevard is heavily traveled by many tourists and there are a number of residences that face Sunset Boulevard that will have their residential views marred and interfered with by the PTDS. Moreover, the painting of the PTDS as discussed in the Staff Report will do absolutely nothing to mitigate the negative impact of the three (3) 61' poles and three (3) transformers of 6.9' x 4.5' suspended about 30' in the air.<sup>xii</sup> The proposal that paint could somehow mitigate the negative impact of the PTDS is simply not credible giving the visual evidence of the pictures attached to the Objection as Exhibit "5." The significant, negative visual impact is a substantial issue warranting the granting of this appeal.

The Staff Report did not even address the issue that safety is also a major concern since Sunset Boulevard is a major thoroughfare with a 35 mile per hour speed limit and with an extremely large number of curves. The incident in Arleta, California on February 18, 2016, where a driver was killed when he crashed into a PTDS and the transforms fell on his vehicle, is a real possibility for the present location of the PTDS given the traffic count and volume on Sunset Boulevard and the fact that the PTDS is being situated in the public right of way less than ten feet from the road. The PTDS is unmonitored and contains oil which could leak onto the sidewalk or street. Finally, other areas in the Palisades Community have objected to the PTDS on the basis of concerns about the impact of electromagnetic radiation or fields ("EMF") created by the transforms and all of those same concerns apply to the site selected for the PTDS as the Property will be developed into single family homes and there Appeal of Permit 16-14 April 12, 2017 Page 6

currently is an apartment building with children and families located adjacent to the PTDS site. On this issue, both an underground or at grade installation would reduce the impact of any EMF concerns as recognized in the 2002 report for the IEEE Rural Electrical Power Conference in Colorado Spring, May 2002 attached to the Objection was Exhibit "6" (entirely padmounted installations of distribution stations have less EMF issues than pole mounted installations). These are substantial issues with the Staff Report completely neglects to address.

Since permitted development must be sited and designed to protect views to and along scenic coastal areas, the PTDS should be visually compatible with the character of surrounding areas and should be installed in another location or underground (as required by the General and Community Plans). Moreover, safety concerns have not been addressed by the LADWP or by the Staff Report and the PTDS as proposed is a hazard to the community. This appeal should be granted. These are substantial issues that warrant granting this appeal.

### 3. <u>The PTDS Violates the Los Angeles General Plan and the</u> <u>Brentwood-Pacific Palisades General Community Plan.</u>

Contrary to Section III., A., 4, the PTDS violates the General and the Community Plans and this is a substantial issue that requires granting this appeal. The General Plan states: "To the maximum extent feasible, all new or relocated electric . . . utility distribution facilities within five hundred feet of the center line of a Scenic Highway shall be placed underground." <sup>xiii</sup> (emphasis added.) Since the PTDS is within 500 feet of the centerline of a Scenic Highway, Sunset Boulevard, the General Plan for the City requires that the project be built underground. Although the LADWP has stated that locating the distribution station underground is not an option due to the size, complexity and risk of water intrusion, as set forth below, the electrical construction consultants of the Objecting Party have indicated that a distribution station can be safely built underground (or at grade and padmounted).

LADWP has not adequately explored the feasibility of an underground solution and it cannot violate the General and Community Plans which require that any new distribution station within 500 feet of the centerline of Sunset Boulevard be built underground or that all new electrical distribution stations be built underground in the Brentwood-Pacific Palisades area. There are no reports or analysis, cost estimates or feasibility analysis to support LADWP's position. Instead, there are simply conclusory statements which show that the LADWP and the Staff Report never even really considered the underground alternative and did not price the same. LADWP must be required to prove, without a shadow of a doubt, that undergrounding is unequivocally infeasible in order to even consider a PTDS along the Scenic Highway, but this has simply not been completed or shared with the public. This appeal should be granted because the LADWP and the Staff Report are devoid of any evidence that these alternatives

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were analyzed "to the maximum extent feasible" as required by the General Plan and this is a substantial issue warranting reversal of the issuance of the Permit.

Another substantial issue warranting the granting of this appeal is that the PTDS development violates the Community Plan at Page IV-3 which provides, "UTILITIES 1. Install utilities underground through assessment districts or other funding, when feasible."<sup>xiv</sup>

LADWP and the Staff Report claim that the PTDS cannot be situated underground or padmounted but the Objecting Party has engaged a consultant, Integrated Environmental Technologies, and they have prepared a schematic for an alternative padmounted solution with pricing and performance specifications similar to the equipment to be installed at the PTDS and the cost for the equipment is only about \$39,000.00. The schematic for the padmounted distribution station, the invoices and the summary report of the consultants are attached as Exhibit "7" to the Objection. The consultants have indicated that an underground or padmounted distribution station is completely feasible but that the LADWP has not, in the Application, meaningfully analyzed or considered the same, nor does the Staff Report. Also, the consultants estimate that the labor cost for a padmounted solution is approximately \$100,000.00 (without taking into account the LADWP's mandated labor policies which could increase the price). Thus, in accordance with the requirements of the General Plan there is a feasible method to install the substation underground or at a minimum as a padmounted distribution station which would address many of the concerns of the Community. The Staff Report contains no evidence as to what the LADWP thinks a padmounted or underground solution will cost and this creates a substantial issue warranting the granting of this appeal as to whether the LADWP "to the maximum extent feasible" analyzed the underground or padmounted alternatives. In addition, the alleged water intrusion issues cited by the LADWP can be addressed with a double wall structure as described and built in Zurich, Switzerland and discussed in the materials provided by Poyray-Electrical Works of Zurich Oerlikon Substation per the report attached as Exhibit "8" to the Objection. The LADWP has not even explained why they believe that there are groundwater or water intrusion issues at the site and the Staff Report contains no evidence or analysis with respect to the same. Frankly, the proposed site is over 100' above sea level and there is no evidence or support for any finding in the Application or Staff Report that there is, in fact, a groundwater or water intrusion condition at the site. Again, the statements in the Application and Staff Report as to water issues are conclusory and speculation without any type of analysis and, certainly, do not meet the "maximum extent feasible" requirement under the General Plan to site electrical distribution stations underground. Thus, there is a substantial issue that the LADWP has not followed the Community Plan and the General Plan to install the distribution station underground or even conducted the required "to the maximum extent feasible" analysis and this warrants granting this appeal for failure to comply with the Community and General Plans.

The PTDS development violates Pages I-2 and 3 of the Community  $Plan^{xv}$  which provides the following residential issues:

• Need to protect environmentally sensitive areas, scenic views and scenic corridors.

• Need to improve the visual environment through the development of appropriate design criteria and controls.<sup>xvi</sup>

The need to protect environmentally sensitive areas and scenic corridors has been violated by the PTDS since it creates a visual blight and is, effectively, an industrial development in a residential area. Also, the need to improve the visual environment through the development of appropriate design criteria and controls has been violated since the appropriate design criteria is an underground installation of the PTDS as dictated by the Community and General Plans. The Staff Report contains no findings and contains no evidence that would refute the conclusion that the PTDS interferes with scenic corridors.

The PTDS development violates the Plan at Page III-7 which provides:

"1-6.6 The scenic value of natural land forms should be preserved, enhanced and restored. Wherever feasible, development should be integrated with and be visually subordinate to natural features and terrain. Structures should be located to minimize intrusion into scenic open spaces by being clustered near other natural and manmade features such as tree masses, rock outcrops and existing structures.

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Program: Condition new development to protect views from public roadways and parklands."<sup>xvii</sup>

The PTDS development violates the condition that new developments protect views from public roadways since the PTDS is located adjacent to Sunset Boulevard, does not protect the views from a public roadway and creates a negative visual impairment of the scenic views of the residential coastal neighborhood surrounding Sunset Boulevard. Therefore, since installation of the distribution station can be constructed underground as described above, the PTDS violates the General and Community and Plans and the Act which require that development be integrated with and be visually subordinate to natural features and terrain. The Staff Report contains to findings and contains no evidence that would refute the conclusion that the PTDS does not protect the views.

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Development of the PTDS also violates sections of the Community Plan on Pages III-15 and 16 which provides:

> "COASTAL RESOURCES Development in the Coastal Zone is subject to the provisions of the California Coastal Act. As of 1997, the City had not prepared a local coastal plan (LUP/LCP) for the Pacific Palisades Coastal areas."

Since the Community Plan incorporates the provisions of the Act, all violations under the Act are also violations of the Community Plan. As described above, the LADWP began development of the PTDS without obtaining a development permit as required by the Act. Thus, LADWP also violated this section of the Community Plan and the Staff Report does not address this issue. On this basis, there is a substantial issue and this appeal should be granted.

Goal 5 of the Community Plan entitled "PRESERVATION OF THE SCENIC AND VISUAL QUALITY OF COASTAL AREAS," provides for the following objectives, policies, and programs which have been violated by the PTDS development:

> Objective 5-1 To govern the manner in which the City of Los Angeles implements the California Coastal Act of 1976, as well as the establishment of land uses and their subsequent development.

> Policies 5-1.1 The location and amount of new development should maintain and enhance public access to the coast.

Program: Permitted development shall be designed to protect views to the ocean and scenic coastal areas, to minimize the alteration of natural land forms, to be visually compatible with the character of surrounding areas, and where feasible, to restore and enhance visual quality in the visually degraded areas.

Program: Coastal Development Permits are required for new development which establish conditions for new development.

The PTDS development violates the objective of the Community Plan of implementing the provisions and requirements of the Act since, as described above, the LADWP began development of the PTDS without obtaining a development permit as required by the Act. The PTDS development also violates the objective of the Community Plan regarding protecting scenic coastal areas by building the distribution station above ground on 61' poles creating visual blight and placing an industrial development in a residential area. The PTDS development further violates the objective of the Community Plan by not being visually compatible with the character of surrounding areas, by building

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the PTDS above ground on poles creating negative visual impacts and by interfering with scenic coastal areas instead of constructing the distribution station underground. The PTDS as approved also violates the objective of the Community Plan by not obtaining a coastal development permit for a public works projects and by not analyzing or setting forth any findings that the PTDS is consistent with the Community Plan.

The Staff Report claims without any basis in fact whatsoever that "[t]he majority of the project is underground, as stated at the public hearing, and will be screened to reduce visibility." This statement/finding is neither supported by anything in the record nor by reality. The PTDS is not underground, its very name "Pole Top" denotes that it is above ground. A simple review of the pictures of the PTDS installation, attached as Exhibit "5" to the Objection, confirms that the whole PTDS is above ground (there may be some concrete footing for the poles and unground conduits or wires, but the actual transformers are above ground on poles. The PTDS consists of three 61' metal poles, a 30' metal pole, a large metal rack that is 26' x 7'5" and three very large and bulky transformers that are  $6'9'' \ge 4'7''$ ). Thus, the actual transformers and poles that hold the items that create the most visual blight are all above ground and visible from Sunset Blvd. and the surrounding properties. Moreover, as to screening, all the LADWP proposes to do is to paint the poles for "screening." Painting is not screening and no amount of paint can minimize the visual effects of the PTDS.

Since the LADWP failed to follow several sections and requirements of the Community and General Plans and the Staff Report contains no evidence to support its findings on these matters, this creates a substantial issue that warrants the reversal of the issuance of the Permit, and the LADWP should be ordered to comply with the General Plan and the Community Plan.

#### 4. <u>The LADWP has Not Complied with CEQA and Compliance is a</u> <u>Requirement of a Permit for the PTDS.</u>

Contrary to Section III., A., 5, of the Staff Report, the PTDS violates the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA")<sup>xviii</sup> which is a statewide policy of environmental protection. CEQA does not directly regulate land uses, but instead requires state and local agencies within California to follow a protocol of analysis and public disclosure of environmental impacts of proposed projects and adopt all feasible measures to mitigate those impacts. CEQA makes environmental protection a mandatory part of every California state and local agency's decision-making process. The Staff Report without any analysis or without commenting upon the analysis offered by the Objecting Party claims that the Application complies with CEQA. This is not true and there is no evidence to support this finding and this creates a substantial issue warranting reversal of the issuance of the Permit.

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A notice of exemption ("NOE"), attached as Exhibit "9" to the Objection, was filed by LADWP on May 25, 2016. The exemption was based upon two grounds: 1) as an electrical and other utility extension, and 2) as an emergency project. The first ground cited is that the project is subject to a Class 3 categorical exemption for "electrical . . . and other utility extensions[.]"<sup>xix</sup> However, a PTDS is plainly not an electrical or utility "extension," but rather a new facility and therefore not exempt. The second ground cited is that the project qualifies for a statutory exemption as an emergency project. There has been no evidence that would suggest that placing a PTDS adjacent to the Property was necessary to prevent or mitigate an "emergency."

"Emergency," as defined by CEQA, means a "sudden, unexpected occurrence, involving a clear and imminent danger, demanding immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss of, or damage to, life, health, property, or essential public services. 'Emergency' includes such occurrences as fire, flood, earthquake, or other soil or geologic movements, as well as such occurrences as riot, accident, or sabotage."<sup>xx</sup> Under case law, the definition of an emergency is limited to an occurrence and not a condition, meaning that the occurrence must involve a clear and imminent danger, demanding immediate action.xxi The decision to place the PTDS in front of the Property was the result of years-long, prolonged process in response to consistent outages in the Pacific Palisades. In fact, in 2012, LADWP first considered constructing a power distribution station on its property near Marquez Charter School, on Marquez Avenue. The decision to place the PTDS adjacent to the Property was not an action taken in response to a sudden or unexpected occurrence necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency power outage in the Pacific Palisades but, rather, was a decision reached over an extended period of time in response to a known condition. The Staff Report does not even address or comment on these issues whatsoever and the failure of the Staff Report to address these issues as the impropriety of the NOE and its invalidity creates a substantial issue that warrants the reversal of the issuance of the Permit.

The NOE is invalid because the LADWP was required to comply with all CEQA procedures in order to, among other things, identify the significant environmental impacts of the PTDS on the community, and to avoid or mitigate those impacts. As such, this appeal should be granted due to the failure of the LADWP to comply with CEQA and failure of the Staff Report to address or analyze the invalidity of the NOE.

Finally, the NOE was filed and posted before the LADWP sought the Permit and the NOE was not tied to any permit or public notice to the neighbor about the pending construction of the PTDS. By divorcing the NOE from the permit process the community had no real notice of the pending construction of the PDS or that the LADWP was contending that the PTDS did not need a CEQA review and was exempt. This LADWP has acknowledged that they were wrong and did in fact need a permit to install the PTDS and the fact that the NOE was filed and not tied to a permit denied the community any meaningful opportunity

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to review the NOE or the PTDS in light of the requirements of CEQA which were clearly not met. There is a substantial issue of whether the NOE is valid or should be deemed sufficient where the LADWP made a conscious decision not to apply for a permit at the time that it posted the NOE thereby denying the community any meaningful right to review or comment on the NOE in light of the proposed development of the PTDS.

#### 5. <u>The City and its Departments and Divisions Had a Conflict of</u> Interest in Ruling on the Application and/or the City Appeal.

Contrary to Section III., A., 2, of the Staff Report, the unpermitted work at the site for the PTDS created a conflict of interest for the City, the LADWP and the Bureau and is a substantial issue warranting granting of this appeal. The LADWP claims it has already spent \$250,000.00 (for which there is no back up or support) on installing the PTDS. However, the City (of which the LADWP is a division/agency) and the Bureau not only filed the Application seeking the permit, but at the same time conducted the hearing on the Application and decided to approve the permit, and subsequently conducted the hearing on the City Appeal of the Decision. As such, the City had a conflict of interest and was highly motivated to approve the Application and Permit despite it violating the Act, the General Plan, the Community Plan and CEQA. If the City did not approve the Application, then one of its agencies - the LADWP - could have been accused of misuse of public rate payer funds because the LADWP commenced work on the PTDS without first obtaining a permit from the City and a coastal development permit from the Commission. This issue clouded the City's and the Bureau's judgment and raised the specter of the City having a conflict of interest in hearing and ruling on the Application and the City Appeal or, at a minimum, gives the appearance of a conflict of interest. Under these circumstances, the Commission should grant this appeal and reverse the approval of the Permit.

The Coastal Act Section 30811 – Restoration Order; Violations, provides:

"In addition to any other authority to order restoration, commission. a local government the that is implementing a certified local coastal program, or a port governing body that is implementing a certified port master plan may, after a public hearing, order restoration of a site if it finds that the development has occurred without a coastal development permit from the commission, local government, or port governing body, the development is inconsistent with this division, and the development is causing continuing resource damage."\*\*\* The Coastal Act empowers local governments to address permit violations by issuing an order of restoration of a site if it finds that the

development has occurred without a coastal development permit.

Since the LADWP failed to follow the law to which the public is required to adhere, and brazenly moved forward with the development of the PTDS without a permit from the City and a permit from the Commission, this appeal should be granted and the Permit should be denied.

#### 6. The LADWP Has Violated Due Process.

Contrary to Section III., A., 6, of the Staff Report, the LADWP violated the Act and state and federal constitutional due process by failing to give sufficient notice and by failing to make materials and accurate information related to the Application available to the public in a timely manner and by holding the hearing on the minimum notice after the LADWP had already constructed a significant portion of the PTDS without the proper permit. Pursuant to Section 30320 of the Act – Findings and Declarations:

> "(a) The people of California find and declare that the duties, responsibilities, and quasi-judicial actions of the commission are sensitive and extremely important for the well-being of current and future generations and that the public interest and principles of fundamental fairness and due process of law require that the commission conduct its affairs in an open, objective, and impartial manner free of undue influence and the abuse of power and authority. It is further found that, to be effective, California's coastal protection program requires public awareness, understanding, support, participation, and confidence in the commission and its practices and procedures. Accordingly, this article is necessary to preserve the public's welfare and the integrity of, and to maintain the public's trust in, the commission and the implementation of this division. (b) The people of California further find that in a democracy, due process, fairness, and the responsible exercise of authority are all essential elements of good government which require that the public's business be conducted in public meetings, with limited exceptions for sensitive personnel matters and litigation, and on official record. Reasonable restrictions the are necessary and proper to prevent future abuses and misuse of governmental power so long as all members of the public are given adequate opportunities to present their views and opinions to the commission through written or oral communications on the official

record either before or during the public hearing on any matter before the commission."<sup>xxiii</sup>

The Act imposes duties, responsibilities and quasi-judicial actions on local governments issuing development permits. These responsibilities are sensitive and extremely important for the well-being of current and future generations. The public interest and principles of fundamental fairness and due process of law under the state and federal constitutions require that the City, LADWP and Commission conduct their affairs in an objective and impartial manner free of undue influence and in accordance with the law. Therefore, the Act states that to be effective, California's coastal protection program requires public understanding, support, participation, and confidence in the commission and its practices and procedures.

In this case, the draft staff report was only available one week before the public hearing and did not provide the public with sufficient time to read, review and prepare comments to the draft staff report. Due process and principles of fundamental fairness require that the public be provided with sufficient information and with sufficient time to properly evaluate the effects of a development permit application. There is a substantial issue warranting reversal of the Permit related to the draft staff report not being available until after the hearing was noticed.

Further, some of the information in the Staff Report directly conflicted with the Application causing confusion and does not provide the public with sufficient information to fully understand the Application, consider alternatives, or provide adequate informed opinions at the public hearing. For example, the Staff Report states that the "project cost is approximately \$930,000.00"<sup>xxiv</sup> while the Application states that the "estimated cost of development is \$276,000.00."<sup>xxv</sup> The difference of over \$650,000 does not allow the public to evaluate the development or its alternatives properly. There is no basis or explanation in the Staff Report as to how the \$930,000.00 figure was calculated or what it is based on and this lack of support for this finding creates a substantial issue as to the actual budget and cost of the PTDS and warrants reversal of the Permit and granting of this appeal.

In fact, if the project budget is indeed \$930,000.00, then the distribution facility could certainly have been placed underground or padmounted. Failing to provide sufficient accurate information regarding such a significant factor concerning the development fails to allow participation and destroys any confidence in the practices and due process procedures of the permit process in which the City engaged in issuing the Decision and the Permit. In addition, the public is unable to adequately present alternatives or respond to the LADWP's claims that an underground or padmounted facility is too expensive without actually knowing what the DWP is actually spending for the PTDS. There is no basis or explanation in the Staff Report as to how the \$930,000.00 figure was calculated. This unsupported finding creates a substantial issue as to the actual

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budget and cost of the PTDS and whether the public was provided accurate information and is a violation of due process and warrants reversal of the issuance of the Permit and granting of this appeal.

Another example of information in the Staff Report directly conflicting with the Application and causing confusion is the misleading statement in the Application that the applicant "proposes to install" the PTDS and the failure of the Application to disclose that the LADWP already started with the development and completed a significant portion of the above ground construction of the PTDS. While the Staff Report discloses the fact that the LADWP has already "installed" a PTDS, the Application states that the applicant "proposes to install" the PTDS. These two statements are confusing, and if the Application is read alone, it is misleading regarding a material fact as to the status of the development of the PTDS. To complicate matters further, the staff report contradicts itself internally by saying, in Section VI - Standard conditions of approval, that the "development shall not commence until a copy of the permit is signed"xxvi but the report previously states that the LADWP has already "installed" the PTDS.<sup>xxvii</sup> These inconsistencies make the materials provided impossible to reconcile and create a substantial issue as whether the Application or the Staff Report contains the correct information and the public cannot meaningfully respond to the Application without having accurate information such that the City proceeding with the Application in light of these inconsistencies was a denial of due process which is a substantial issue warranting the reversal of the issuance of the Permit.

Additional contradictory and faulty information is contained in the Application related to the actual location of the PTDS. Attachment A to the Application, the Assessor's Parcel Map (Exhibit "1" to the Objection), shows the PTDS being installed at the corner of Marquez Ave. and Sunset Blvd. In addition, Attachment D to the Application, Map Showing Single Jurisdiction Boundary (Exhibit "1" to the Objection), and shows the PTDS being installed at the corner of Marquez Ave. and Sunset Blvd. However, the actual installation of the PTDS was not on the corner of Marguez Ave. and Sunset Blvd. and the pictures attached as Exhibit "5" to the Objection clearly show that the PTDS was installed in the middle of the Parcel Map (Attachment A to the Application), towards the South East corner such that Attachment A and D to the Application are misleading and, in fact, present a misrepresentation as to where the PTDS was actually constructed. Moreover, this means that the Application itself is misleading because it claims that the PTDS is in the single jurisdiction district for the Act and this is untrue and incorrect. The location of the actual installation of the PTDS is in the area on Attachment D to the Application that is shown to be in the dual jurisdiction under the Act. This misleading information and the failure of the LADWP to accurate depict where it had already installed the PTDS and the failure of the Staff Report to address this issue at all is a substantial issue that warrants the granting of this appeal and the reversal of the issuance of the Permit.

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In addition, as outlined above, the NOE was filed by the LADWP without first applying for the Permit and the NOE and the claimed exemption from CEQA are invalid because the community had no meaningful opportunity to understand that the NOE related to the construction of the PTDS because the normal notice procedures for a permit were not complied with by the LADWP at the time that it filed the NOE.

Finally, the PTDS development is described in both the Application and the draft staff report as being "temporary." Rut no definition or explanation is provided as to how long the LADWP considers "temporary" to mean. The duration of the proposed "temporary" PTDS development is a significant fact that has been omitted from both the Application and the Staff Report. Although the LADWP may claim that the exact date that the PTDS will be removed cannot be determined at this time, at a minimum, an outside date should have been required for approval of the Application in order to provide LADWP an incentive to complete the permanent distribution station, and in order to provide the public a better understanding as to how long the PTDS development will interfere with their properties and when the other negative impacts to the community will terminate. The omission from the Staff Report of any explanation as to what the word "temporary" means in the context of the PTDS and the lack of any deadline for the expiration of the permit create substantial issues as to the violation of due process such that the issuance of the Permit should be reversed and this appeal granted. At a minimum an outside date for the removal of the PTDS or the expiration of the Permit should be imposed and it should be for no longer than four (4) years after the issuance of the final permit.

#### 7. <u>The LADWP Has Not Adequately Investigated The Site and</u> <u>Minimized Adverse Impacts.</u>

The Staff Report did not even address in Section III the Public Comment that the LADWP has done no analysis or testing to determine if the PTDS development will cause erosion or instability or if it would require structures that alter the land forms or otherwise negatively impacts the surrounding properties.<sup>1</sup> This Public Comment was included in the Objection filed by the Objecting Party and the Staff Report's failure to address the same creates a substantial issue warranting reversal of the issuance of the Permit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The installation of the PTDS in this particular location may have negative impact on the planned development of the Property. The present intention is to develop the Property into three single-family homes. The current planned location of the PTDS interferes with access to the Property from Sunset Boulevard and could impact the Property, a fact that will result in a taking of the Property for public use without just compensation, which is illegal. Due to the short period in which to object and the claimed emergency nature of the PTDS, the Objecting Party has not been able to fully investigate this issue and reserves its rights in all regard as to whether the PTDS is a taking and whether it is an inverse condemnation and the damages flowing therefrom.

Since the development of the PTDS commenced without CEQA evaluation or a coastal development permit, the construction of the 61' poles without a valid development permit violates the Act and nowhere in the Application of the Staff Report does it show that any reports or investigations were undertaken to determine if the PTDS development will cause erosion or instability or if it would require structures that alter the land forms or otherwise negatively impacts the surrounding properties.

Pursuant to Section 30253 of the Act – Minimization of Adverse Impacts:

"New development shall do all of the following: (a) Minimize risks to life and property in areas of high geologic, flood, and fire hazard. (b) Assure stability and structural integrity, and neither create nor contribute significantly to erosion, geologic instability, or destruction of the site or surrounding area or in any way requires the construction of protective devices that would substantially alter natural landforms along bluffs and cliffs."<sup>xxix</sup>

The Act requires all of the following findings, none of which appear in the Application or the Staff Report or if they do there is no evidentiary support for the same: assurance of stability and structural integrity, such that the development will neither create nor contribute significantly to erosion, geologic instability, or destruction of the site or surrounding area or in any way require the construction of protective devices that would substantially alter natural landforms.

LADWP has not addressed the adverse impact of the PTDS development since it failed even to consider these issues by proceeding under the invalid NOE and without a coastal development permit and there is a substantial issue that there is no evidence to support any finding that the PTDS will neither create nor contribute significantly to erosion, geologic instability, or destruction of the site or surrounding area or in any way require the construction of protective devices that would substantially alter natural landforms. As such, this appeal should be granted and the issuance of the Permit should be reversed.

#### 8. <u>The LADWP Has Failed to Adequately Analyze Alternatives.</u>

The Staff Report did not even address in Section III the Public Comment that the LADWP did not adequately analyze alternatives and this creates a substantial issue warranting reversal of the issuance of the Permit. The original proposed location for the PTDS was on land owned by the LADWP near an elementary school on Marquez Avenue.<sup>xxx</sup> The elementary school location was considered by LADWP up until May 1, 2016.<sup>xxxi</sup> Thereafter, an alternative was identified at 1700 Sunset, the Gabay property, and another alternative was

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identified at the current site adjacent to the Property, referred to as the old Bernheimer Gardens. In the Palisades News as recently as May 20, 2016, attached as Exhibit "10" to the Objection, the Property was still listed as the fourth alternative identified by the task force.<sup>xxxii</sup> Pursuant to Section 30250 of the Act – Location; Existing Developed Area:

> "(a) New residential, commercial, or industrial development, except as otherwise provided in this division, shall be located within, contiguous with, or in close proximity to, existing developed areas able to accommodate it or, where such areas are not able to accommodate it, in other areas with adequate public services and where it will not have significant adverse effects, either individually or cumulatively, on coastal resources. In addition, land divisions, other than leases for agricultural uses, outside existing developed areas shall be permitted only where 50 percent of the usable parcels in the area have been developed and the created parcels would be no smaller than the average size of (b) Where feasible, new surrounding parcels. hazardous industrial development shall be located away from existing developed areas." xxxiii

Thus, the Act requires that new industrial development, which the PTDS is, shall be located where it will not have significant adverse effects, either individually or cumulatively, on coastal resources. Also, where feasible, new hazardous industrial development shall be located away from existing developed areas. Therefore, relocating the PTDS to another alternative location was required by the Act and the LADWP and the Staff Report fail to adequately address this creating a substantial issue warranting reversal of the issuance of the Permit.

The Community Plan and the General Plan require that electrical distribution developments on Sunset Boulevard be built underground and the Staff Report as a condition should have required the LADWP to resubmit an application providing for an underground distribution station or provide all of the information showing that the LADWP analyzed the same to the "maximum extent feasible."

Moreover, the IEEE Report indicates that a padmounted at grade distribution substation can be constructed for approximately \$350,000.00 (See, Section II. BENEFITS 10 Cost), IEEE Report, Exhibit "6" to the Objection.<sup>xxxiv</sup>

Another alternative that the LADWP and the Staff Report did not consider was that the distribution station be constructed slab on grade. This alternative, while not addressing all community concerns, is more cost effective and partially addresses the visual blight concern. Consultants retained by the

Objecting Party have prepared the summary report and the schematic for a grade level padmounted distribution station as described and set forth in Exhibit "7" to the Objection. In addition, as set forth in the IEEE Report, as compared to pole mounted distribution stations, padmounted substations can now be built smaller with reduced cost, easier construction, greater flexibility, and improved safety and aesthetics. The IEEE Report also states that the padmounted substations are pleasing to the eye, making them a better fit in residential areas, highly scenic areas, coastal comminutes due to sea salt and moisture damage, and environmentally sensitive areas. The at grade construction of the distribution station could be landscaped to address the physical screening requirement of the General Plan and the Community Plan. XXXV None of these alternatives were addressed in the Application or the Staff Report and they were raised by the Objecting Party in the Objection and the failure of the LADWP and the Staff Report to consider the same and analyze the same to the "maximum extent feasible," as required by the General Plan, is a substantial issue on appeal and warrants reversal of the issuance of the Permit.

#### B. <u>THE FINDINGS IN SECTION III OF THE STAFF REPORT ARE NOT</u> <u>SUPPORTED BY THE RECORD OR BY THE APPLICATION.</u>

The following is an analysis of the findings in Section III of the Staff Report and explains why there is no support for the same such that each finding lacking evidentiary support in the record warrants reversal of the issuance of the Permit. Based on the following analysis, this appeal should be granted and the Decision reversed.

- 1. <u>The Development is in Conformity with Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act of</u> 1976 (commencing with Section 30200 of the California Public Resources Code).
  - a. The Finding That There Are No Negative Visual Impacts By The PTDS Or That They Can Be Screened By Paint Is Not Supported by Record (Staff Report P. 5).

As made clear in the Section II.A.1-8, above, related to the adverse impact and visual appearance of the PTDS, it certainly does not comply with the Act and the Applicant has made no serious efforts to mitigate its negative impacts. Any findings in the Staff Report that the PTDS complies with the Act are not based on substantial evidence or anything contained in the Application or set forth at the hearing on this matter.

Section 30251 of the Act – Scenic and Visual Qualities of the Coastal Act, provides:

"The scenic and visual qualities of coastal areas shall be considered and protected as a resource of public importance. Permitted development shall be sited and

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> designed to protect views to and along the ocean and scenic coastal areas, to minimize the alteration of natural land forms, to be visually compatible with the character of surrounding areas, and, where feasible, to restore and enhance visual quality in visually degraded areas. New development in highly scenic areas such as designated in the California Coastline those Preservation and Recreation Plan prepared by the Department of Parks and Recreation and by local government shall be subordinate to the character of its setting." xxxvi (emphasis added.)

The PTDS is in essence an industrial facility and the Property and area in which it is proposed to be installed is a residential area. The Act requires the PTDS "to be visually compatible with the character of surrounding areas." A review of the pictures attached as Exhibit "5" to the Objection makes it clear that the PTDS is not compatible with the character of the surrounding area and is, in fact, an installation which looks completely out of place in this residential neighborhood.

The LADWP in the Application at page 2 indicates that there are 34 - PTDSs throughout the City. However, LADWP has not referenced a single location where a PTDS has been installed in a Coastal Zone within the City of Los Angeles. When asked at the hearing to identify a single location in the Coastal Zone in the City where a PTDS was installed, the representatives of the LADWP were unable to do so.

Page 5 of the Staff Report States:

"According to the permit application, measures have been implemented to help screen the structures. Their placement is where other utility poles and lights are located. The poles were painted to blend in with the surroundings. There are no unobstructed views of the ocean from the project site. No adverse impacts to scenic and visual qualities of the coastal area are expected (Figures 3 and 4)."

Placing the PTDS with 61' high Poles and three transformers that are 6'9" tall and 4'7" wide near other poles does not "screen" anything. The painting of the poles is not "screening" and it the absolute minimum that could possibly be conceived of. As shown clearly by the pictures attached as Exhibit "5" to the Objection, the LADWP's proposal to paint the poles and transformers does not mitigate negative visual impacts and any finding claiming that it does, is not supported by substantial evidence or anything in the record other than the bare allegations of an employee of the LADWP. There is no report supporting this screening, there is no treatise or other materials showing that there is an industry standard that painting poles can minimize the impact in a coastal area, there is no explanation of what paint will be used or how or why it will serve to minimize the negative visual impacts.

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There are massive impacts to the scenic and visual qualities of the Coastal Zone. This has been attested to by hundreds of neighborhood constituents who have voiced opposition to the PTDS installation, in favor of a more aesthetically palatable alternative

As made clear in the Section II.A.1-8, above, the finding at Page 5 of the Staff Report that, "No Adverse Impacts to the scenic and visual qualities of the coastal area are expected" is not supported by the Application, anything discussed at the hearing and there is no evidence to support the same and significant evidence to the contrary such that this is a substantial issue warranting the granting of this appeal and the reversal of the issuance of the Permit.

#### b. The Finding That The Construction Will Not Involve The Transport Of Hazardous Substances Is Not Supported by Record (Staff Report P. 4).

At page 4 of the Staff Report the following finding is made: "Project construction will not involve the transport of hazardous substances and, thus, there will be spillage of crude oil, gas, petroleum product or hazardous substances as prohibited by the PRC Section 30232." There is absolutely no reference in the Application or the record from the hearing to support such a finding. The Staff Report contains no reference to any materials and provides no backup whatsoever as to how this finding and conclusion was reached. Thus, there is no substantial evidence or any evidence for this finding.

Moreover, contrary to this finding, the proposed PTDS is an industrial project with three 833KVA electrical transformers. No evidence or explanation has been put forth as to which manufacturer makes the transformers and as to what materials are used to manufacture the same. Such transformers are by their very nature constructed of hazardous substantives include oil, petroleum products, metallic and electrical devices and plastics and insulation. Without knowing the exact manufacturer of the transformers and without reviewing the list of materials or specifications used to assemble the same, the Staff cannot make this finding and there is no evidence whatsoever to support the same in the Application, Staff Report or the record from the hearings. As such, the lack of any evidentiary support for this finding creates a substantial issue warranting that this appeal be granted and the issuances of the Permit reversed.

#### c. The Finding That The Project Would Not Affect Geologic, Flood or Fire Risks Is Not Supported by Record (Staff Report P. 5).

As made clear in the Section II.A.7, above, no analysis was done whatsoever in the Application or the Staff Report and no evidence, reports or other materials are cite that would provide a basis for the finding that the PTDS will not affect geological, flood or fire risks. This is simply a bare allegation without reference to anything that could support the same. As such there is a substantial issue as to whether the PTDS will affect geological, flood or fire risks and this warrants granting of this appeal and reversing the issuance of the Permit.

d. The Finding That The Notice of Exemption Excuses Any Additional Evaluations Under CEQA Is Not Supported by Record (Staff Report P. 7).

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As made clear in the Section II.A.4, above, no analysis was done whatsoever in the Application or the Staff Report as to the underlying claim that there was an "emergency" or that the PTDS quailed as an "utility extension" as defined under CEQA that would exempt the PTDS from CEQA. The Staff Report simply indicates that the staff reviewed and considered the NOE, but it does not indicate that they compared the NOE and the stated basis for the exemption to the actual statutory requirements of CEQA for an emergency or "utility extension" exemption. The fact that those definitions do not support the exemptions claimed under the NOE is not analyzed or discussed in any manner. The failure to do so makes this finding unsupported and creates a substantial issue warranting the granting of this appeal and the reversal of the issuance of the Permit.

#### II. SUMMARY OF SUBSTANTIAL ISSUES.

- 1. Contrary to Section III., A., 1, of the Staff Report, the unpermitted work at the site for the PTDS violated the Act and is a substantial issue and grounds in and of itself to grant this appeal.
- 2. Contrary to Section III., A., 3, of the Staff Report, the PTDS violates the Act due to, among other things, significant, negative visual impact and this is a substantial issue warranting the granting of this appeal.
- 3. The Staff Report did not address the safety risks of PTDS falling or being hit or of the oil and chemicals and materials used to construct the PTDS and to manufacture the transformers and these are all substantial issues which the Staff Report completely neglects to address and this warrants the granting of this appeal.
- 4. Contrary to Section III., A., 4, the PTDS violates the General and the Community Plans and this is a substantial issue that requires granting this appeal and reversing the issuance of the Permit.
- 5. The Application and the Staff Report are devoid of any evidence that the undergrounding of the distribution station or other alternatives to the PTDS were analyzed "to the maximum extent feasible" as required by the General Plan and this is a substantial issue warranting granting of this appeal and reversal of the issuance of the Permit.
- 6. The PTDS development violates the Community Plan at Page IV-3 which provides, "UTILITIES 1. Install utilities underground through assessment districts or other funding, when feasible" and there is no evidence to support any finding as to compliance with this requirement and this is a substantial issue warranting granting of this appeal and reversal of the issuance of the Permit.

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- 7. The Staff Report and Application contain no evidence as to what the LADWP thinks a padmounted or underground solution will cost and this creates a substantial issue warranting the granting of this appeal as to whether the LADWP "to the maximum extent feasible" analyzed the underground or padmounted alternatives.
- 8. Since the Community Plan incorporates the provisions of the Act, all violations under the Act are also violations of the Community Plan. As described above, the LADWP began development of the PTDS without obtaining a development permit as required by the Act. Thus, the LADWP also violated this section of the Community Plan and the Staff Report does not address this issue. On this basis, there is a substantial issue and this appeal should be granted and the issuance of the Permit reversed.
- 9. Since the LADWP failed to follow several sections and requirements of the Community and General Plans and the Staff Report contains no evidence to support its findings on these matters, this creates a substantial issue that warrants the reversal of the issuance of the Permit and the LADWP should be ordered to comply with the General Plan and the Community Plan.
- 10. The Staff Report without any analysis or without commenting upon the analysis offered by the Objecting Party claims that the Application complies with CEQA. This is not true and there is no evidence to support this finding. This creates a substantial issue warranting reversal of the issuance of the Permit.
- 11. The Staff Report simply indicates that the staff reviewed and considered the NOE, but it does not indicate that they compared the NOE and the stated basis for the exemption to the actual statutory requirements of CEQA for an emergency or "utility extension" exemption. The fact that those definitions do not support the exemptions claimed under the NOE is not analyzed or discussed in any manner by the Staff Report. The failure to do so makes this finding unsupported and creates a substantial issue warranting the granting of this appeal and the reversal of the issuance of the Permit.
- 12. The NOE was filed at time when the LADWP stated that it did not need a permit to develop the PTDS and the NOE was not tied to any permit and the normal community notice procedures involved with the issuance of a permit were not complied with respect to the NOE and it was divorced from the permitting process thereby denying the community any meaningful notice or ability to understand that the NOE related to a project to be built in Pacific Palisades. A community member would have had to review the City of Los Angeles' website and other records would have had to coincidentally see the NOE and read and review the same to understand that it related to the development of a PTDS in Pacific Palisades as opposed to the

Exhibit 4 Page 29 of 315 permitting process where there is public notice sent directly to the impacted landowners and community members. This never happened with respect to the NOE. This creates a substantial issue warranting reversal of the issuance of the Permit.

- 13. Contrary to Section III., A., 2, of the Staff Report, the unpermitted work at the site for the PTDS created a conflict of interest for the City, the LADWP and the Bureau and is a substantial issue warranting granting of this appeal.
- 14. There is a substantial issue related to due process and warranting reversal of the issuance of the Permit because the draft staff report was not available until after the hearing was noticed.
- 15. Some of the information in the Staff Report: (1) directly conflicted with the Application causing confusion, (2) did not provide the public with sufficient information to fully understand the Application or to consider alternatives, (3) did not provide adequate information for the public to meaningfully participate in the public hearing and (4) is a violation of due process. For example, the Staff Report states that the "project cost is approximately \$930,000.00," while the Application states that the "estimated cost of development is \$276,000.00." The difference of over \$650,000 does not allow the public to evaluate the development or its alternatives properly. There is no basis or explanation in the Staff Report as to how the \$930,000.00 figure was calculated or what it is based on and this lack of support for this finding creates a substantial issue as to the actual budget and cost of the PTDS and warrants reversal of the issuance of the Permit and granting of this appeal.
- 16. Misleading information in the Application as to the location of the construction of the PTDS (in the single jurisdiction area) and the failure of the LADWP to accurate depict where it had actually already installed the PTDS (in the dual jurisdiction area) and the failure of the Staff Report to address this issue or even note it is a substantial issue that warrants the granting of this appeal and the reversal of the issuance of the Permit.
- 17. The omission from the Staff Report of any explanation as to what the word "temporary" means in the context of the PTDS and the lack of any deadline for the expiration of the permit create substantial issues as to the violation of due process and highlight the lack of any evidentiary support for any finding that the PTDS will, in fact, be "temporary" such that the Decision should be reversed and this appeal granted. At a minimum an outside date for the removal of the PTDS or the expiration of the permit should be imposed and it should be for no longer than four (4) years after the issuance of the final permit.

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- 18. LADWP has not addressed the adverse impact of the PTDS development since it failed even to consider these issues by proceeding under an invalid NOE and without a coastal development permit. Thus, there is a substantial issue in that that there is no basis or evidence to support any finding that the PTDS will neither create nor contribute significantly to erosion, geologic instability, or destruction of the site or surrounding area or in any way require the construction of protective devices that would substantially alter natural landforms. As such, this appeal should be granted and the issuance of the Permit should be reversed.
- 19. The Staff Report did not even address in Section III the Public Comment that the LADWP did not adequately analyze alternatives and this creates a substantial issue warranting reversal of the issuance of the Permit.
- 20. Relocating the PTDS to another alternative location was required by the Act and the LADWP and the Staff Report fail to adequately address this creating a substantial issue warranting reversal of the issuance of the Permit.
- 21. As made clear in the Section II.A.1-8, above, the finding at Page 5 of the Staff Report that, "No Adverse Impacts to the scenic and visual qualities of the coastal area are expected" is not supported by the Application, anything discussed at the hearing and there is no evidence to support the same and significant evidence to the contrary such that this is a substantial issue warranting the granting of this appeal and the reversal of the issuance of the Permit.
- 22. At page 4 of the Staff Report the following finding is made, 'Project construction will not involve the transport of hazardous substances and, thus, there will be spillage of crude oil, gas, petroleum product or hazardous substances as prohibited by the PRC Section 30232." There is absolutely no reference in the Application or the record from the hearing to support such a finding. The Staff Report contains no reference to any materials and provides no backup whatsoever as to how this finding and conclusion was reached. Thus, there is no substantial evidence or any evidence for the finding.
- 23. Contrary to the finding in the Staff Report, the proposed PTDS is an industrial project with three 833KVA electrical transformers. No evidence or explanation has been put forth as to which manufacturer makes the transformers and as to what materials are used to manufacture the same. Such transformers are by their very nature constructed of hazardous substances include oil, petroleum products, metallic and electrical devices and plastics and insulation. Without knowing the exact manufacturer of the transformers and without reviewing the list of materials or specifications used to assemble the same, the Staff cannot make this finding and there is no evidence

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> whatsoever to support the same in the Application, Staff Report or the record from the hearings. As such, the lack of any evidentiary support for this finding creates a substantial issue warranting that this appeal be granted and the issuance of the Permit reversed.

24. As such, there is a substantial issue as to whether the PTDS will affect geological, flood or fire risks because there was no CEQA compliance and no reports or analysis whatsoever in the Application or the Staff Report and no evidence cited to support any such findings and this warrants granting the appeal and reversing the issuance of the Permit.

#### III. <u>CONCLUSION.</u>

Based on the foregoing, the Objecting Party submits that the Permit and the Decision approving the Application must be reversed because the PTDS violates the Act, the Community Plan, the General Plan, CEQA and adversely impacts the community and the Property and the LADWP should be required to install a padmounted or underground facility. The Application and Staff Report are lacking material information; contain wrong information and/or conflicting information. The Staff Report lacks support for the vast majority of its findings. These all create substantial issues that warrant the granting of this appeal, the reversal of the Decision and the reversal of issuance of the Permit. In the alternative, if the Commission is inclined to deny this appeal, it should only do so on the condition that the approval of the Permit for the PTDS be modified to require as a condition of approval that the permit for the PTDS expire without an option for renewal no more than four (4) years after its issuance.

Sincerely,

/s/ Alex Cornelius Alex Cornelius COSTELL & CORNELIUS LAW CORP. For 16974 Sunset, LLC

ix California Public Resources Code §30600 - Coastal development permit; procedures prior to certification of local coastal

program. Note that the exception in section (e) does not apply as discuss later in the letter under the definition of "Emergency." <sup>x</sup> Staff Report prepared by Catalina Hernandez, Page 5, as per the Los Angeles General Transportation Plan.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> There are concerned citizen who have signed a petition objecting to the PTDS and they also objected at the hearing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>ii</sup> Property consisting of 4 contiguous parcels with the following APS Numbers: 44115-023-009, 4415-023-010, 4415-022-007, and 4415-021-004.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>iii</sup> Coastal Act, California Public Resources Code §§ 30000 et seq.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>iv</sup> California Public Resources Code §30003 - Compliance by public agencies

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>v</sup> California Public Resources Code §30106 - Development.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>vi</sup> Staff Report prepared by Catalina Hernandez, Section IV (1) on Page 8.

vii Staff Report prepared by Catalina Hernandez, Section IV (6) on Page 8

viii Staff Report prepared by Catalina Hernandez, Page 2.

xi California Public Resources Code §30251 - Scenic and visual qualities.

xii Staff Report prepared by Catalina Hernandez, Page 5.

xiii Staff Report prepared by Catalina Hernandez, Page 5, and according to the Mobility Plan 2035, an element of the General plan of the City of Los Angeles.

xiv Ibid., Page IV-3.

xv Brentwood-Pacific Palisades Community Plan part of the General Plan - City of Los Angeles.

xvi Ibid., Page I-2 and 3.

xvii Ibid., Page III-7.

<sup>xviii</sup> CEQA (California Public Resources Code §§21000–21189) and the CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, §§15000–15387).

xix CEQA Guidelines §15303(d).

xx CEQA §21060.3.

xxi Los Osos Valley Associates v. City of San Luis Obispo, 30 Cal. App. 4th 1670, 1682 (1994) (finding that the

City's choice to drill water wells as a way to conserve water was not an emergency under CEQA because it constituted a choice among many that the City made over a considerable period of time).

<sup>xxii</sup> California Public Resources Code §30811.

xxiii California Public Resources Code §30320 Findings and declarations.

xxiv Staff Report prepared by Catalina Hernandez, paragraph I.(C.) Project Costs on Page 2.

<sup>xxv</sup> LADWP Application for Coastal Development Permit Section II.(3) on Page 4.

xxvi Staff Report prepared by Catalina Hernandez, Page 7.

xxvii Ibid., Page 1.

xxviii Ibid., Page 1 states "LADWP installed a temporary Pole-Top Distribution Station" and also "As a temporary measure"; the Application, Page 1, Section 2 states "LADWP proposes to install temporary Pole-Top Distribution Station"

<sup>xxix</sup> California Public Resources Code §30253 - Minimization of adverse impacts.

<sup>xxx</sup> Pacific Palisades Community Council Information dated March 19, 2016. Listing both empty lots on Sunset as alternatives. In addition, it listed the corner of Las Lomas/Sunset and Las Liones/Sunset (so. of Sunset) and corner of Las Lomas/Sunset and Las Casas/Sunset (so. of Sunset) as additional alternatives.

xxxi LADWP press release dated May 1, 2016.

<sup>xxxii</sup> The alternatives identified were: "two were near Paseo Miramar off Via Nichols, one was between the upper Bel-Air Bay Club and Malibu Village and the fourth was the old Bernheimer Gardens site off of Sunset."

xxxiii California Public Resources Code §30250 Location; existing developed area.

xxxiv LADWP press release date February 9, 2016, Page 2.

<sup>xxxv</sup> Ibid. The General Plans states that "Where undergrounding of such utilities is not feasible, all such new or relocated utilities shall be screened to reduce their visibility from a Scenic Highway."

xxxvi California Public Resources Code §30251 - Scenic and visual qualities.

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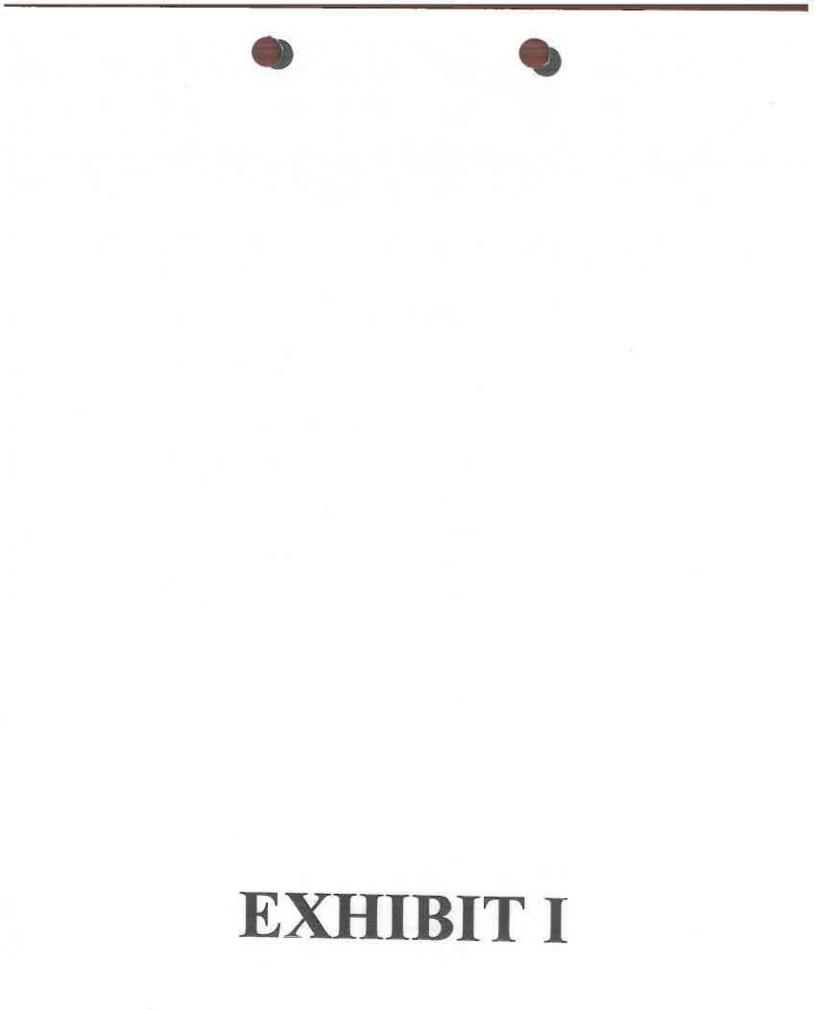


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> Issuance Date: <u>March 9, 2017</u> Coastal Development Permit Number: 16-14

#### NOTICE OF PERMIT ISSUANCE

Please take notice that the above referenced local Coastal Development Permit was issued on the above date, pursuant to a public hearing held on <u>November 9, 2016</u>, a Notice of Decision on <u>December 5, 2016</u>, and following the expiration of the mandatory ten calendar day appeal period with one appeal having been filed, and denial of the appeal by the Board of Public Works Commissioners on March 8, 2017.

The applicant should sign one (1) copy of the permit and return it to the:

Bureau of Engineering Environmental Management Group 1149 S. Broadway, Suite 600 Los Angeles, CA 90015

This permit becomes effective 20 working days from the date this notice is <u>received</u> by the Coastal Commission, if no further appeal is made. Appeals can be made to: California Coastal Commission, South Coast District Office, 200 Oceangate, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Long Beach, CA 90802, (562) 590-5071.

- [X] The development is subject to dual jurisdiction and will require an additional permit from the California Coastal Commission.
- [] The development is not in the dual jurisdiction area; no additional Coastal Development Permit is required

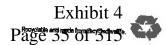
Sincerely,

Gary Lee Moore, P.E., ENV SP City Engineer

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Maria Martin, Manager Environmental Management Group

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# COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

(Under authority of Sec. 30600(b) of the California Coastal Act of 1976)

PROJECT TYPE:(X) PublicPrivateAPPLICATION NUMBER:16-14NAME OF APPLICANT:Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)<br/>111 North Hope Street, Room #856<br/>Los Angeles, CA 90012PROJECT LOCATION:The project is located in the public right-of-way parallel<br/>with Sunset Boulevard, near the intersection with Marquez

Palisades Community Plan

Avenue and Marquez Place, within the Brentwood-Pacific

DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION: The project consists of two 61-foot high, 18.4-inch diameter poles, a platform measuring 26 feet x 7 feet 5 inches, three 833-KVA transformers measuring 6 feet 9 inches tall x 4 feet 7 inches wide, cross arms, circuit breakers, switches, and a controller. The project also requires the installation of an underground vault, conduits, and cables. The underground substructure will be connected to the PTDS via underground cable terminations. The underground substructure work consists of approximately 1,000 feet of trench for conduit installation with a 9 feet 4 inches x 17 feet 4 inches substructure near the PTDS. The trench will be from two existing substructures on Marquez and Sunset to the new substructure and the PTDS. The PTDS is designed, constructed and maintained to meet or exceed California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) safety rules and regulations. The PTDS would be temporary, and will be removed once a new permanent distribution station is operational.

All applicable regulations will be incorporated into and adhered to per standard procedures.

- I. The proposed development is subject to the following conditions imposed pursuant to the California Coastal Act of 1976:
  - (a) Notice of Receipt and Acknowledgment: 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

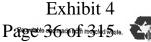
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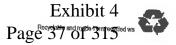
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acceptance of the terms and conditions, is returned to the City Engineer's office.

- (b) Interpretation: Any questions of intent or interpretation of any condition will be resolved by the City Engineer.
- (c) Assignment: The permit may be assigned to any qualified person, provided assignee files with the City Engineer an affidavit accepting all terms and conditions of the permit.
- (d) Terms and Conditions Run with the Land: These terms and conditions shall be perpetual, and it is the intention of the City Engineer and the permittee to bind all future owners and possessors of the subject property to the terms and conditions.
- (e) Other approvals: Obtain permit from the State Coastal Commission if project is determined to be a Major Public Works per §13012 of the California Code of Regulations.
- II. The following are conditions of approval for the LADWP Temp Pole Top Distribution Station Sunset Blvd. @ Marquez Ave. (W.O. UR400725):
  - (a) Special Conditions of Approval
  - 1. Monitor. A qualified archaeologist who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards shall be present to monitor all grounddisturbing activities.
  - 2. Awareness Training. Prior to initiation of ground-disturbing activities for the underground portions of the project, the archaeological monitor will conduct a brief awareness training session for the benefit of all construction workers and supervisory personnel. The training would explain the importance of and legal basis for the protection of significant archaeological resources. Each worker would also learn the proper procedures to follow in the event that cultural resources or human remains/burials are uncovered during ground-disturbing activities. These procedures include work curtailment or redirection and the immediate contact of the site supervisor and the archaeological monitor. It is recommended that this worker education session include visual images of artifacts that might be found in the project vicinity, and that the session take place on-site immediately prior to the start of ground-disturbing activities.
  - 3. **Inadvertent Discovery.** In the event that archaeological resources are exposed during construction, work in the immediate vicinity of the find must stop until a qualified archaeologist can evaluate the significance of the find and make applicable recommendations to avoid significant impacts to archaeological resources. Construction activities may continue in other areas. If the discovery proves



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significant under CEQA, additional work such as testing or data recovery may be warranted.

- 4. **Procedure for Human Remains.** In accordance with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.5(e), in the event of the accidental discovery or recognition of any human remains during construction, the following steps shall be taken:
  - (1) There shall be no further excavation or disturbance of the site of the human remains or any nearby area reasonably suspected to overlie adjacent human remains until:
    - A. The Los Angeles County Coroner must be contacted to determine that no investigation of the cause of death is required, and
    - B. If the coroner determines the remains to be Native American:
      - 1. The coroner shall contact the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) within 24 hours.
      - 2. The NAHC shall identify the person or persons it believes to be the most likely descended from the deceased Native American.
      - 3. The most likely descendent (MLD) may make recommendations to the landowner or the person responsible for the excavation work, for means of treating or disposing of, with appropriate dignity, the human remains and any associated grave goods as provided in Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. The MLD shall complete its inspection and make recommendations or preferences for treatment within 48 hours of being granted access to the site, or
  - (2) Where the following conditions occur, LADWP or its authorized representative shall rebury the Native American human remains and associated grave goods with appropriate dignity in a location not subject to further subsurface disturbance.
    - A. The NAHC is unable to identify a MLD or the MLD failed to make a recommendation within 24 hours after being notified by the NAHC.
    - B. The MLD identified fails to make a recommendation; or
    - C. LADWP or its authorized representative rejects the recommendations of the MLD, and the mediation by the NAHC fails to provide measures acceptable to LADWP.
- 5. Written Report. A written report detailing monitoring activities and recommendations



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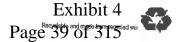


for further treatment of archaeological discoveries shall be provided to the City upon completion of the monitoring work. The report shall comply with the requirements and recommendations of the California Office of Historic Preservation. A draft copy shall be submitted to the City for review within 30 days of monitoring completion. A final report shall be submitted to the City in hard copy and electronic format (Adobe PDF acceptable) no later than one week after receipt of comments on the draft report from the City. A hard copy of the report shall also be submitted to the South Central Coastal Information Center within forty-five (45) days of final submittal to the City.

- III. FINDINGS: In keeping with the findings and recommendations set forth in the adopted staff report incorporated herein by reference, the City of Los Angeles finds that:
  - (a) The development is in conformity with Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act of 1976, and will not prejudice the ability of the City of Los Angeles to prepare a Local Coastal Program in conformity with said Chapter 3.
  - (b) The Interpretative Guidelines established by the Coastal Commission dated August 14, 1978 and any subsequent amendments thereto have been reviewed, analyzed, and considered in the light of the individual project in making this determination, and the decision of the permit granting authority has been guided by any applicable decision of the Coastal Commission.
  - (c) If the development is located between the nearest public road and the sea of shoreline of any body of water located within the Coastal Zone, the development is in conformity with the public access and public recreation policies of Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act.
  - (d) Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the LADWP found the project to be exempt from CEQA review and filed a Notice of Exemption on May 26, 2016.

Staff reviewed and considered the Notice of Exemption and determined there are no additional evaluations required by the California Environmental Quality Act in connection with the approval of this permit.

- IV. Pursuant to a public hearing held on November 9, 2016, a Notice of Decision on December 5, 2016, and following the expiration of the mandatory ten calendar day appeal period with one appeal having been filed, and denial of the appeal by the Board of Public Works Commissioners on March 8, 2017.
- V. This permit may not be assigned to another person except as provided in Section 13170, Coastal Commission Rules and Regulations.



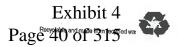
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- VI. This permit shall not become effective until the expiration of 20 working days after a <u>COPY</u> of this permit has been received by the State Coastal Commission, upon which copy all permittees or agent(s) authorized in the permit application have acknowledged that they have received a copy of the permit and have accepted its contents, unless a valid appeal is filed within that time. The acknowledgement should be returned within ten (10) working days following issuance of the permit but in any case prior to commencement of construction. If the acknowledgement has not been returned within the time for commencement of construction under Section 13156(g), the executive director shall not accept any application for the extension of the permit.
- VII. Work authorized by this permit must commence within <u>two</u> years from the effective date of this permit. Any extension of time of said commencement date must be applied for prior to expiration of the permit.
- VIII. Issued: <u>March 9, 2016</u> pursuant to local government authority as provided in Chapter 7 of the California Coastal Act of 1976.
- XIV. I, \_\_\_\_\_, permittee/agent, hereby acknowledge receipt of permit number 16-13 and have accepted its content.

Signature

Date



# **EXHIBIT II**

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City of Los Angeles APPEAL From Coastal Development Permit Action
CDP Application No.: <u>16-14</u> Council District: <u>11</u>
TYPE OF ACTION BEING APPEALED:       [X] Appeal from Permit Action         [] Appeal from Revocation of Permit
DATE OF ACTION BEING APPEALED: December 5, 2016
DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Temporary Pole Top Distribution Station (3-833 KVA Transformers) as Sunset Blvd. and Marquez Ave., Pacific Palisades, California. (W.O. UR4000725)
COMMUNITY PLAN: Brentwood-Pacific Palisades, West Los Angeles District.
Land Use Indicated: Public Utility Installation and Distribution Station

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DEVELOPMENT ADDRESS: 16970 West Sunset Blvd.

City, Zip: Pacific Palisades, CA 90272 Between: Sunset Blvd. and Marquez Ave.

APPLICANT'S NAME: Los Angeles Dept of Water and Power; Phone 800-342-5397 Address: P.O. Box 51111

City, Zip: Los Angeles, CA 90051-0100

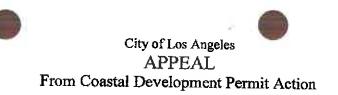
APPELLANT'S NAME: 16974 Sunset Blvd., LLC Phone: 310-458-5959

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#### I. GROUNDS FOR APPEAL

State fully the specific grounds for this appeal (state if your appeal is from the entire decision or determination, or from elements of the determination, such as some of the conditions imposed; state in detail those elements which you desire to appeal; submit facts and information in support of this appeal)\*:

See the attached

#### II. STATEMENT OF FACT

Give a complete statement of the facts upon which the appeal is based\*:

#### See the attached

#### III. SUMMARY OF ISSUES

Provide a concise summary of the substantial issues(s) raised by the appeal\*:

#### See the attached.

\*Note: Use attachments to continue if necessary. Clearly label the continuation as to which question it pertains.

#### **IV. REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS**

A. A list of all other persons known by the appellant to have an interest in the matter appealed. See the attached.

### V. INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING NOTICE OF APPEAL

- A. Notice in writing of the appeal of projects must be received by the **Bureau of Engineering**, 1149 S. **Broadway**, Suite 600, Los Angeles by 5:00 p.m. on or before the 10th calendar day following the decision being appealed. Such written notice may be either by: (a) delivery of this completed Notice of Appeal, or (b) by other communication *in writing*, such as a telegram, stating the name, address and telephone number of the applicant and appellant, the date and nature of the decision being appealed, the Coastal Development case number and identification of the proposed development.
- B. When the appellant utilizes-procedure 1(b) above, he or she must follow-up by transmitting a completed Notice of appeal within five calendar days of initial filing of the appeal.



City of Los Angeles APPEAL From Coastal Development Permit Action

## **APPELLANT'S SIGNATURE**

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Date: December 15, 2016





#### ATTACHEMENT TO APPEAL OF 16974 SUNSET LLC TO COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERM1T 16-14

December 15, 2016

#### Re: APPEAL FROM APPROVAL OF COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 16-14 Proposed installation by LADWP of Temporary Pole Top Distribution Station Sunset Blvd. at Marquez Ave.

City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering:

This attachment is submitted in furtherance of the appeal of 16974 Sunset Blvd, LLC ("Objecting Party") to the Notice of Decision dated December 5, 2016 (the "Decision") that approved Costal Development Permit Application Number 16-14 (the "Application") of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power ("LADWP") for a Temporary Pole Top Distribution Station ("PTDS") located near the intersection of Sunset Boulevard and Marquez Avenue in Pacific Palisades, California. The Decision is attached hereto as Exhibit "A." Objecting Party filed an Objection to the Application and appeared at the hearing on the Application on November 9, 2016 (the "Objection"). The Objection is attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and the Application is attached to the Objection as Exhibit "1" and both are and incorporated herein by this reference.

# I. AND II. GROUNDS FOR THE APPEAL AND FACTS SUPPORTING THE SAME.

The Objecting Party appeals from the entire decision set forth in the Decision. The Decision states that the project proposed under the Application, the PTDS, "is found to be in conformity with Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act." There is no support for this conclusion or finding and the Final Staff Report issued on December 5, 2016 (the "Staff Report"), lacks material support for its findings and conclusions and cannot be relied upon as basis to approve the Application or for the issuance of a permit for the PTDS. The Final Staff Report is attached hereto as Exhibit "C" and incorporated herein by this reference.

As summarized in Section III, below, there are substantial issues that warrant granting this appeal and reversing the Decision to approve the Application. The Decision should be reversed and the Application should be denied for the reasons set forth herein and/or modified as proposed herein including, but not limited to, to require compliance with the California Coastal





Act, California Resources Code §§ 30000, et seq. (the "Act"), the Los Angeles General Plan (the "General Plan") and the Brentwood-Pacific Palisades Community Plan (the "Community Plan") by situating the PTDS underground or installing a padmounted transformer and setting a deadline for the removal of the temporary power installation. On this point, the LADWP and the City both state that the PTDS is temporary yet the Staff Report and the Decision do not set forth a deadline as to when the temporary PTDS must be removed and do not define what "temporary" means. As a temporary installation, the conditions for approval of the PTDS must include a deadline for the removal of the same.

The project consists of two 61-foot high, 18.4-inch diameter poles, a platform measuring 26' x 7'5", three 8333-KVA transformers measuring 6'9" tall and 4'7" wide, cross arms, circuit breakers, switches, and a controller.

The Objecting Party is an "Aggrieved Person" under the Act.<sup>i</sup> A number of community members are also opposed to the PTDS. The Facebook Page for the Pacific Palisades Residence Association with a post opposed to the PTDS shows 900 likes, 48 shares and 6 comments; a Change.Org petition opposing the PTDS has 240 signatures; and the Save the Palisades Bluffs Facebook post shows 192 likes, 27 shares and 18 comments. The screenshots of the Facebook Posts and the Change.Org petition are collectively attached to the Objection, Exhibit "B" as Exhibit "4" thereto.

The Objecting Party has reviewed the Decision, Application and Staff Report and it is familiar with the site of the PTDS as it is adjacent to the residential development site located at 16974 West Sunset Boulevard, Pacific Palisades, California (the "Property").<sup>ii</sup> Since the PTDS and the Property are located within the coastal zone, as confirmed by the City's ZIMAS zoning information system, it is protected by the Act.<sup>iii</sup> Under § 30003 of the Act -Compliance by Public Agencies, both the City and the LADWP are required to comply with the Act:

> All public agencies and all federal agencies, to the extent possible under federal law or regulations or the United States Constitution, shall comply with the provisions of this division."

Thus the City, LADWP and the Bureau of Engineering (the "Bureau") are required to comply with all the provisions of the Act.<sup>iv</sup>





#### A. <u>THE DECISION TO APPROVE THE PERMIT APPLICATION DID</u> <u>NOT ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THE PUBLIC COMMENTS AND</u> <u>ISSUES RAISED AT THE HEARING ON THE APPLICATION AND</u> <u>THE OBJECTIONS TO THE SAME.</u>

1. <u>The PTDS is Already In Violation of the Act and Must Be</u> <u>Removed.</u>

Contrary to Section III., A., 1, of the Staff Report, the unpermitted work at the site for the PTDS violated the Act and is a substantial issue and grounds in and of itself to grant the appeal. Construction of the PTDS began on or about July 6, 2016 without a permit complying with the Act and with knowledge by LADWP that the work required a permit since it was a development as defined under the Act. Section 30106 of the Act – Development, defines 'Development' to mean "on land, in or under water, the placement or erection of any solid material or structure ..., including any facility of any private, public, or municipal utility;...

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As used in this section, "structure" includes, but is not limited to, any building, road, pipe, flume, conduit, siphon, aqueduct, telephone line, and <u>electrical</u> power transmission and distribution line." (emphasis added.)

Development includes, but is not limited to, the construction of any structure such as an electrical power transmission and distribution line.<sup>v</sup> The installation of a PTDS constitutes "development" as defined in the Act thus triggering the requirement of a coastal development permit *prior* to the commencement of any development or installation of any PTDS structures.

Prior to having a coastal development permit issued (or any kind of permit), LADWP vehicles trespassed onto the Property and Objecting Party's representatives demanded that the LADWP personnel leave the Property immediately, which the LADWP refused. Thereafter, a significant portion of the installation of the PTDS continued without a permit in violation of the Act and only now, after-the-fact, did the LADWP attempt to comply with the Act by filing the Application. In a shocking admission as to how improper the LADWP's conduct was, Section V1, 1. - Standard Conditions of Approval of the Staff Report, states that the "development <u>shall not commence</u> until a copy of the permit is signed."<sup>vi</sup> (emphasis added.) Moreover, the Staff Report requires at Section V1, 6. - Standard Conditions of Approval, that before construction the LADWP, "[o]btain a permit from the State Coastal Commission.<sup>vii</sup> Yet, the LADWP commenced construction of the PTDS without a permit from either the City or the Coastal Commission, in violation of its own staff report and the Act.

The work performed by LADWP, including the actual installation of three (3) 61' metal poles for the PTDS and a fourth pole of about 30', was done in an effort to "ram" the project through in violation of the Act. The LADWP is





forcing the PTDS on the Community as a "done-deal", a fate-acompli', which the LADWP insists the Community must accept without question because money has already been spent and construction started. This approach by the LADWP is heavy handed, improper, a violation of the Act and the General and Community Plans and a complete trampling of the community's and property owners' rights to have a say in "development" within the Coastal Zone. The LADWP is trying to "boot-strap" itself into approval of the Application by violating the law and starting the work and spending rate payer and tax payer money without a valid permit from the City or the Coastal Commission. Had LADWP actually followed the correct process (which they have admitted they did not because they are now seeking a coastal permit that they should have applied for in the first place), the public would have been given a real opportunity to give meaningful input and potentially change the location or an alternative at grade pad-mounted or underground development solution could have been pursued. If a private citizen had proceeded to construct 61' structures in the Coastal Zone without a coastal development permit such construction would be red tagged and ordered to be removed. The LADWP is subject to the same provisions of the Act. This "act first and seek permission later" approach of the LADWP is reason enough to grant this appeal and deny the Application and order removal of the PTDS.

Pursuant to Section 30600 of the Act - Coastal Development Permit; Procedures Prior to Certification of Local Coastal Program:

> Except as provided in subdivision (e), and in addition to obtaining any other permit required by law from any local government or from any state, regional, or local agency, any person, as defined in Section 21066, wishing to perform or undertake any development in the coastal zone, other than a facility subject to Section 25500, shall obtain a coastal development permit."

The Property and the site of the PTDS "is located within the California Coastal Zone and is considered 'single coastal jurisdiction' (i.e. the Coastal Zone of the City of Los Angeles alone)", as defined by the Act, and the draft staff report confirms the same.<sup>viii</sup> The City and the LADWP were required prior to construction of the PTDS to comply with the § 30600 of the Act.<sup>ix</sup> This failure is a substantial issue and grounds in and of itself to grant the appeal and deny the Application.

#### 2. The PTDS Violates the Act Due to Visual Blight and Safety.

Contrary to Section III., A., 3, of the Staff Report, the PTDS violates the Act and this is a substantial issue warranting the granting of this appeal. Pacific Palisades is a small scenic community where development proposals should be considered very carefully. The Property and the proposed site for the





PTDS are located in a very sensitive area off Sunset Boulevard which is designated as a scenic highway by the City of Los Angeles.<sup>\*</sup> The installation of the PTDS will create a visual blight, contrary to the claims in the Staff Report. The poles are in excess of 60,' and are effectively an industrial development negatively impacting the views along Sunset Boulevard and the properties that face along Sunset Boulevard as well as the Property. The poles are out of place and are wholly incompatible with the surrounding residential development. Pictures showing the negative impact of the poles that have been installed at the site of the PTDS are attached to the Objection, Exhibit "B", as Exhibit "5" thereto. It must be further noted that the currently installed poles do not yet include one of the most aesthetically impactful parts of the installation - the suspended transformers. The transformers are extremely incompatible, as they are not similar in any way to a typical wooden power pole. Scenic features include views of the estates, which are negatively impacted by the PTDS. Section 30251 of the Act - Scenic and Visual Qualities of the Coastal Act, provides:

> "The scenic and visual qualities of coastal areas shall be considered and protected as a resource of public importance. Permitted development shall be sited and designed to protect views to and along the ocean and scenic coastal areas, to minimize the alteration of natural land forms, to be visually compatible with the character of surrounding areas, and, where feasible, to restore and enhance visual quality in visually degraded areas. New development in highly scenic areas such as those designated in the California Coastline Preservation and Recreation Plan prepared by the Department of Parks and Recreation and by local government shall be subordinate to the character of its setting." xi (emphasis added.)

Thus, the scenic and visual qualities of coastal areas are to be considered and protected as a resource of public importance. Permitted development, including development like the PTDS, shall be sited and designed to protect views along the scenic coastal areas. In order to implement this, both the Community Plan and the General Plan require that electrical and utility installations be installed underground. Sunset Boulevard is heavily traveled by many tourists and there are a number of residences that face Sunset Boulevard that will have their residential views marred and interfered with by the PTDS. Moreover, the painting of the PTDS as discussed in the Staff Report will do absolutely nothing to mitigate the negative impact of the three (3) 61' poles and three (3) transformers of 6.9' x 4.5' suspended about 30' in the air.<sup>xii</sup> The proposal that paint could somehow mitigate the negative impact of the PTDS is simply not credible giving the visual evidence of the pictures attached as Exhibit "5" to Exhibit "B." The significant, negative visual impact is a substantial issue warranting the granting of this appeal.



The Staff Report did not even address the issue that safety is also a major concern since Sunset Boulevard is a major thoroughfare with a 35 mile per hour speed limit and with an extremely large number of curves. The incident in Arleta, California on February 18, 2016, where a driver was killed when he crashed into a PTDS and the transforms fell on his vehicle, is a real possibility for the present location of the PTDS given the traffic count and volume on Sunset Boulevard and that fact that the PTDS is being situated in the public right of way less than ten feet from the road. The PTDS is unmonitored and contains oil which could leak onto the sidewalk or street. Finally, other areas in the Palisades Community have objected to the PTDS on the basis of concerns about the impact of electromagnetic radiation or fields ("EMF") created by the transforms and all of those same concerns apply to the site selected for the PTDS as the Property will be developed into single family homes and there currently is an apartment building with children and families located adjacent to the PTDS site. On this issue, both an underground or at grade installation would reduce the impact of any EMF concerns as recognized in the 2002 report for the IEEE Rural Electrical Power Conference in Colorado Spring, May 2002 attached as Exhibit "6" to the Objection, Exhibit "B" (entirely pad mounted installations of distribution stations have less EMF issues than pole mounted installations). These are substantial issues with the Staff Report completely neglects to address.

Since permitted development must be sited and designed to protect views to and along scenic coastal areas, the PTDS should be visually compatible with the character of surrounding areas and should be installed in another location or underground (as required by the General and Community Plans). Moreover, safety concerns have not been addressed by the LADWP or by the Staff Report and the PTDS as proposed is a hazard to the community. The appeal should be granted and the permit for the Application denied and the PTDS relocated or in the alternative constructed underground or padmounted and appropriately landscaped in order to mitigate its negative, industrial visual blight and to reduce the potential hazardous impacts of the PTDS. These are substantial issues that warrant granting the appeal and reversal of the Decision.

# 3. <u>The PTDS Violates the Los Angeles General Plan and the</u> <u>Brentwood-Pacific Palisades General Community Plan.</u>

Contrary to Section III., A., 4, the PTDS violates the General and the Community Plans and this is a substantial issue that requires granting the appeal and reversing the Decision. The General Plan states: "To the maximum extent feasible, all new or relocated electric . . . utility distribution facilities within five hundred feet of the center line of a Scenic Highway shall be placed underground." <sup>xiii</sup> (emphasis added.) Since the PTDS is within 500 feet of the centerline of a Scenic Highway, Sunset Boulevard, the General Plan for the City requires that the project be built underground. Although the LADWP has stated that locating the distribution station underground is not an option due to the





size, complexity, and risk of water intrusion, as set forth below, the electrical construction consultants of the Objecting Party have indicated that a distribution station can be safely built underground (or at grade and pad mounted).

LADWP has not adequately explored the feasibility of an underground solution and it cannot violate the General and Community Plans which require that any new distribution station within five hundred feet of the center line of Sunset Boulevard be built underground or that all new electrical distribution stations be built underground in the Brentwood-Pacific Palisades area. There are no reports or analysis, cost estimates or feasibility analysis to support LADWP's position. Instead, there are simply conclusory statements which show that the LADWP and the Staff Report never even really considered the underground alternative and did not price the same. LADWP must be required to prove, without a shadow of a doubt, that undergrounding is unequivocally infeasible in order to even consider a PTDS along the Scenic Highway, but this has simply not been completed or shared with the public. The appeal should be granted because the LADWP and the Staff Report are devoid of any evidence that these alternatives were analyzed "to the maximum extent feasible" as required by the General Plan and this is a substantial issue warranting reversal of the Decision.

Another substantial issue warranting the granting of the appeal is that the PTDS development violates the Community Plan at Page IV-3 which provides, "UTILITIES 1. Install utilities underground through assessment districts or other funding, when feasible."<sup>xiv</sup>

LADWP and the Staff Report claim that the PTDS cannot be situated underground or padmounted but the Objecting Party has engaged a consultant, Integrated Environmental Technologies and they have prepared a schematic for an alternative padmounted solution with pricing and performance specifications similar to the equipment to be installed at the PTDS and the cost for the equipment is only about \$39,000.00. The schematic for the padmounted distribution station, the invoices and the summary report of the consultants is attached as Exhibit "7" to the Objection, Exhibit "B" hereto. The consultants have indicated that an underground or padmounted distribution station is completely feasible but that the LADWP has not, in the Application meaningfully analyzed or considered the same, nor does the Staff Report. Also the consultants estimate that the labor cost for a padmounted solution is approximately \$100,000.00 (without taking into account the LADWP's mandated labor policies which could increase the price). Thus, in accordance with the requirements of the General Plan there is a feasible method to install the substation underground or at a minimum as a padmounted distribution station which would address many of the concerns of the Community. The Staff Report contains no evidence as to what the LADWP thinks a padmounted or underground solution will cost and this creates a substantial issue warranting the granting of the appeal as to whether the LADWP "to the maximum extent feasible" analyzed the underground or pad mounted alternatives. In addition,





the alleged water intrusion issues cited by the LADWP can be addressed with a double wall structure as described and built in Zurich, Switzerland and discussed in the materials provided by Poyray-Electrical Works of Zurich Oerlikon Substation per the report attached as Exhibit "8" to the Objection, Exhibit "B" hereto. The LADWP has not even explained why they believe that there are groundwater or water intrusion issues at the site and the Staff Report contains no cvidence or analysis with respect to the same. Frankly, the proposed site is over 100' above sea level and there is no evidence or support for any finding in the Application of Staff Report that there is, in fact, a groundwater or water intrusion condition at the site. Again the statements in the Application and Staff Report as to water issue are conclusory and speculation without any type of analysis and certainly do not meet the "maximum extent feasible" requirement under the General Plan to site electrical distribution stations Thus, there is a substantial issue that the LADWP has not underground. followed the Community Plan and the General Plan to install the distribution station underground or even conducted the required "to the maximum extent feasible" analysis and this warrants granting the appeal and reversing the Decision for failure to comply with the Community and General Plans.

The PTDS development violates Pages 1-2 and 3 of the Community Plan<sup>xv</sup> which provides the following residential issues:

• Need to protect environmentally sensitive areas, scenic views and scenic corridors.

• Need to improve the visual environment through the development of appropriate design criteria and controls."<sup>xvi</sup>

The need to protect environmentally sensitive areas and scenic corridors has been violated by the PTDS since it creates a visual blight and is, effectively, an industrial development in a residential area. Also the need to improve the visual environment through the development of appropriate design criteria and controls has been violated since the appropriate design criteria is an underground installation of the PTDS as dictated by the Community and General Plans. The Staff Report contains no findings and contains no evidence that would refute the conclusion that the PTDS interferes with scenic corridors.

The PTDS development violates the Plan at Page 111-7 which provides:

"1-6.6 The scenic value of natural land forms should be preserved, enhanced and restored. Wherever feasible, development should be integrated with and be visually subordinate to natural features and terrain. Structures should be located to minimize intrusion into scenic open spaces by being clustered near other natural and manmade features such as tree masses, rock outcrops and existing structures.





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Program: Condition new development to protect views from public roadways and parklands."<sup>xvii</sup>

The PTDS development violates the condition that new developments protect views from public roadways, since the PTDS is located adjacent to Sunset Boulevard and does not protect the views from a public roadway and creates a negative visual impairment of the scenic views of the residential coastal neighborhood surrounding Sunset Boulevard. Therefore, since installation of the distribution station can be constructed underground as described above, the PTDS violates the General and Community and Plans and the Act that require that development be integrated with and be visually subordinate to natural features and terrain. The Staff Report contains to findings and contains no evidence that would refute the conclusion that the PTDS does not protect the views.

Development of the PTDS also violates sections of the Community Plan on Pages III-15 and 16 which provides:

> "COASTAL RESOURCES Development in the Coastal Zone is subject to the provisions of the California Coastal Act. As of 1997, the City had not prepared a local coastal plan (LUP/LCP) for the Pacific Palisades Coastal areas."

Since the Community Plan incorporates the provisions of the Act, all violations under the Act are also violations of the Community Plan. As described above, the LADWP began development of the PTDS without obtaining a development permit as required by the Act. Thus, LADWP also violated this section of the Community Plan and the Staff Report does not address this issue. On this basis there is a substantial issue and the appeal should be granted.

Goal 5 of the Community Plan entitled "PRESERVATION OF THE SCENIC AND VISUAL QUALITY OF COASTAL AREAS," provides for the following objectives, policies, and programs which have been violated by the PTDS development:

> "Objective 5-1 To govern the manner in which the City of Los Angeles implements the California Coastal Act of 1976, as well as the establishment of land uses and their subsequent development.

> Policies 5-1.1 The location and amount of new development should maintain and enhance public access to the coast.



development.



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> Program: Permitted development shall be designed to protect views to the ocean and scenic coastal areas, to minimize the alteration of natural land forms, to be visually compatible with the character of surrounding areas, and where feasible, to restore and enhance visual quality in the visually degraded areas. Program: Coastal Development Permits are required for new development which establish conditions for new

The PTDS development violates the objective of the Community Plan of implementing the provisions and requirements of the Act since, as described above, the LADWP began development of the PTDS without obtaining a development permit as required by the Act. The PTDS development also violates the objective of the Community Plan regarding protecting scenic coastal areas by building the distribution station above ground on 61' poles creating visual blight and placing an industrial development in a residential area. The PTDS development further violates the objective of the Community Plan by not being visually compatible with the character of surrounding areas by building the PTDS above ground on poles creating negative visual impacts and interfering with scenic coastal areas instead of constructing the distribution station underground. The PTDS as approved also violates the objective of the Community Plan by not obtaining a coastal development permit for a public works projects and by not analyzing or setting forth any findings that the PTDS is consistent with the Community Plan.

The Staff Report claims without any basis in fact whatsoever that "[t]he majority of the project is underground, as stated at the public hearing, and will be screened to reduce visibility." This statement/finding is neither supported by anything in the record nor by reality. The PTDS is not underground, it's very name "Pole Top" denotes that it is above ground. A simple review of the pictures of the PTDS installation attached as Exhibit "5" to the Objection, Exhibit "B" hereto, confirms that the whole PTDS is above ground (there may be some concrete footing for the poles and unground conduits or wires but the actual transformers are above ground on poles. The PTDS consists of three 61' metal poles, a 30' metal pole, a large metal rack that is 26' x 7'5" and three very large and bulky transformers that are 6'9" x 4'7"). Thus, the actual transformers and poles that hold the items that create the most visual blight are all above ground and visible from Sunset Blvd and the surrounding land owners. Moreover, as to screening, all the LADWP proposes to do is to paint the poles for "screening." Painting is not screening and no amount of paint can minimize the visual effects of the PTDS.

Since the LADWP failed to follow several sections and requirements of the Community and General Plans and the Staff Report contains no evidence to support its findings on these matters, this creates a substantial issue that





warrants the reversal of the Decision approving the Application and the LAWDP should be ordered to comply with the General Plan and the Community Plan.

# 4. <u>The LAWP has Not Complied with CEQA and Compliance is a</u> <u>Requirement of a Permit for the PTDS.</u>

Contrary to Section III., A., 5, of the Staff Report, the PTDS violates the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA")<sup>xviii</sup> which is a statewide policy of environmental protection. CEQA does not directly regulate land uses, but instead requires state and local agencies within California to follow a protocol of analysis and public disclosure of environmental impacts of proposed projects and adopt all feasible measures to mitigate those impacts. CEQA makes environmental protection a mandatory part of every California state and local agency's decision-making process. The Staff Report without any analysis or without commenting upon the analysis offered by the Objecting Party claims that the Application complies with CEQA. This is not true and there is no evidence to support this finding and this creates a substantial issue warranting reversal of the Decision.

A notice of exemption ("NOE"), attached as Exhibit "9" to the Objection, Exhibit "B" hereto, was filed by LADWP on May 25, 2016. The exemption was based upon two grounds: 1) as an electrical and other utility extension, and 2) as an emergency project. The first ground cited is that the project is subject to a Class 3 categorical exemption for "electrical . . . and other utility extensions". <sup>xix</sup> However, a PTDS is plainly not an electrical or utility "extension," but rather a new facility and therefore not exempt. The second ground cited is that the project qualifies for a statutory exemption as an emergency project. There has been no evidence that would suggest that placing a PTDS adjacent to the Property was necessary to prevent or mitigate an "emergency."

"Emergency," as defined by CEQA, means a "sudden, unexpected occurrence, involving a clear and imminent danger, demanding immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss of, or damage to, life, health, property, or essential public services. 'Emergency' includes such occurrences as fire, flood, earthquake, or other soil or geologic movements, as well as such occurrences as riot, accident, or sabotage."<sup>xx</sup> Under case law, the definition of an emergency is limited to an occurrence and not a condition, meaning that the occurrence must involve a clear and imminent danger, demanding immediate action.<sup>xxi</sup> The decision to place the PTDS in front of the Property was the result of years-long, prolonged process in response to consistent outages in the Pacific Palisades. In fact, in 2012, LADWP first considered constructing a power distribution station on its property near Marquez Charter School, on Marquez Avenue. The decision to place the PTDS adjacent to the Property was not an action taken in response to a sudden or unexpected occurrence necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency power outage in the Pacific Palisades but, rather, was a decision reached over an extended period of time in response to a known condition. The Staff Report does not even address or comment on these issues whatsoever and





the failure of the Staff Report to address these issues as the impropriety of the NOE and its invalidity creates a substantial issue that warrants the reversal of the Decision.

The NOE is invalid because the LADWP was required to comply with all CEQA procedures in order to, among other things, identify the significant environmental impacts of the PTDS on the community, and to avoid or mitigate those impacts. As such the appeal should be granted due to the failure of the LADWP to comply with CEQA and failure of the Staff Report to address or analyze the invalidity of the NOE.

# 5. <u>The City and its Departments and Divisions Have a Conflict of</u> <u>Interest in Ruling on the Application or this Appeal.</u>

Contrary to Section 111., A., 2, of the Staff Report, the unpermitted work at the site for the PTDS creates a conflict of interest for the City, the LADWP and the Bureau and is a substantial issue warranting granting of the appeal. The LADWP claims it has already spent \$250,000.00 (for which there is no back up or support) on installing the PTDS. However, the City (of which the LADWP is a division/agency) and the Bureau are not only filed the Application seeking the permit but at the same time conducted the hearing on the Application and decided to approve the permit and are now conducting the appeal of the Decision to issue the permit. As such, the City has a conflict of interest and was highly motivated to approve the Application despite it violating the Act, the General Plan, the Community Plan and CEQA. If the City does not approve the Application, then one of its agencies - the LADWP - could be accused of misuse of public rate payer funds because the LADWP commenced work on the PTDS without first obtaining a permit from the City and a coastal development permit from the Coastal Commission. This issue could cloud the City's and this Bureau's judgment and raises the specter of the City having a conflict of interest in hearing and ruling on the Application and this appeal or, at a minimum, gives the appearance of a conflict of interest. Under these circumstances, the Bureau should grant the appeal reverse the approval of the Application and deny the permit outright.

The Coastal Act Section 30811 - Restoration Order; Violations, provides:

"In addition to any other authority to order restoration, the commission. local a government that is implementing a certified local coastal program, or a port governing body that is implementing a certified port master plan may, after a public hearing, order restoration of a site if it finds that the development has occurred without a coastal development permit from the commission, local government, or port governing body, the development is inconsistent with this division, and development is causing continuing resource the





> damage."<sup>xxii</sup> The Coastal Act empowers local governments to address permit violations by issuing an order of restoration of a site if it finds that the development has occurred without a coastal development permit.

Since the LADWP failed to follow the law to which the public is required to adhere, and brazenly moved forward with the development of the PTDS without a permit from the City and a permit from the Coastal Commission, the appeal should be granted and the approval of the permit Application should be reversed and the LADWP should be required to remove the current illegally installed PTDS and restore the Property to its original condition until the permit process is exhausted, and until (if and when) final permits are issued to the LADWP for the legal installation of the PTDS.

# 6. The LADWP Has Violated Due Process.

Contrary to Section III., A., 6, of the Staff Report, the LADWP violated the Act and state and federal constitutional due process by failing to give sufficient notice and by failing to make materials and accurate information related to the Application available to the public in a timely manner and by holding the hearing on the minimum notice after the LADWP had already constructed a significant portion of the PTDS without the proper permit. Pursuant to Section 30320 of the Act - Findings and Declarations:

> "(a) The people of California find and declare that the duties, responsibilities, and quasi-judicial actions of the commission are sensitive and extremely important for the well-being of current and future generations and that the public interest and principles of fundamental fairness and due process of law require that the commission conduct its affairs in an open, objective, and impartial manner free of undue influence and the abuse of power and authority. It is further found that, to be effective, California's coastal protection program requires public awareness, understanding, support, participation, and confidence in the commission and its practices and procedures. Accordingly, this article is necessary to preserve the public's welfare and the integrity of, and to maintain the public's trust in, the commission and the implementation of this division. (b) The people of California further find that in a democracy, due process, fairness, and the responsible exercise of authority are all essential elements of good government which require that the public's business be conducted in public meetings, with limited exceptions for sensitive personnel matters and litigation, and on





> the official record. Reasonable restrictions are necessary and proper to prevent future abuses and misuse of governmental power so long as all members of the public are given adequate opportunities to present their views and opinions to the commission through written or oral communications on the official record either before or during the public hearing on any matter before the commission.<sup>37Xiii</sup>

The Act imposes duties, responsibilities, and quasi-judicial actions on local governments issuing development permits. These responsibilities are sensitive and extremely important for the well-being of current and future generations. The public interest and principles of fundamental fairness and due process of law under the state and federal constitutions require that the City and the LADWP conduct their affairs in an objective and impartial manner free of undue influence and in accordance with the law. Therefore, the Act states that to be effective, California's coastal protection program requires public understanding, support, participation, and confidence in the commission and its practices and procedures.

In this case, the draft staff report was only available one week before the public hearing and did not provide the public with sufficient time to read, review and prepare comments to the draft staff report. Due process and principles of fundamental fairness require that the public be provided with sufficient information and with sufficient time to properly evaluate the effects of a development permit application. There is a substantial issue warranting reversal of the Decision related to the draft staff report not being available until after the hearing was noticed.

Further, some of the information in the staff report directly conflicted with the Application causing confusion and does not provide the public with sufficient information to fully understand the Application, consider alternatives, or provide adequate informed opinions at the public hearing. For example, the Staff Report states that the "project cost is approximately \$930,000.00"<sup>XXIV</sup> while the Application states that the "estimated cost of development is \$276,000.00"<sup>XXIV</sup> The difference of over \$650,000 does not allow the public to evaluate the development or its alternatives properly. There is no basis or explanation in the Staff Report as to how the \$930,000.00 figure was calculated or what it is based on and this lack of support for this finding creates a substantial issue as to the actual budget and cost of the PTDS and warrants reversal of the Decision and granting of this Appeal.

In fact, if the project budget is indeed \$930,000.00, then the distribution facility could certainly have been placed underground or pad mounted. Failing to provide sufficient accurate information regarding such a significant factor concerning the development fails to allow participation, and destroys any confidence in the practices and due process procedures of the permit process in





which the City engaged in issuing the Decision. In addition, the public is unable to adequately present alternatives or respond to the LADWP's claims that an underground or padmounted facility is too expensive without actually knowing what the DWP is actually spending for the PTDS. The fact that there is no basis or explanation in the Staff Report as to how the \$930,000.00 figure was calculated, this unsupported finding creates a substantial issue as to the actual budget and cost of the PTDS and whether the public was provided accurate information and is a violation of due process and warrants reversal of the Decision and granting of this Appeal.

Another example of information in the Staff Report directly conflicting with the Application and causing confusion is the misleading statement in the Application that the applicant "proposes to install" the PTDS and the failure of the Application to disclose that the LADWP already started with the development and completed a significant portion of the above ground construction of the PTDS. While the Staff Report discloses the fact that the LADWP has already "installed" a PTDS, the Application states that the applicant "proposes to install" the PTDS. These two statements are confusing, and if the Application is read alone, it is misleading regarding a material fact as to the status of the development of the PTDS. To complicate matters further, the staff report contradicts itself internally by saying, in Section V1 - Standard conditions of approval, that the "development shall not commence until a copy of the permit is signed"<sup>xxvi</sup> but the report previously states that the LADWP has already "installed" the PTDS. xxvii These inconsistencies make the materials provided impossible to reconcile and create a substantial issue as whether the Application or the Staff Report contains the correct information and the public cannot meaningfully respond to the Application without having accurate information such that the City proceeding with the Application in light of these inconsistencies was a denial of due process which is a substantial issue warranting the reversal of the Decision.

Additional contradictory and faulty information is contained in the Application related to the actual location of the PTDS. Attachment A to the Application, the Assessor's Parcel Map (Exhibit "1" to the Objection, Exhibit "B" hereto), shows the PTDS being installed at the corner of Marquez Ave. and Sunset Blvd. In addition, Attachment D to the Application, Map Showing Single Jurisdiction Boundary (Exhibit "1" to the Objection, Exhibit "B" hereto), and shows the PTDS being installed at the corner of Marquez Ave. and Sunset Blvd. However, the actual installation of the PTDS was not on the corner of Marquez Ave. and Sunset Blvd. and the pictures attached as Exhibit "5" to the Objection, Exhibit "B" hereto, clearly show that the PTDS was installed in the middle of the Parcel Map(Attachment A to the Application), towards the South East corner such that Attachment A and D to the Application are misleading and, in fact, present a misrepresentation as to where the PTDS was actually constructed. Moreover, this means that the Application itself is misleading because it claims that the PTDS is in the single jurisdiction district for the Act and this is untrue and incorrect. The location of the actual installation of the PTDS is in the area





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on Attachment D that is shown to be in the dual jurisdiction under the Act. This misleading information and the failure of the LADWP to accurate depict where it had already installed the PTDS and the failure of the Staff Report to address this issue at all is a substantial issue that warrants the granting of the appeal and the reversal of the Decision.

Finally, the PTDS development is described in both the Application and the draft staff report as being "temporary." \*\*\*\*\*\*\* But no definition or explanation is provided as to how long the LADWP considers "temporary" to mean. The duration of the proposed "temporary" PTDS development is a significant fact that has been omitted from both the Application and the Staff Report. Although the LADWP may claim that the exact date that the PTDS will be removed cannot be determined at this time, at a minimum an outside date should have been required for approval of the Application in order to provide LADWP an incentive to complete the permanent distribution station, and in order to provide the public a better understanding as to how long the PTDS development will interfere with their properties and when the other negative impacts to the community will terminate. The omission from the Staff Report of any explanation as to what the word "temporary" means in the context of the PTDS and the lack of any deadline for the expiration of the permit create substantial issues as to the violation of due process such that the Decision should be reversed and the appeal granted. At a minimum an outside date for the removal of the PTDS or the expiration of the permit should be imposed and it should be for no longer than four (4) years after the issuance of final permit.

# 7. <u>The LADWP Has Not Adequately Investigated The Site and</u> <u>Minimized Adverse Impacts.</u>

The Staff Report did not even address in Section 111 the Public Comment that the LADWP has done no analysis or testing to determine if the PTDS development will cause erosion or instability or if it would require structures that alter the land forms or otherwise negatively impacts the surrounding properties.<sup>1</sup> This Public Comment was included in the Objection filed by the Objecting Party and the Staff Report's failure to address the same creates a substantial issue warranting reversal of the Decision.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The installation of the PTDS in this particular location may have negative impact on the planned development of the Property. The present intention is to develop the Property into three single-family homes. The current planned location of the PTDS interferes with access to the Property from Sunset Boulevard and could impact the Property, a fact that will result in a taking of the Property for public use without just compensation, which is illegal. Due to the short period in which to object and the claimed emergency nature of the PTDS, the Objecting Party has not been able to fully investigate this issue and reserves its rights in all regard as to whether the PTDS is a taking and whether it is an inverse condemnation and the damages flowing therefrom.





Since the development of the PTDS commenced without CEQA evaluation or a coastal development permit, the construction of the 61' poles without a valid development permit violates the Act and nowhere in the Application of the Staff Report does it show that any reports or investigations were undertaken to determine if the PTDS development will cause erosion or instability or if it would require structures that alter the land forms or otherwise negatively impacts the surrounding properties.

Pursuant to Section 30253 of the Act - Minimization of Adverse Impacts:

"New development shall do all of the following: (a) Minimize risks to life and property in areas of high geologic, flood, and fire hazard. (b) Assure stability and structural integrity, and neither create nor contribute significantly to erosion, geologic instability, or destruction of the site or surrounding area or in any way requires the construction of protective devices that would substantially alter natural landforms along bluffs and cliffs."<sup>xxix</sup>

The Act requires all of the following findings, none of which appear in the Application or the Staff Report or if they do there is no evidentiary support for the same: assurance of stability and structural integrity, such that the development will neither create nor contribute significantly to erosion, geologic instability, or destruction of the site or surrounding area or in any way require the construction of protective devices that would substantially alter natural landforms.

LADWP has not addressed the adverse impact of the PTDS development since it failed even to consider these issues by proceeding under the invalid NOE and without a coastal development permit and there is a substantial issue that there is no evidence to support any finding that the PTDS will neither create nor contribute significantly to erosion, geologic instability, or destruction of the site or surrounding area or in any way require the construction of protective devices that would substantially alter natural landforms. As such, the appeal should be granted and the Decision should be reversed.

# 8. The LADWP Has Failed to Adequately Analyze Alternatives.

The Staff Report did not even address in Section 111 the Public Comment that the LAWDP did not adequately analyze alternatives and this creates a substantial issue warranting reversal of the Decision. The original proposed location for the PTDS was on land owned by the LADWP near an elementary school on Marquez Avenue.<sup>XXX</sup> The elementary school location was considered by LADWP up until May 1, 2016.<sup>XXXi</sup> Thereafter, an alternative was identified at 1700 Sunset, the Gabay property, and another alternative was identified at the current site adjacent to the Property, referred to as the old Bernheimer Gardens.





In the Palisades News as recently as May 20, 2016, attached as Exhibit "10" to the Objection, Exhibit "B" hereto, the Property was still listed as the fourth alternative identified by the task force.<sup>xxxii</sup> Pursuant to Section 30250 of the Act - Location; Existing Developed Area:

"(a) New residential, commercial, or industrial development, except as otherwise provided in this division, shall be located within, contiguous with, or in close proximity to, existing developed areas able to accommodate it or, where such areas are not able to accommodate it, in other areas with adequate public services and where it will not have significant adverse effects, either individually or cumulatively, on coastal resources. In addition, land divisions, other than leases for agricultural uses, outside existing developed areas shall be permitted only where 50 percent of the usable parcels in the area have been developed and the created parcels would be no smaller than the average size of surrounding parcels. (b) Where feasible, new hazardons industrial development shall be located away from existing developed areas." xxxiii

Thus, the Act requires that new industrial development, which the PTDS is, shall be located where it will not have significant adverse effects, either individually or cumulatively, on coastal resources. Also where feasible, new hazardous industrial development shall be located away from existing developed areas. Therefore, relocating the PTDS to another alternative location was required by the Act and the LADWP and the Staff Report fail to adequately address this creating a substantial issue warranting reversal of the Decision.

The Community Plan and the General Plan require that electrical distribution developments on Sunset Boulevard be built underground and the Staff Report as a condition should have required the LADWP to resubmit an application providing for an underground distribution station or provide all of the information showing that the LADWP analyzed the same to the "maximum extent feasible."

Moreover, the 1EEE Report indicates that a padmounted at grade distribution substation can be constructed for approximately \$350,000.00 (See, Section II. BENEF1TS 10 Cost), IEEE Report, Exhibit "6."<sup>xoxiv</sup>

Another alternative that the LADWP and the Staff Report did not consider was that the distribution station be constructed slab on grade. This alternative, while not addressing all community concerns, is more cost effective and partially addresses the visual blight concern. Consultants retained by the Objecting Party have prepared the summary report and the schematic for a grade level padmounted distribution station as described and set forth in Exhibit "7"





to the Objection, Exhibit "B" hereto. In addition, as set forth in the IEEE Report, as compared to pole mounted distribution stations, padmounted substations can now be built smaller with reduced cost, easier construction, greater flexibility, and improved safety and aesthetics. The IEEE Report also states that the padmounted substations are pleasing to the eye, making them a better fit in residential areas, highly scenic areas, coastal comminutes due to sea salt and moisture damage, and environmentally sensitive areas. The at grade construction of the distribution station could be landscaped to address the physical screening requirement of the General Plan and the Community Plan.<sup>30000</sup> None of these alternatives were addressed in the Application or the Staff Report and they were raised by the Objecting Party in the Objection and the failure of the LADWP and the Staff Report to consider the same and analyze the same to the "maximum extent feasible," as required by the General Plan, is a substantial issue on appeal and warrants reversal of the Decision.

# B. <u>THE FINDINGS IN SECTION III OF THE STAFF REPORT ARE NOT</u> <u>SUPPORTED BY THE RECORD OR BY THE APPLICATION.</u>

The following is an analysis of the findings in Section III of the Staff Report and explains why there is no support for the same such that each finding lacking evidentiary support in the record warrants reversal of the Decision. Based on the following analysis, the appeal should be granted and the Decision reversed.

- 1. <u>The Development is in Conformity with Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act of</u> <u>1976 (commencing with Section 30200 of the California Public Resources Code).</u>
  - a. The Finding That There Are No Negative Visual Impacts By The PTDS Or That They Can Be Screened By Paint Is Not Supported by Record (Staff Report P. 5).

As made clear in the Section II.A.I-8, above, related to the adverse impact and visual appearance of the PTDS, it's certainly does not comply with the Act and the Applicant has made no serious efforts to mitigate its negative impacts. Any findings in the Staff Report that the PTDS complies with the Act are not based on substantial evidence or anything contained in the Application or set forth at the hearing on this matter.

Section 30251 of the Act - Scenic and Visual Qualities of the Coastal Act, provides:

"The scenic and visual qualities of coastal areas shall be considered and protected as a resource of public importance. Permitted development shall be sited and designed to protect views to and along the ocean and scenic coastal areas, to minimize the alteration of natural land forms, to be visually compatible with the





> character of surrounding areas, and, where feasible, to restore and enhance visual quality in visually degraded areas. New development in highly scenic areas such as those designated in the California Coastline Preservation and Recreation Plan prepared by the Department of Parks and Recreation and by local government shall be subordinate to the character of its setting." <sup>xoxvi</sup> (emphasis added.)

The PTDS is in essence an industrial facility and the Property and area in which it is proposed to be installed is a residential area. The Act requires the PTDS "to be visually compatible with the character of surrounding areas," A review of the pictures attached as Exhibit "5" to the Objection, Exhibit "B: hereto, makes it clear that the PTDS is not compatible with the character of the surrounding area and is, in fact, an installation which looks completely out of place in this residential neighborhood.

The LADWP in the Application at page 2 indicates that there are 34 - PTDS throughout the City. However, LADWP has not referenced a single location where a PTDS has been installed in a Coastal Zone within the City of Los Angeles. When asked at the hearing to identify a single location in the Coastal Zone in the City where a PTDS was installed, the representatives of the LADWP were unable to do so.

Page 5 of the Staff Report States:

"According to the permit application, measures have been implemented to help screen the structures. Their placement is where other utility poles and lights are located. The poles were painted to blend in with the surroundings. There are no unobstructed views of the ocean from the project site. No adverse impacts to scenic and visual qualities of the coastal area are expected (Figures 3 and 4)."

Placing the PTDS with 61' high Poles and three transformers that are 6'9" tall and 4'7" wide near other poles does not "screen" anything. The painting of the poles is not "screening" and it the absolute minimum that could possibly be conceived of. As shown clearly by the pictures attached as Exhibit "5" to the Objection, Exhibit "B" hereto, the LADWP's proposal to paint the poles and transformers does not mitigate negative visual impacts and any finding claiming that it does, is not supported by substantial evidence or anything in the record other than the bare allegations of an employee of the LADWP. There is no report supporting this screening, there is no treatise or other materials showing that there is an industry standard that painting poles can minimize the impact in a coastal area, there is no explanation of what paint will be used or how or why it will serve to minimize the negative visual impacts.

There are massive impacts to the scenic and visual qualities of the Coastal Zone. This has been attested to by hundreds of neighborhood constituents who have voiced opposition to the PTDS installation, in favor of a more aesthetically palatable alternative

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As made clear in the Section 11.A.1-8, above, the finding at Page 5 of the Staff Report that, "No Adverse Impacts to the scenic and visual qualities of the coastal area are expected" is not supported by the Application, anything discussed at the hearing and there is no evidence to support the same and significant evidence to the contrary such that this is a substantial issue warranting the granting of the appeal and the reversal of the Decision.

b. The Finding That The Construction Will Not Involve The Transport Of Hazardous Substances Is Not Supported by Record (Staff Report P. 4).

At page 4 of the Staff Report the following finding is made, 'Project construction will not involve the transport of hazardous substances and, thus, there will be spillage of crude oil, gas, petroleum product or hazardous substances as prohibited by the PRC Section 30232." There is absolutely no reference in the Application or the record from the hearing to support such a finding. The Staff Report contains no reference to any materials and provides no backup whatsoever as to how this finding and conclusion was reached. Thus, there is no substantial evidence or any evidence for this finding.

Moreover, contrary to this finding, the proposed PTDS is an industrial project with three 833KVA electrical transformers. No evidence or explanation has been put forth as to which manufacturer makes the transformers and as to what materials are used to manufacture the same. Such transformers are by their very nature constructed of hazardous substantives include oil, petroleum products, metallic and electrical devices and plastics and insulation. Without knowing the exact manufacturer of the transformers and without reviewing the list of materials or specifications used to assemble the same, the Staff cannot make this finding and there is no evidence whatsoever to support the same in the Application, Staff Report or the record from the hearings. As such, the lack of any evidentiary support for this finding creates a substantial issue warranting that the appeal be granted and the Decision reversed.

# c. The Finding That The Project Would Not Affect Geologic, Flood or Fire Risks 1s Not Supported by Record (Staff Report P. 5).

As made clear in the Section II.A.7, above, no analysis was done whatsoever in the Application or the Staff Report and no evidence, reports or other materials are cite that would provide a basis for the finding that the PTDS will not affect geological, flood or fire risks. This is simply a bare allegation without reference to anything that could support the same. As such there is a substantial issue as to whether the PTDS will affect geological, flood or fire risks and this warrants granting the application and reversing the Decision.

# d. The Finding That The Notice of Exemption Excuses Any Additional Evaluations Under CEQA 1s Not Supported by Record (Staff Report P. 7).

As made clear in the Section II.A.4, above, no analysis was done whatsoever in the Application or the Staff Report as to the underlying claim that there was an "emergency" or that the PTDS quailed as an "utility extension" as defined under CEQA that would exempt the PTDS from CEQA. The Staff Report simply indicates that the staff reviewed and considered the NOE, but it





does not indicate that they compared the NOE and the stated basis for the exemption to the actual statutory requirements of CEQA for an emergency or "utility extension" exemption. The fact that those definitions do not support the exemptions claimed under the NOE is not analyzed or discussed in any manner. The failure to do so makes this finding unsupported and creates a substantial issue warranting the granting of the appeal and the reversal of the Decision.

# III. SUMMARY OF SUBSTANTIAL ISSUES.

- 1. Contrary to Section III., A., 1, of the Staff Report, the unpermitted work at the site for the PTDS violated the Act and is a substantial issue and grounds in and of itself to grant the appeal.
- 2. Contrary to Section III., A., 3, of the Staff Report, the PTDS violates the Act due to, among other things, significant, negative visual impact and this is a substantial issue warranting the granting of this appeal.
- 3. The Staff Report did not address the safety risks of PTDS falling or being hit or of the oil and chemicals and materials used to construct the PTDS and to manufacture the transformers and these are all substantial issues which the Staff Report completely neglects to address and this warrants the granting of the appeal.
- 4. Contrary to Section III., A., 4, the PTDS violates the General and the Community Plans and this is a substantial issue that requires granting the appeal and reversing the Decision.
- 5. The Application and the Staff Report are devoid of any evidence that the undergrounding of the distribution station or other alternatives to the PTDS were analyzed "to the maximum extent feasible" as required by the General Plan and this is a substantial issue warranting granting of the appeal and reversal of the Decision.
- 6. The PTDS development violates the Community Plan at Page IV-3 which provides, "UTILITIES I. Install utilities underground through assessment districts or other funding, when feasible" and there is no evidence to support any finding as to compliance with this requirement and this is a substantial issue warranting granting of the appeal and reversal of the Decision.
- 7. The Staff Report and Application contain no evidence as to what the LADWP thinks a padmounted or underground solution will cost and this creates a substantial issue warranting the granting of the appeal as to whether the LADWP "to the maximum extent feasible" analyzed the underground or pad mounted alternatives.
- 8. Since the Community Plan incorporates the provisions of the Act, all violations under the Act are also violations of the Community Plan. As described above, the LADWP





> began development of the PTDS without obtaining a development permit as required by the Act. Thus, the LADWP also violated this section of the Community Plan and the Staff Report does not address this issue. On this basis there is a substantial issue and the appeal should be granted and the Decision reversed.

- 9. Since the LADWP failed to follow several sections and requirements of the Community and General Plans and the Staff Report contains no evidence to support its findings on these matters, this creates a substantial issue that warrants the reversal of the Decision approving the Application and the LAWDP should be ordered to comply with the General Plan and the Community Plan.
- 10. The Staff Report without any analysis or without commenting upon the analysis offered by the Objecting Party claims that the Application complies with CEQA. This is not true and there is no evidence to support this finding and this creates a substantial issue warranting reversal of the Decision.
- 11. The Staff Report simply indicates that the staff reviewed and considered the NOE, but it does not indicate that they compared the NOE and the stated basis for the exemption to the actual statutory requirements of CEQA for an emergency or "utility extension" exemption. The fact that those definitions do not support the exemptions claimed under the NOE is not analyzed or discussed in any manner by the Staff Report. The failure to do so makes this finding unsupported and creates a substantial issue warranting the granting of the appeal and the reversal of the Decision.
- 12. Contrary to Section III., A., 2, of the Staff Report, the unpermitted work at the site for the PTDS creates a conflict of interest for the City, the LADWP and the Bureau and is a substantial issue warranting granting of the appeal.
- 13. There is a substantial issue related to due process and warranting reversal of the Decision because the draft staff report was not available until after the hearing was noticed.
- 14. Some of the information in the Staff Report directly conflicted with the Application causing confusion and does not provide the public with sufficient information to fully understand the Application consider alternatives and did not provide adequate information for the public to meaningfully participate in the public hearing and is a violation of due process. For example, the Staff Report states that the "project cost is approximately \$930,000.00" while the Application states that the "estimated cost of development is \$276,000.00" The difference of over \$650,000 does not allow the public to evaluate the development or its alternatives properly. There is no basis or explanation in the Staff Report as to how the \$930,000.00 figure was calculated or

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what it is based on and this lack of support for this finding creates a substantial issue as to the actual budget and cost of the PTDS and warrants reversal of the Decision and granting of this Appeal.

- 15. Misleading information in the Application as to the location of the construction of the PTDS (in the single jurisdiction area) and the failure of the LADWP to accurate depict where it had actually already installed the PTDS (in the dual jurisdiction area) and the failure of the Staff Report to address this issue or even note it is a substantial issue that warrants the granting of the appeal and the reversal of the Decision.
- 16. The omission from the Staff Report of any explanation as to what the word "temporary" means in the context of the PTDS and the lack of any deadline for the expiration of the permit create substantial issues as to the violation of due process and highlight the lack of any evidentiary support for any finding that the PTDs will, in fact, be "temporary" such that the Decision should be reversed and the appeal granted. At a minimum an outside date for the removal of the PTDS or the expiration of the permit should be imposed and it should be for no longer than four (4) years after the issuance of final permit.
- 17. LADWP has not addressed the adverse impact of the PTDS development since it failed even to consider these issues by proceeding under an invalid NOE and without a coastal development permit. Thus, there is a substantial issue in that that there is no basis or evidence to support any finding that the PTDS will neither create nor contribute significantly to erosion, geologic instability, or destruction of the site or surrounding area or in any way require the construction of protective devices that would substantially alter natural landforms. As such, the appeal should be granted and the Decision should be reversed.
- 18. The Staff Report did not even address in Section 111 the Public Comment that the LAWDP did not adequately analyze alternatives and this creates a substantial issue warranting reversal of the Decision.
- 19. Relocating the PTDS to another alternative location was required by the Act and the LADWP and the Staff Report fail to adequately address this creating a substantial issue warranting reversal of the Decision.
- 20. As made clear in the Section II.A.1-8, above, the finding at Page 5 of the Staff Report that, "No Adverse Impacts to the scenic and visual qualities of the coastal area are expected" is not supported by the Application, anything discussed at the hearing and there is no evidence to support the same and significant evidence to the contrary such





that this is a substantial issue warranting the granting of the appeal and the reversal of the Decision.

- 21. At page 4 of the Staff Report the following finding is made, 'Project construction will not involve the transport of hazardous substances and, thus, there will be spillage of crude oil, gas, petroleum product or hazardous substances as prohibited by the PRC Section 30232." There is absolutely no reference in the Application or the record from the hearing to support such a finding. The Staff Report contains no reference to any materials and provides no backup whatsoever as to how this finding and conclusion was reached. Thus, there is no substantial evidence or any evidence for this finding.
- 22. Contrary to the finding in the Staff Report, the proposed PTDS is an industrial project with three 833KVA electrical transformers. No evidence or explanation has been put forth as to which manufacturer makes the transformers and as to what materials are used to manufacture the same. Such transformers are by their very nature constructed of bazardous substantives include oil, petroleum products, metallic and electrical devices and plastics and insulation. Without knowing the exact manufacturer of the transformers and without reviewing the list of materials or specifications used to assemble the same, the Staff cannot make this finding and there is no evidence whatsoever to support the same in the Application, Staff Report or the record from the hearings. As such, the lack of any evidentiary support for this finding creates a substantial issue warranting that the appeal be granted and the Decision reversed.
- 23. As such there is a substantial issue as to whether the PTDS will affect geological, flood or fire risks because there was no CEQA compliance and not reports or analysis whatsoever in the Application or the Staff Report and no evidence cited to support any such findings and this warrants granting the application and reversing the Decision.

# IV. LIST OF OTHER PERSONS WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE APPEAL.

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Chu Family Living Trust Richard C. Wahlgren David Noriani Palisades Bay Club Walt Griesser Pacific Palisades Residence Association





### V. CONCLUSION.

Based on the foregoing, the Objecting Party submits that the Decision approving the Application must be reversed because the PTDS violates the Act, the Community Plan, the General Plan, CEQA and adversely impacts the community and the Property and the LADWP should be required to install a pad mounted or underground facility. The Application and Staff Report are lacking material information; contain wrong information and/or conflicting information. The Staff Report lacks support for the vast majority of its findings. These all create substantial issues that warrant the granting of the appeal and the reversal of the Decision. In the alternative, if the Bureau is inclined to deny this appeal, it should only do so on the condition that the approval of the Application for the PTDS be modified to require as a condition of approval that the permit for the PTDS expire without an option for renewal no more than four (4) years after its issuance.

Sincerely.

/s/ Alex Cornelius Alex Cornelius **COSTELL & CORNELIUS** For 16974 Sunset, LLC

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> There are concerned citizen who have signed a petition objecting to the PTDS and they also objected at the hearing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>ii</sup> Property consisting of 4 contiguous parcels with the following APS Numbers: 44115-023-009, 4415-023-010, 4415-022-007, Coastal Act, California Public Resources Code §§ 30000 et seq.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>iv</sup> California Public Resources Code §30003 - Compliance by public agencies \* California Public Resources Code §30106 - Development.

vi Staff Report prepared by Catalina Hernandez, Section IV (1) on Page 8.

vii Staff Report prepared by Catalina Hernandez, Section IV (6) on Page 8

viii Staff Report prepared by Catalina Hernandez, Page 2.

<sup>\*</sup> California Public Resources Code §30600 - Coastal development permit; procedures prior to certification of local coastal program. Note that the exception in section (e) does not apply as discuss later in the letter under the definition of "Emergency."

Staff Report prepared by Catalina Hernandez, Page 5, as per the Los Angeles General Transportation Plan. <sup>xi</sup> California Public Resources Code §30251 - Scenic and visual qualities.

xii Staff Report prepared by Catalina Hernandez, Page 5.

xiii Staff Report prepared by Catalina Hernandez, Page 5, and according to the Mobility Plan 2035, an element of the General plan xiv Ibid., Page IV-3.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Brentwood-Pacific Palisades Community Plan part of the General Plan - City of Los Angeles. <sup>xvi</sup> Ibid., Page I-2 and 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>xvii</sup> Ibid., Page III-7.

xviii CEQA (California Public Resources Code §§21000-21189) and the CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, §§15000-15387). xix CEQA Guidelines §15303(d).

<sup>\*\*</sup> CEQA §21060.3.

xxi Los Osos Valley Associates v, City of San Luis Obispo, 30 Cal. App. 4th 1670, 1682 (1994) (finding that the

City's choice to drill water wells as a way to conserve water was not an emergency under CEQA because it constituted a choice among many that the City made over a considerable period of time).





xii California Public Resources Code §30811.

xxiii California Public Resources Code §30320 Findings and declarations.

LADWP Application for Coastal Development Permit Section 11.(3) on Page 4.

staff Report prepared by Catalina Hernandez, Page 7.

xxvii Ibid., Page 1.

xxviii Ibid., Page 1 states "LADWP installed a temporary Pole-Top Distribution Station" and also "As a temporary measure"; the Application, Page I, Section 2 states "LADWP proposes to install temporary Pole-Top Distribution Station" xxix California Public Resources Code §30253 - Minimization of adverse impacts.

xxx Pacific Palisades Community Council Information dated March 19, 2016. Listing both empty lots on Sunset as alternatives. In addition, it listed the corner of Las Lomas/Sunset and Las Liones/Sunset (so. of Sunset) and corner of Las Lomas/Sunset and Las Casas/Sunset (so. of Sunset) as additional alternatives.

xxxi LADWP press release dated May 1, 2016.

xxxii The alternatives identified were: "two were near Paseo Miramar off Via Nichols, one was between the upper Bel-Air Bay Chub and Malibu Village and the fourth was the old Bernheimer Gardens site off of Sunset."

xxxiii California Public Resources Code §30250 Location; existing developed area.

xxxiv LADWP press release date February 9, 2016, Page 2.

xxxv Ibid. The General Plans states that "Where undergrounding of such utilities is not feasible, all such new or relocated utilities shall be screened to reduce their visibility from a Scenic Highway."

xxxvi California Public Resources Code §30251 - Scenic and visual qualities.

xxiv Staff Report prepared by Catalina Hernandez, paragraph 1.(C.) Project Costs on Page 2.

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To All Interested Parties:

# NOTICE OF DECISION ON LOCAL COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT 16-14

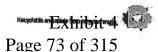
# LADWP Temp Pole Top Distribution Station –Sunset BI at Marquez Ave. (W.O. UR400725)

The above referenced Coastal Development Permit was approved with conditions.

A public hearing was held on November 9, 2016 at the Palisades Branch Library located at 861 Alma Real Drive. Community members expressed concerns regarding impacts to scenic and visual qualities, notification process, compatibility with the City's General Plan and the Brentwood-Pacific Palisades Community Plan regarding placing new utilities underground, and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) adequacy.

The coastal issues raised are discussed in the Final Staff Report. The proposed project is found to be in conformity with Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act.

Provided no appeal is filed\* in the office of the City Engineer within ten (10) calendar days (to be received no later than 5 p.m. on December 15, 2016), the permit will be issued, along with a Notice of Permit Issuance, to the applicant and to the California Coastal Commission, South Coast Area Office. Filing a Notice of Permit Issuance or Denial with the Coastal Commission starts a 20 working day period during which an appeal may be made to or by the Commission. The proposed development is within the single coastal zone Jurisdiction of the City of Los Angeles. Since the proposed project is a designated "Major public work" per *§13012 of the California Code of Regulations*, the California Coastal Commission will review the proposed development.



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If you have any questions, or require an appeal form, please contact Catalina Hernandez at (213) 485-5756.

By

Sincerely,

Gary Lee Moore, P.E., ENV SP City Engineer

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Maria Martin, Manager Environmental Management Group

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\* If you wish to appeal this decision, notice in writing of the appeal must be received by the **Bureau of Engineering, Attn: Catelina Hernandez, 1149 S. Broadway, Suite 300, Los Angelas, CA 90015** by 5:00 p.m. on or before the 10th calendar day following the decision being appealed. Such written notice may be submitted either by: (a) delivery of a completed Notice of Appeal, or (b) by other communication *in writing*, such as a fax, stating the name, address and telephone number of the applicant and appealant, the date and nature of the decision being appealed, the Coastal Development case number and identification of the proposed development. Comments should be faxed to (213) 847-0656 and e-mails to Catalina.Hernandez@lacity.org. When the appealant utilizes procedure (b) above, he/she must subsequently transmit a completed Notice of Appeal within five catendar days of the initial filing of the appeal.

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November 8, 2016

VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL AND EMAIL City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, BOE EMG Attention: Catalina Hernandez, Environmental Supervisor 1149 S. Broadway, Suite 600, Mail Stop 939 Los Angeles, California 90015-2213 (Catalina.Hernandez@lacity.org)

Re: <u>COSTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 16-14</u> Proposed installation of LADWP Temporary Pole Top Distribution Station Sunset Blvd. at Marquez Ave.

Dear Department of Public Works,

This letter is an objection to the Costal Development Permit Application Number 16-14, attached hereto as Exhibit "1" (the "Application"), filed by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power ("LADWP") for a Temporary Pole Top Distribution Station ("PTDS") located near the intersection of Sunset Boulevard and Marquez Avenue in the city of Pacific Palisades, California. The City of Los Angeles (the "City") is presently exercising jurisdiction over the Application but should deny the Application.<sup>1</sup> The Application should be denied for the reasons set forth herein and/or modified as proposed herein including, but not limited to, to require compliance with the Los Angeles General Plan (the "General Plan") and the Brentwood-Pacific Palisades Community Plan (the "Community Plan") by situating the PTDS underground and setting a deadline for the removal of the PTDS as the LADWP and the City both acknowledge that the PTDS is temporary.

The project consists of two 61-foot high, 18.4-inch diameter poles, a platform measuring 26' x 7'5", three 8333-KVA transformers measuring 6'9" tall and 4'7" wide, cross arms, circuit breakers, switches, and a controller. The

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Due to various reasons including conflicts of interest, if the City does not outright deny the Application it should defer and abstain from ruling on the Application and refer it to the California Coastal Commission (the "Commission").





project also requires the installation of an underground vault. The Notice for the Hearing on November 9, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. is attached hereto as Exhibit "2."

We represent 16974 Sunset Blvd, LLC ("Objecting Party") which is an "Aggrieved Person" under the California Coastal Act, California Resources Code §§ 30000, et seq. (the "Act").<sup>i</sup> A number of community members are also opposed to the PTDS. The Facebook Page for the Pacific Palisades Residence Association with a post opposed to the PTDS shows 830 likes, 45 shares and 4 comments; a Change.Org petition opposing the PTDS has 207 signatures; and the Save the Palisades Bluffs Facebook post shows 192 likes, 28 shares and 18 comments. The screenshots of the Facebook Posts and the Change.Org petition are collectively attached hereto as Exhibit "3"<sub>4</sub>

The Objecting Party has reviewed the Application and staff report (the Staff Report attached hereto as Exhibit "4") and it is familiar with the site of the PTDS as it is adjacent to the residential development site located at 16974 West Sunset Boulevard, Pacific Palisades, California (the "Property").<sup>ii</sup> Since the PTDS and the Property are located within the coastal zone, as confirmed by the City's ZIMAS zoning information system, it is protected by the Act.<sup>iii</sup> Under § 30003 of the Act - Compliance by Public Agencies, both the City and the LADWP are required to comply with the Act:

All public agencies and all federal agencies, to the extent possible under federal law or regulations or the United States Constitution, shall comply with the provisions of this division."

Thus the Department of Public Works is required to comply with all the provisions of the Act.<sup>iv</sup>

## 1. THE PTDS IS ALREADY IN VIOLATION OF THE ACT AND MUST BE REMOVED.

Construction of the PTDS began on or about July 6, 2016 without a permit complying with the Act and with knowledge by LADWP that the work required a permit since it was a development as defined under the Act. Section 30106 of the Act – Development, defines 'Development' to mean "on land, in or under water, the placement or erection of any solid material or structure ..., including any facility of any private, public, or municipal utility;...

As used in this section, "structure" includes, but is not limited to, any building, road, pipe, flume, conduit, siphon, aqueduct, telephone line, and <u>electrical</u> <u>power transmission and distribution line</u>." (emphasis added.)

Development includes, but is not limited to, the construction of any structure such as an electrical power transmission and distribution line.<sup>v</sup> The





installation of a PTDS constitutes "development" as defined in the Act thus triggering the requirement of a coastal development permit *prior* to the commencement of any development or installation of any PTDS structures.

Prior to having any kind of coastal development permit issued, LADWP vehicles trespassed onto the Property and Objecting Party's representatives demanded that the LADWP personnel leave the Property immediately, which the LADWP refused. Thereafter, a significant portion of the installation of the PTDS continued without a permit in violation of the Act and only now, afterthe-fact, has the LADWP sought to attempt to comply with the Act by filing the Application. In a shocking admission as to how improper the LADWP's conduct was, Section VI - Standard conditions of approval of the draft staff report, states that the "development <u>shall not commence</u> until a copy of the permit is signed."<sup>vi</sup> (emphasis added.) Yet, the LADWP has already in fact commenced construction of the PTDS without a permit, in violation of its own staff report and the Act.

The work performed by LADWP, including the actual installation of the 61' metal poles for the PTDS, was done in an effort to "ram" the project through in violation of the Act. The LADWP is forcing the PTDS on the Community as a "done-deal", a fate-acompli', which the LADWP insists the Community must accept without question because money has already been spent and construction started. This "ram-rod" approach by the LADWP is heavy handed, improper, a violation of the Act and the General and Community Plans and a complete trampling of the community's and property owners' rights to have a say in "development" within the coastal zone. The LADWP is trying to "bootstrapped" itself into approval of the Application by violating the law and starting the work and spending rate payer and tax payer money without a valid coastal permit. Had LADWP actually followed the correct process (which they have admitted they did not because they are now seeking a coastal permit that they should have applied for in the first place), the public would have been given a real opportunity to give meaningful input and potentially change the location or an alternative development solution could have been pursued at grade or underground. If a private citizen had proceeded to construct 61' structures in the coastal zone without a coastal development permit such construction would be red tagged and ordered to be removed. The LADWP is subject to the same provisions of the Act. This "act first and seek permission later" approach of the LADWP is reason enough to deny the Application and order removal of the PTDS.

Pursuant to Section 30600 of the Act - Coastal Development Permit; Procedures Prior to Certification of Local Coastal Program:

> Except as provided in subdivision (e), and in addition to obtaining any other permit required by law from any local government or from any state, regional, or local agency, any person, as defined in



> Section 21066, wishing to perform or undertake any development in the coastal zone, other than a facility subject to Section 25500, shall obtain a coastal development permit."

The Property and the site of the PTDS "is located within the California Coastal Zone and is considered 'single coastal jurisdiction' (i.e. the Coastal Zone of the City of Los Angeles alone)", as defined by the Act, and the draft staff report confirms the same.<sup>vii</sup> The City and the LADWP were required prior to construction of the PTDS to comply with the § 30600 of the Act.<sup>viii</sup>

The LADWP claims it has already spent \$250,000.00 on installing the PTDS. However, now the City (of which the LADWP is a division/agency) is both requesting approval of the Application and at the same conducting the hearing and deciding whether to approve the same. As such, the City has a conflict of interest and is highly motivated to approve the Application despite it violating the Act, the General Plan, the Community Plan and CEQA. If the City does not approve the Application, then one of its agencies - the LADWP, could be accused of misuse of public rate payer funds because the LADWP commenced the work on the project without first obtaining a coastal development permit. This issue could cloud the City's judgment and raises the specter of the City having a conflict of interest in hearing and ruling on this Application or, at a minimum, gives the appearance of a conflict of interest. Under these circumstances, the City should deny the Application outright and, if it does not, it should recuse itself, and refer this Application directly to the Commission and abstain from ruling on the same.

The Coastal Act Section 30811 - Restoration Order; Violations, provides:

"In addition to any other authority to order restoration, commission, a the local government that is implementing a certified local coastal program, or a port governing body that is implementing a certified port master plan may, after a public hearing, order restoration of a site if it finds that the development has occurred without a coastal development permit from the commission, local government, or port governing body, the development is inconsistent with this division, and development is causing continuing resource the damage."<sup>ix</sup> The Coastal Act empowers local governments to address permit violations by issuing an order of restoration of a site if it finds that the development has occurred without a coastal development permit.

Since the LADWP failed to follow the law to which the public is required to adhere, and brazenly moved forward with the development of the PTDS

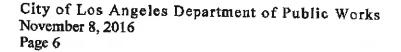
without a permit, the LADWP should be required to remove the current illegally installed development of the PTDS and restore the Property to its original condition until the permit appeal process is exhausted, and until (if and when) a final permit is issued to the LADWP for the legal installation of the PTDS.

# 11. THE PTDS VIOLATES THE ACT DUE TO VISUAL BLIGHT AND SAFETY.

Pacific Palisades is a small scenic community where development proposals should be considered very carefully. The Property and the proposed site for the PTDS are located in a very sensitive area off Sunset Boulevard which is designated as a scenic highway by the City of Los Angeles.<sup>x</sup> The installation of the PTDS will create a visual blight, contrary to the claims in the staff report. The poles are in excess of 60' and are, effectively, an industrial development and negatively impact the views along Sunset Boulevard and the properties that face along Sunset Boulevard as well as the Property. The poles are out of place and are wholly incompatible with the surrounding residential development. Pictures showing the negative impact of the poles that have been installed at the site of the PTDS are attached hereto as Exhibit "5." Scenic features include views of the estates, which are negatively impacted by the PTDS. Section 30251 of the Act - Scenic and Visual Qualities of the Coastal Act, provides:

> "The scenic and visual qualities of coastal areas shall be considered and protected as a resource of public importance. Permitted development shall be sited and designed to protect views to and along the ocean and scenic coastal areas, to minimize the alteration of natural land forms, to be visually compatible with the character of surrounding areas, and, where feasible, to restore and enhance visual quality in visually degraded areas. New development in highly scenic areas such as those designated in the California Coastline Preservation and Recreation Plan prepared by the Department of Parks and Recreation and by local government shall be subordinate to the character of its setting." xi (emphasis added.)

Thus, the scenic and visual qualities of coastal areas are to be considered and protected as a resource of public importance. Permitted development, including development like the PTDS, shall be sited and designed to protect views to and along the scenic coastal areas. In order to implement this, both the Community Plan and the General Plan require that electrical and utility installations be installed underground. Sunset Boulevard is heavily traveled by many tourists and there are a number of residences that face Sunset Boulevard



that will have their residential views marred and interfered with by the PTDS. Moreover, the painting of the PTDS as recommended in the staff report will do absolutely nothing to mitigate the negative impact of the two (2) 61' poles and three (3) transformers of 6.9' x 4.5' suspended about 30' in the air.<sup>xii</sup> The proposal that paint could somehow mitigate the negative impact of the PTDS is simply not credible and must be rejected.

Safety is also a major concern since Sunset Boulevard is a major thoroughfare with a 35 mile per hour speed limit and with an extremely large number of curves. The incident in Arleta, California on February 18, 2016, where a driver was killed when he crashed into a PTDS and the transforms fell on his vehicle, is a real possibility for the present location of the PTDS given the traffic count and volume on Sunset Boulevard and that fact that the PTDS is being situated in the public right of way less than ten feet from the road. The PTDS is unmonitored and contains oil which could leak onto the sidewalk or street. Finally, other areas in the Palisades Community have objected to the PTDS on the basis of concerns about the impact of electromagnetic radiation or fields ("EMF") created by the transforms and all of those same concerns apply to the site selected for the PTDS as the Property will be developed into single family homes and the there currently is an apartment building with children and families located adjacent to the PTDS site. On this issue, both an underground or at grade installation would reduce the impact of any EMF concerns as recognized in the 2002 report for the IEEE Rural Electrical Power Conference in Colorado Spring, May 2002 attached as Exhibit "6," (entirely padmounted installations of distribution stations have less EMF issues than pole mounted installations),

Since permitted development shall be sited and designed to protect views to and along scenic coastal areas, the PTDS should be visually compatible with the character of surrounding areas and should be installed in another location or underground (as required by the General and Community Plans). Moreover, safety concerns have not been addressed by the LADWP and the PTDS as proposed is a hazard to the community. The Application should be denied and the PTDS relocated or in the alternative constructed underground and appropriately landscaped in order to protect mitigate its negative, industrial visual blight and to reduce the potential hazardous impacts of the PTDS.

# III. <u>CURRENT VIOLATIONS OF THE LOS ANGELES GENERAL</u> <u>PLAN AND THE BRENTWOOD-PACIFIC PALISADES</u> <u>COMMUNITY PLAN.</u>

The Los Angeles General Plan (the "General Plan") states: "To the maximum extent feasible, all new or relocated electric . . . utility distribution facilities within five hundred feet of the center line of a Scenic Highway shall be placed underground." <sup>xiii</sup> (emphasis added.) Since the PTDS is within 500 feet of the centerline of a Scenic Highway, Sunset Boulevard, the General Plan for the City requires that the project be built underground. Although the





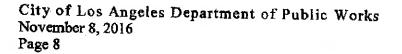
LADWP has stated that locating the distribution station underground is not an option due to the size, complexity, and risk of water intrusion, as set forth below, the electrical construction consultants of the Objecting Party have indicated that a distribution station can be safely built underground (or at grade and padmounted).

LADWP has not adequately explored the feasibility of an underground solution and it cannot violate the General and Community Plans which require that any new distribution station within five hundred feet of the center line of Sunset Boulevard be built underground or that all new electrical distribution stations be built underground in the Brentwood-Pacific Palisades area. There are no reports or analysis, cost estimates or feasibility analysis, simply conclusory statements which shows that the LADWP never even really considered the underground solution. The Application must be denied until the LADWP presents an alternative that provides for an underground distribution facility or sets forth what analysis it did to determine the "maximum extent" of the feasibility of the same.

The PTDS development violates the Community Plan at Page IV-3 which provides, "UTILITIES 1. Install utilities underground through assessment districts or other funding, when feasible."<sup>xiv</sup>

LADWP claims that the PTDS cannot be situated underground or padmounted but the Objecting Party has engaged a consultant, Integrated Environmental Technologies and they have prepared a schematic for an alternative padmounted solution with pricing and performance specifications similar to the equipment to be installed at the PTDS. The schematic for the padmounted distribution station and the summary report of the consultants is attached hereto as Exhibit "7." The consultants have indicated that an underground or padmounted distribution station is completely feasible but that the LADWP has not, in the Application serious analyzed or considered the same. Also the consultants estimate that the cost for a padmounted solution is approximately \$100,000.00 (without taking into account the LADWP's mandated labor policies which could increase the price). Thus, in accordance with the requirements of the General Plan there is a feasible method to install the substation underground or at a minimum as a padmounted distribution station which would address many of the concerns. In addition, the alleged water intrusion issues cited by the LADWP can be addressed with a double wall structure as described and built in Zurich, Switzerland and discussed in the materials provided by Poyray-Electrical Works of Zurich Oerlikon Substation per the report attached as Exhibit "8." The LADWP has not even explained why they believe that there are groundwater or water intrusion issues at the site. Frankly, the proposed site is at the top of canyon bluff of over 100' and there is no finding in the Application of staff report that there is, in fact, a groundwater or water intrusion condition. Again the statements in the Application and staff report as to water issue are conclusory and speculation without any type of analysis and certainly do not meet the "maximum extent feasible" requirement





under the General Plan to site electrical distribution stations underground. Thus, LADWP should be required to follow the Community Plan and the General Plan and install the distribution station underground and the Application should be denied because it does not comply with the Community and General Plans.

The PTDS development violates Pages 1-2 and 3 of the Community Plan<sup>\*\*</sup> which provides the following residential issues:

Need to protect environmentally sensitive areas, scenic views and scenic corridors.
Need to improve the visual environment through the development of appropriate design criteria and controls."<sup>xvi</sup>

The need to protect environmentally sensitive areas and scenic corridors has been violated by the PTDS since it creates a visual blight and is, effectively, an industrial development in a residential area. Also the need to improve the visual environment through the development of appropriate design criteria and controls has been violated since the appropriate design criteria is an underground installation of the PTDS as dictated by the Community and General Plans.

The PTDS development violates the Plan at Page III-7 which provides:

"1-6.6 The scenic value of natural land forms should be preserved, enhanced and restored. Wherever feasible, development should be integrated with and be visually subordinate to natural features and terrain. Structures should be located to minimize intrusion into scenic open spaces by being clustered near other natural and manmade features such as tree masses, rock outcrops and existing structures.

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Program: Condition new development to protect views from public roadways and parklands."<sup>xvii</sup>

The PTDS development violates the condition that new developments protect views from public roadways, since the PTDS is located adjacent to Sunset Boulevard and does not protect the views from a public roadway and creates a negative visual impairment of the scenic views of the residential coastal neighborhood surrounding Sunset Boulevard. Therefore, since installation of the distribution station can be constructed underground as described above, the PTDS violates the General and Community and Plans and the Act that require that development be integrated with and be visually subordinate to natural features and terrain.



Development of the PTDS also violates sections of the Community Plan on Pages III-15 and 16 which provides:

> "COASTAL RESOURCES Development in the Coastal Zone is subject to the provisions of the California Coastal Act. As of 1997, the City had not prepared a local coastal plan (LUP/LCP) for the Pacific Palisades Coastal areas."

Since the Community Plan incorporates the provisions of the Act, all violations under the Act are also violations of the Community Plan. As described above, the LADWP began development of the PTDS without obtaining a development permit as required by the Act. Thus, LADWP also violated this section of the Community Plan.

Goal 5 of the Community Plan entitled "PRESERVATION OF THE SCENIC AND VISUAL QUALITY OF COASTAL AREAS," provides for the following objectives, policies, and programs which have been violated by the PTDS development:

> "Objective 5-1 To govern the manner in which the City of Los Angeles implements the California Coastal Act of 1976, as well as the establishment of land uses and their subsequent development.

> Policies 5-1.1 The location and amount of new development should maintain and enhance public access to the coast.

Program: Permitted development shall be designed to protect views to the ocean and scenic coastal areas, to minimize the alteration of natural land forms, to be visually compatible with the character of surrounding areas, and where feasible, to restore and enhance visual quality in the visually degraded areas.

Program: Coastal Development Permits are required for new development which establish conditions for new development.

The PTDS development violates the objective of the Community Plan of implementing the provisions and requirements of the Act since, as described above, the LADWP began development of the PTDS without obtaining a development permit as required by the Act. The PTDS development also violates the objective of the Community Plan regarding protecting scenic coastal areas by building the distribution station above ground on 61' poles creating visual blight and placing an industrial development in a residential area. The PTDS development further violates the objective of the Community Plan by not being visually compatible with the character of surrounding areas by building





the PTDS above ground on poles creating negative visual impacts and interfering with scenic coastal areas instead of constructing the distribution station underground. The PTDS as proposed also violates the objective of the Community Plan by not obtaining a coastal development permit for a public works projects and by not analyzing or setting forth any findings that the PTDS is consistent with the Community Plan.

Since the LADWP failed to follow several sections and requirements of the Community and General Plans, the Application should be denied and the PTDS relocated or it should be installed underground.

# IV. THE LADWP HAS NOT COMPLIED WITH CEQA AND IT IS A REQUIREMENT FOR THE PTDS.

The California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA")<sup>xviii</sup> institutes a statewide policy of environmental protection. CEQA does not directly regulate land uses, but instead requires state and local agencies within California to follow a protocol of analysis and public disclosure of environmental impacts of proposed projects and adopt all feasible measures to mitigate those impacts. CEQA makes environmental protection a mandatory part of every California state and local agency's decision-making process.

A notice of exemption ("NOE"), attached hereto as Exhibit "9," was filed by LADWP on May 25, 2016. The exemption was based upon two grounds: 1) as an electrical and other utility extension, and 2) as an emergency project. The first ground cited is that the project is subject to a Class 3 categorical exemption for "electrical . . . and other utility extensions".<sup>xix</sup> However, a PTDS is plainly not an electrical or utility "extension," but rather a new facility and therefore not exempt. The second ground cited is that the project qualifies for a statutory exemption as an emergency project. There has been no evidence that would suggest that placing a PTDS adjacent to the Property was necessary to prevent or mitigate an "emergency."

"Emergency," as defined by CEQA, means a "sudden, unexpected occurrence, involving a clear and imminent danger, demanding immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss of, or damage to, life, health, property, or essential public services. 'Emergency' includes such occurrences as fire, flood, earthquake, or other soil or geologic movements, as well as such occurrences as riot, accident, or sabotage."<sup>XX</sup> Under case law, the definition of an emergency is limited to an occurrence and not a condition, meaning that the occurrence must involve a clear and imminent danger, demanding immediate action.<sup>XXI</sup> The decision to place the PTDS in front of the Property was the result of years-long, prolonged process in response to consistent outages in the Pacific Palisades. In fact, in 2012, LADWP first considered constructing a power distribution station on its property near Marquez Charter School, on Marquez Avenue. The decision to place the PTDS adjacent to the Property was not an action taken in response to a sudden or unexpected occurrence necessary to prevent or mitigate an





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emergency power outage in the Pacific Palisades but, rather, was a decision apparently reached over an extended period of time in response to a known condition.

The NOE is invalid because the LADWP was required to comply with all CEQA procedures in order to, among other things, identify the significant environmental impacts of the PTDS on the community, and to avoid or mitigate those impacts. As such the Application should be denied due to the failure of the LADWP to comply with CEQA.

#### V. THE LADWP HAS NOT ADEQUATELY INVESTIGATED THE SITE AND NOT MINIMIZED ADVERSE IMPACTS.

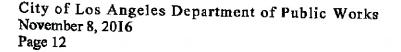
Since the development of the PTDS commenced without CEQA evaluation or a coastal development permit, the construction of the 61' poles without a valid development permit violates the Act. The LADWP has done no analysis or testing to determine if the PTDS development will cause erosion or instability or if it would require structures that alter the land forms along bluffs and cliffs or otherwise negatively impacts the surrounding properties.<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to Section 30253 of the Act - Minimization of Adverse Impacts:

> "New development shall do all of the following: (a) Minimize risks to life and property in areas of high geologic, flood, and fire hazard. (b) Assure stability and structural integrity, and neither create nor contribute significantly to erosion, geologic instability, or destruction of the site or surrounding area or in any way require the construction of protective devices that would substantially alter natural landforms along bluffs and cliffs."<sup>xxdi</sup>

The Act requires all of the following findings, none of which appear in the Application or the staff report: assurance of stability and structural integrity, such that the development will neither create nor contribute significantly to erosion, geologic instability, or destruction of the site or surrounding area or in any way require the construction of protective devices that would substantially alter natural landforms along bluffs and cliffs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The installation of the PTDS in this particular location may have a significant negative impact on the planned development of the Property. The present intention is to develop the Property into three single-family homes. The current planned location of the PTDS interferes with access to the Property from Sunset Boulevard and could impact the Property, a fact that will result in a taking of the Property for public use without just compensation, which is illegal. Due to the short period in which to object and the claimed emergency nature of the PTDS, the Objecting Party has not been able to fully investigate this issue and reserves its rights in all regard as to whether the PTDS is a taking and whether it is an inverse condemnation and the damages flowing therefrom.<sup>2</sup>



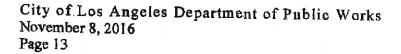


LADWP has not addressed the adverse impact of the PTDS development since it failed even to consider these issues by proceeding under the invalid NOE and without a coastal development permit. The LADWP should be required to investigate and follow the CEQA requirements and those of the Act to provide the public with the legally required information concerning the proposed PTDS development and its potential negative impacts. As such the Application should be denied.

### VI. THE LADWP HAS VIOLATED DUE PROCESS.

The LADWP violated the Act and state and federal constitutional due process by failing to give sufficient notice and by failing to make materials and accurate information related to the Application available to the public in a timely manner and by holding the hearing on shortened notice after the LADWP had already constructed a significant portion of the PTDS without the proper permit. Pursuant to Section 30320 of the Act - Findings and Declarations:

> "(a) The people of California find and declare that the duties, responsibilities, and quasi-judicial actions of the commission are sensitive and extremely important for the well-being of current and future generations and that the public interest and principles of fundamental fairness and due process of law require that the commission conduct its affairs in an open, objective, and impartial manner free of undue influence and the abuse of power and authority. It is further found that, to be effective, California's coastal protection program requires public awareness, understanding, support, participation, and confidence in the commission and its practices and procedures. Accordingly, this article is necessary to preserve the public's welfare and the integrity of, and to maintain the public's trust in, the commission and the implementation of this division. (b) The people of California further find that in a democracy, due process, fairness, and the responsible exercise of authority are all essential elements of good government which require that the public's business be conducted in public meetings, with limited exceptions for sensitive personnel matters and litigation, and on the official record. Reasonable restrictions are necessary and proper to prevent future abuses and misuse of governmental power so long as all members of the public are given adequate opportunities to present their views and opinions to the commission through written or oral communications on the official



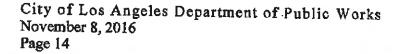
record either before or during the public hearing on any matter before the commission."\*\*\*\*\*\*

The Act imposes duties, responsibilities, and quasi-judicial actions on local governments issuing development permits. These responsibilities are sensitive and extremely important for the well-being of current and future generations. The public interest and principles of fundamental fairness and due process of law under the state and federal constitutions require that the City and the LADWP conduct their affairs in an objective and impartial manner free of undue influence and in accordance with the law. Therefore, the Act states that to he effective, California's coastal protection program requires public understanding, support, participation, and confidence in the commission and its practices and procedures.

In this case, the draft staff report was only available one week before the public hearing and did not provide the public with sufficient time to read, review and prepare comments to the draft staff report. Due process and principles of fundamental fairness require that the public be provided with sufficient information and with sufficient time to properly evaluate the effects of a development permit application.

Further, some of the information in the staff report directly conflicts with the Application causing confusion and does not provide the public with sufficient information to fully understand the Application, consider alternatives, or provide adequate informed opinions at the public hearing. For example, the staff report states that the "project cost is approximately \$930,000.00" while the Application states that the "estimated cost of development is \$276,000.00"\*\*\* The difference of over \$650,000 does not allow the public to evaluate the development or its alternatives properly. In fact, if the project budget is indeed \$930,000.00, then the distribution facility could certainly have been placed underground. Failing to provide sufficient accurate information regarding such a significant factor concerning the development fails to allow participation, and destroys any confidence in the practices and due process procedures of the permit process in which the City will be engaged at the hearing. In addition, the public is unable to adequately present alternatives or respond to the LADWP's claims that an underground facility is too expensive without actually knowing what the DWP is actually spending for the PTDS.

In addition, from the Application and the staff report it is unclear as to whether the LADWP actually had to purchase the two (2) 61' poles and transformers or whether these were already purchased and warehoused and the LADWP simply started building the PTDS because it had these materials on hand and did not want to spend the time or money to acquire the underground equipment as required by the "maximum extent feasible" standard of the General Plan. The Public has a right to know, did the LADWP just go ahead with the PTDS without a permit because it had these materials on hand and did the

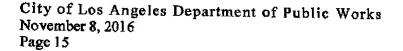


LADWF even price or look at the underground transformers and materials mandated by the General Plan?

Another example of information in the staff report directly conflicting with the Application and causing confusion is the misleading statement in the Application that the applicant "proposes to install" the PTDS and the failure of the Application to disclose that the LADWP has already started with the development and completed a significant portion of the above ground construction of the PTDS. While the draft staff report discloses the fact that the LADWP has already "installed" a PTDS, the Application states that the applicant "proposes to install" the PTDS. These two statements are confusing, and if the Application is read alone, it is misleading regarding a material fact as to the status of the development of the PTDS. To complicate matters further, the staff report contradicts itself internally by saying, in Section VI - Standard conditions of approval, that the "development shall not commence until a copy of the permit is signed""" but the report previously states that the LADWP has already "installed" the PTDS. XXVII These inconsistencies require that the Application be denied at this stage and that the LADWP reapply and provide the correct information as to the status of the PTDS development.

Finally, the PTDS development is described in both the Application and the draft staff report as being "temporary."<sup>XXVIII</sup> But no definition or explanation is provided as to how long the LADWP considers "temporary" to mean. The duration of the proposed "temporary" PTDS development is a significant fact that has been omitted from both the Application and the draft staff report. Although the LADWP may claim that the exact date that the PTDS will be removed cannot be determined at this time, at a minimum an outside date should be required for approval of the Application in order to provide LADWP an incentive to complete the permanent distribution station, and in order to provide the public a better understanding as to how long the PTDS development will interfere with their properties and when the other negative impacts to the community will terminate. No permit should be issued without an outside date for the removal of the PTDS.

Given the failure of a proper notice period and the confusing and contradicting information in the Application and the draft staff report, a reasonable person is unable to adequately understand or participate at the hearing and this denies them due process. In addition, since the length of the temporary PTDS development has not been defined, the Application should be denied or at a minimum an outside date for its removal or the permits expiration should be included in any permit issued and it should be no longer than four (4) years after the issuance of any permit.



### VII. THE LADWP HAS FAILED TO ADEQUATELY ANALYZED ALTERNATIVES.

The original proposed location for the PTDS was on land owned by the LADWP near an elementary school on Marquez Avenue.<sup>Naix</sup> The elementary school location was considered by LADWP up until May 1, 2016.<sup>NEX</sup> Thereafter, an alternative was identified at 1700 Sunset, the Gabay property, and another alternative was identified at the current site adjacent to the Property, referred to as the old Bernheimer Gardens. In the Palisades News as recently as May 20, 2016, attached hereto as Exhibit "10," the Property was still listed as the fourth alternative identified by the task force.<sup>NEX</sup> Pursuant to Section 30250 of the Act Location; Existing Developed Area:

"(a) New residential, commercial, or industrial development, except as otherwise provided in this division, shall be located within, contiguous with, or in close proximity to, existing developed areas able to accommodate it or, where such areas are not able to accommodate it, in other areas with adequate public services and where it will not have significant adverse effects, either individually or cumulatively, on coastal resources. In addition, land divisions, other than leases for agricultural uses, outside existing developed areas shall be permitted only where 50 percent of the usable parcels in the area have been developed and the created parcels would be no smaller than the average size of surrounding parcels. (b) Where feasible. new hazardous industrial development shall be located away from existing developed areas." xxxii

Thus, the Act requires that new industrial development, which the PTDS is, shall be located where it will not have significant adverse effects, either individually or cumulatively, on coastal resources. Also where feasible, new hazardous industrial development shall be located away from existing developed areas. Therefore, relocating the PTDS to another alternative location is required by the Act.

The Community Plan and the General Plan require that electrical distribution developments on Sunset Boulevard be built underground and the LADWP should be required to resubmit an application providing for an underground distribution station.

Moreover, the IEEE Report indicates that a padmounted at grade distribution substation can be constructed for approximately \$350,000.00 (See, Section II. BENEFITS 10 Cost), IEEE Report, Exhibit "6."<sup>xxxiii</sup>





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As a last alternative, we recommend that the distribution station be constructed slab on grade. This alternative, while not addressing all our concerns, is more cost effective and partially addresses the visual blight concern. Consultants retained by the Objecting Party have prepared the summary report and the schematic for a grade level padmounted distribution station as described and set forth in Exhibit "7." In addition, as set forth in the IEEE Report, as compared to pole mounted distribution stations, padmounted substations can new be built smaller with reduced cost, easier construction, greater flexibility, and improved safety and aesthetics. The IEEE Report also states that the padmounted substations are pleasing to the eye, making them a better fit in residential areas, highly scenic areas, coastal comminutes due to sea salt and moisture damage, and environmentally sensitive areas. The at grade construction of the distribution station could be landscaped to address the physical screening requirement of the General Plan and the Community Plan.<sup>xxdv</sup>

Based on the foregoing and on any comments presented at the hearing, the Objecting Party submits that the Application must be denied because it violates the Act, the Community Plan, the General Plan, CEQA and adversely impacts the community and the Property. In the alternative, the Application for the PTDS should only be approved if it is installed underground or at grade and the permit for the same has an expiration of date of no more than four (4) years after its issuance. Finally, if the City proposes to approve the Application then it should abstain due to potential conflicts of interest and refer this matter to the Commission.

Sincerely,

/s/ Alex Cornelius Alex Cornelius COSTELL & CORNELIUS

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> There are concerned citizen who have signed a petition objecting to the PTDS and they will also be objecting at the hearing. <sup>2</sup> Property consisting of 4 contiguous parcels with the following APS Numbers: 44115-023-009, 4415-023-010, 4415-022-007, and 4415-021-004.

ill Coastal Act, California Public Resources Code §§ 30000 et seq.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> California Public Resources Code \$30003 - Compliance by public agencies

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>v</sup>California Public Resources Code §30106 - Development.

<sup>&</sup>quot; Draft Staff Report prepared by Catalina Hernandez, Section IV (1) on Page 7.

vii Draft Staff Report prepared by Catalina Hernandez, Page 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>vin</sup> California Public Resources Code §30600 - Coastal development permit; procedures prior to certification of local coastal program. Note that the exception in section (e) does not apply as discuss later in the letter under the definition of "Emergency." California Public Resources Code §39811.

<sup>\*</sup> Draft Staff Report prepared by Catalina Hernandez, Page 5, as per the Los Angeles General Transportation Plan.

xi California Public Resources Code §30251 - Scenic and visual qualities.





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xii Draft Staff Report prepared by Catalina Hernandez, Page 5.

xiii Draft Staff Report prepared by Catalina Hernandez, Page 5, and according to the Mobility Plan 2035, an element of the General plan of the City of Los Angeles.

\*\* Brentwood-Pacific Palisades Community Plan part of the General Plan - City of Los Angeles.

<sup>xvi</sup> Ibid., Page I-2 and 3.

xvii Ibid., Page III-7.

xviii CEQA (California Public Resources Code §§21000-21189) and the CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, §§15000-15387).

xix CEQA Guidelines §15303(d).

\*\* CEQA §21060.3.

<sup>ast</sup> Los Osos Valley Associates v. City of San Luis Obispo. 30 Cal. App. 4th 1670, 1682 (1994) (finding that the

City's choice to drill water wells as a way to conserve water was not an emergeocy under CEQA because it constituted a choice among many that the City made over a considerable period of time).

xedi California Public Resources Code §30253 - Minimization of adverse impacts.

zdii California Public Resources Code §30320 Findings and declarations.

xxiv Draft Staff Report prepared by Catalina Hernandez, paragraph L(C.) Project Costs on Page 2.

LADWP Application for Coastal Development Permit Section II.(3) on Page 4.

xxvi Draft Staff Report prepared by Catalina Hernandez, Page 7.

<sup>sxvii</sup> Ibid., Page 1.

xxviii Ibid., Page 1 states "LADWP installed a temporary Pole-Top Distribution Station" and also "As a temporary measure"; the Application, Page 1, Section 2 states "LADWP proposes to install temporary Pole-Top Distribution Station"

Pacific Palisades Community Council Information dated March 19, 2016. Listing both empty lots on Sunset as alternatives. In addition, it listed the corner of Las Lomas/Sunset and Las Liones/Sunset (so. of Sunset) and corner of Las Lomas/Sunset and Las Casas/Sunset (so. of Sunset) as additional alternatives. XXX LADWP press release dated May 1, 2016.

xord The alternatives identified were: "two were near Paseo Miramar off Via Nichols, one was between the upper Bel-Air Bay Club and Malibu Village and the fourth was the old Bernheimer Gardens site off of Snnset."

xodi California Public Resources Code §30250 Location; existing developed area.

xxiii LADWP press release date February 9, 2016, Page 2.

weiv Ibid. The General Plans states that "Where undergrounding of such utilities is not feasible, all such new or relocated utilities shall be screened to reduce their visibility from a Scenic Highway."

xiv Ibid., Page IV-3.







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# **DWP Application for Coastal Development Permit**

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### SECTION L APPLICANT

## 1. Name, mailing address, and telephone number of all applicants.

William Herriott, Power System Superintendent Los Angeles Department of Water and Power 111 North Hope Street, Room #856 Los Angeles, California 90012 (213) 367-5289

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Note: All applicants for the development must complete Appendix A, the declaration of campaign

### 2. <u>Name, mailing address and telephone number of applicant's representatives, if</u> any.

- Wayne Hinkson, Power Engineering Manager, LADWP
- Charles Dunn Power Civil Engineer, LADWP
- Steve Brown, Overhead Distribution Design, LADWP
- Tina Shim, Deputy City Attorney, LADWP
- Arielle Hants, Downey Brand LLP

(213) 367-0189 (213) 367-2756 (213) 367-4500 (415) 848-4812

(213) 367-6002

### SECTION II. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Please answer all questions. Where questions do not apply to your project (for instance, project height for a land division), indicate Not Applicable or N.A.

1. Project Location and APN.

The Project site is located in the public right-of-way parallel with Sunset Boulevard, near the intersection with Marquez Avenue and Marquez Place in Los Angeles. (See L.A. Mun. Code § 62.00.) The PTDS will be constructed within the public utility right-of-way between the sidewalk and the street, adjacent to the property identified by APN No. 4415-023-009. There is no Assessor's Parcel Number for the public right-of-way. An assessor's parcel map showing the Project location and nearby parcels is provided as Attachment B. LADWP conducted a land survey for the location, which is provided as Attachment C. The Project location is within the Single Permit Jurisdiction portion of the Coastal Zone, as shown in Attachment D.

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for each individual site, receiving considerable public input, LADWP selected the proposed site for the PTDS on Sunset Boulevard and Marquez. Photographs of the Project location are included in Attachment F. Copies of LADWP presentation slides, public news releases, and meeting information concerning the proposed PTDS locations, Councilmember Mike Bonin's statement on the PTDS, and news articles regarding the PTDS are provided in Attachment G.

An example of an existing PTDS within the LADWP system is illustrated below in Figure 1. The PTDS being installed at Marquez and Sunset will be painted to blend in with the surrounding scenery per screening requirements. The paint colors selected for this PTDS are provided in Figure 2.

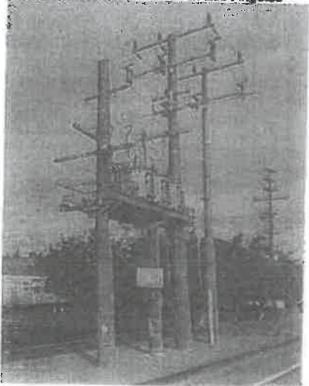
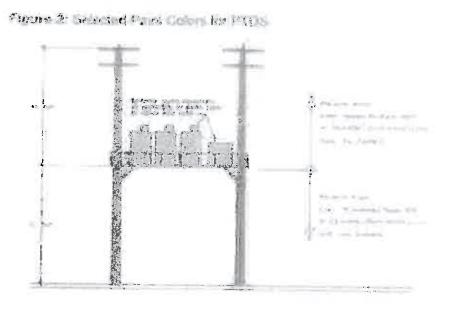


Figure 1: Example of PTDS in Los Angeles



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#### Notice of OEQA Exemption

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### 3. Estimated cost of development (not including cost of land): \$ 276,000.

### Project height (Maximum height of structure (ft.));

The height of the PTDS once installed is approximately 61 feet above the ground. The PTDS poles are 70 feet in total length, with a portion of the poles buried in the ground approximately 9 feet. The platform is approximately 20 feet above ground level and the transformers are 6 feet in height.

above existing (natural) grade	61 feet
above finished grade	61 feet
<ul> <li>as measured from centerline of frontage road</li> </ul>	61 feet
Total number of floors in structure: N/A	

- Gross square footage; Platform 195 sq. ft. surface area Transformers - 87 sq. ft. surface area
- 7 Lot area (within property lines) (sq. ft. or acre): 1,125 square feet
- 8. <u>Is any grading proposed?</u>

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6.

Grading, drainage, and erosion control plans must be included with this application, if applicable. In certain areas, an engineering geology report must also be included. N/A

Please list any geologic or other technical reports of which you are aware that apply to this property: N/A

- 9. Parking: WA. No parking is being added and no parking is being removed,
- 10. Are utility extensions for the following needed to serve the project?

The PTDS Project itself is the installation of a utility that is needed to serve the existing community. The PTDS will be installed above-ground as it is infeasible to place this type of equipment underground

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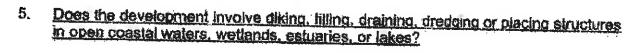
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6.	Will the development extend onto or adjoin any beach. tidelands, submarged lands or public trust lands?	[]Yes	No
7,	(a) Will the development protect existing lower-cost visitor and recreational facilities?	TYes	<b>⊠</b> No
	(b) Will the development provide public or private recreational opportunities?	∐Yes	<b>⊠N</b> o
8.	Will the proposed development convert land currently or previously used for agriculture to another use?	Tes	⊠No
9.	is the proposed development in or near:		
	a. Sensitive habitat areas (Biological survey may be required)	[]Yes	No
	b. Areas of state or federally listed rare, threatened, or endangered species	Yes	No
	<ul> <li>c. 100-year floodplain (Hydrologic mapping may be required)</li> </ul>	Tres	No
	d. Park or recreation area	Yas	No
10	is the proposed development visible from:		
	a. State Highway 1 or other scenic route	⊠Yes	No
	b. Park, beach, or recreation area	[]Yes	⊠No.
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Explanation: The PTDS will be located on Sunset Boulevard, which is designated by the City as a scenic highway in the City of Los Angeles General Transportation Plan.





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#### SECTION VIL CERTIFICATION

- 1. I hereby certify that I, or my authorized representative, have completed and posted of will post the Notice of Pending Permit card in a conspicuous place on the property within three days of submitting the application to the City Engineer.
- 2. I hereby certify that I have read this completed application and that, to the best of my knowledge, the information in this application and all attached appendices and exhibits is complete and correct. I understand that the failure to provide any requested information or any misstatements submitted in support of the application shall be grounds for either refusing to accept this application, for denying the permit, for suspending or revoking a permit issued on the basis of such misrepresentations, or for seeking of such further refief as may seem proper to the City Engineer.
- I hereby authorize representatives of the City Engineer to conduct site inspections on my property. Unless arranged otherwise, these site inspections shall take place between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Signature of Authorized Agent(s) or if no agent.

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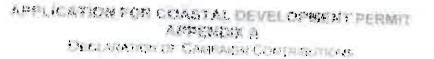
NOTE IF SIGNED ABOVE BY AGENT, APPLICANT MUST SIGN BELOW.

SECTION VIII. AUTHORIZATION OF AGENT

I hereby authorize to act as my representative and to bind me in all matters concerning this application.

Signature of Applicant(s) (Only the applicant(s) may sign here to authorize an agent)





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### APPENDIX B LOCAL AGENCY REVIEW FORM

### SECTION A (TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT)

Applicant: William Henlott, Power System Superintendent, LADWP

Project Description: Construction of temporary pole-top distributing station (PTDS)

Location: The Project site is located in the public right-of-way adjacent to Sunset Boulevard, near the intersection with Marquez Avenue and Marquez Place in Los Angeles

Assessor's Parcel Number: There is no Assessor's Parcel Number for the public right-ofway. The PTDS will be constructed within the public utility right-of-way between the sidewalk and the street, parallel with Sunset Boulevard and adjacent to the property identified by APN No. 4415-023-009

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#### APPENDE: D (Permit Application) DECLARATION OF POSTING

Prior to or at the time the application is submitted for filing, the applicant must post, at a conspicuous place, easily read by the public and as close as possible to the site of the proposed development, notice that an application for the proposed development has been submitted to the City Engineer. Such notice shall contain a general description of the nature of the proposed development. The City Engineer furnishes the applicant with a standardized form to be used for such posting. If the applicant falls to post the completed notice form and sign the Declaration of Posting, the city staff shall refuse to file the application. Please sign and date this Declaration of Posting form when the site is posted; it serves as proof of posting. It should be returned to our office with the application.

Pursuant to the requirements of California Administrative Code Section 13054(b), I hereby certify that on September \_/\_, 2018, I or my authorized representative posted the Notice of Pending Permit for application to obtain a coastal development permit for the development of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) Temporary Pole Top Distribution Station (PTDS) 198 to service the Pacific Palisades.

Located at: Within the public right-of-way along Sunset Boulevard at the south-west corner of the intersection of Marquez Place and Sunset Boulevard

The public notice was posted at:	At the Project location described above. A public notice was taped to one of the poles at eye-height level, facing out.
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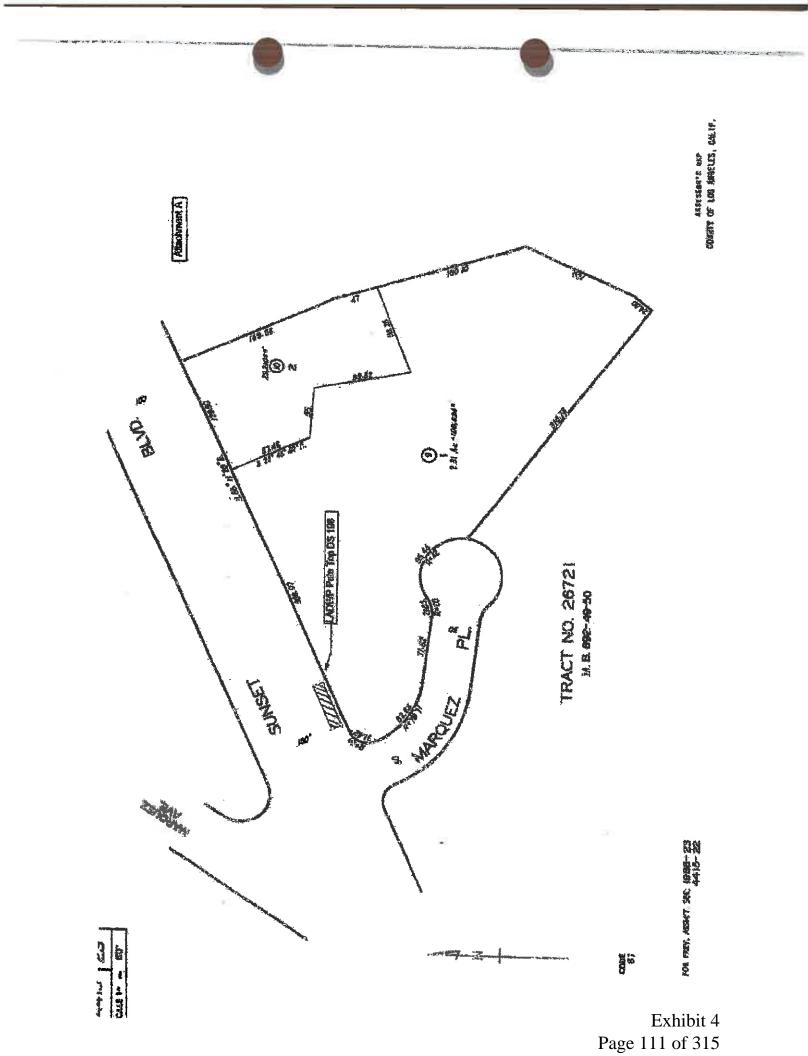
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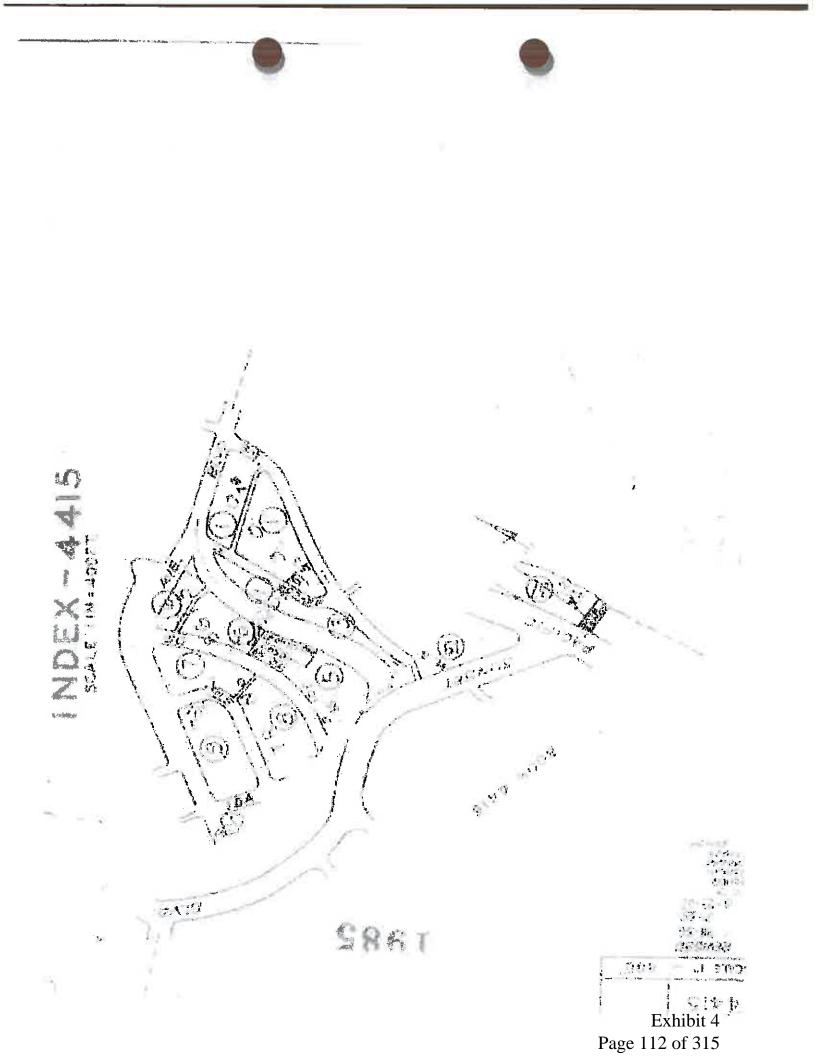




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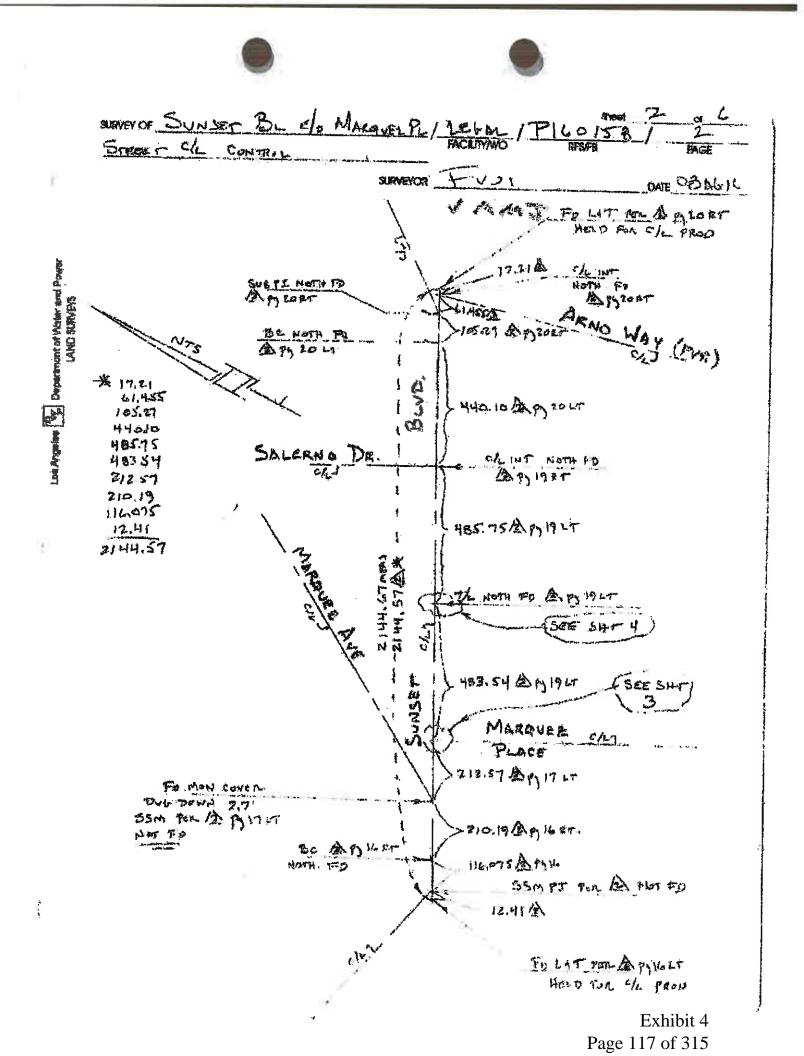
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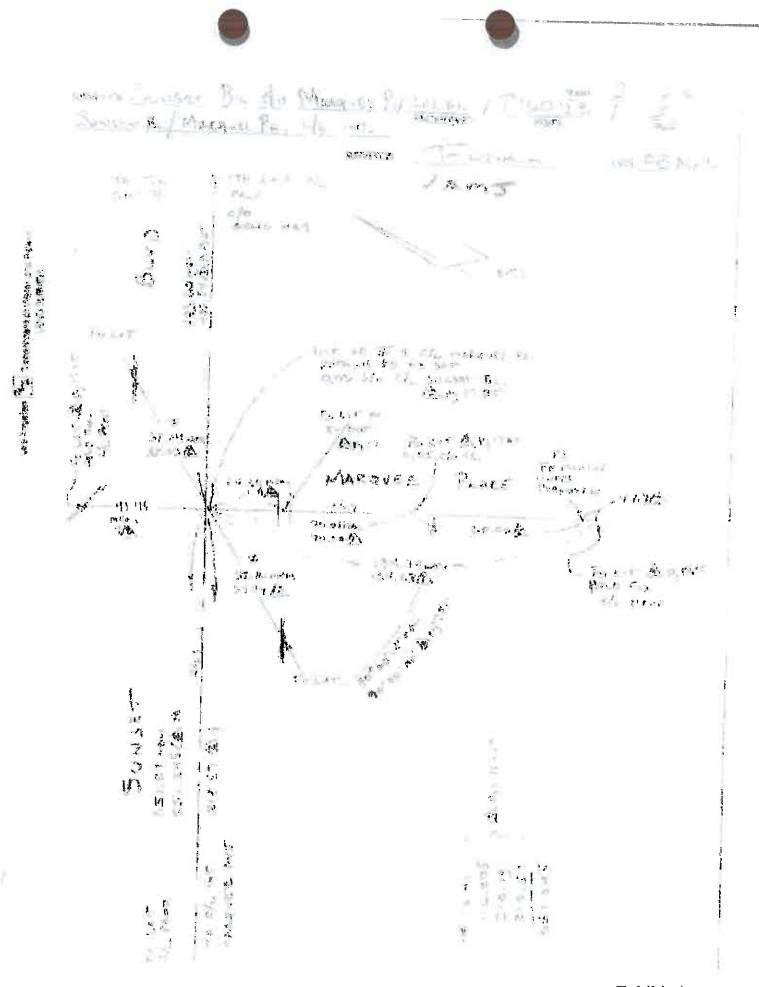
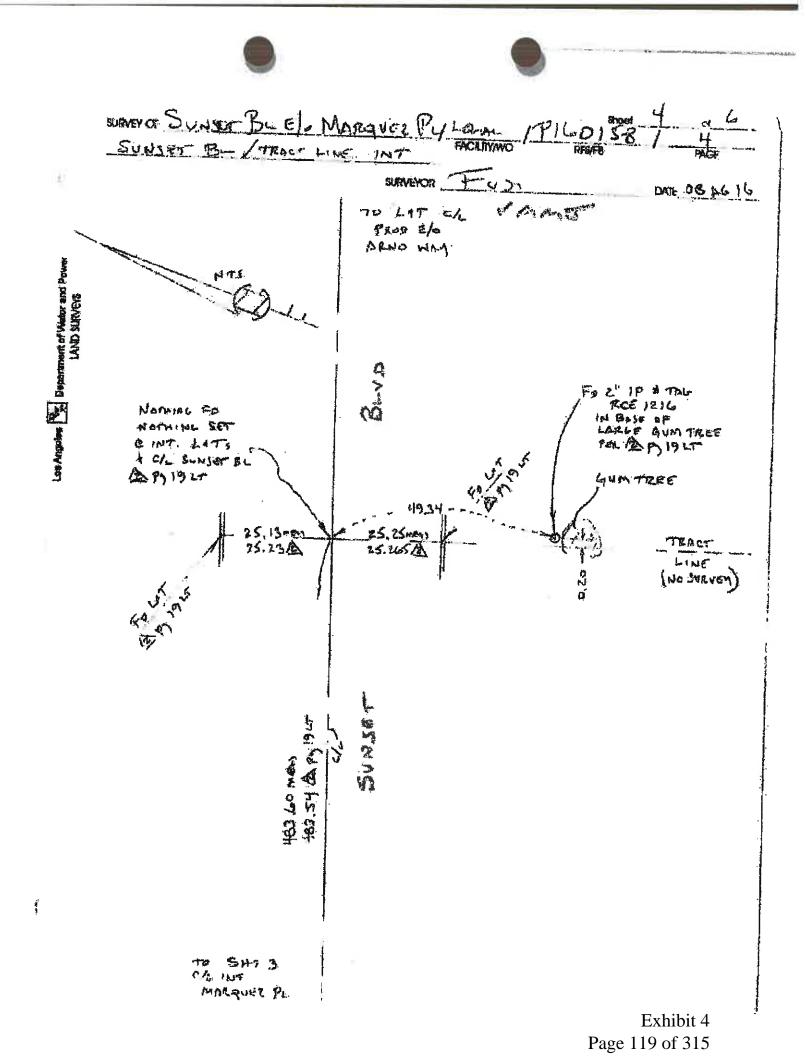


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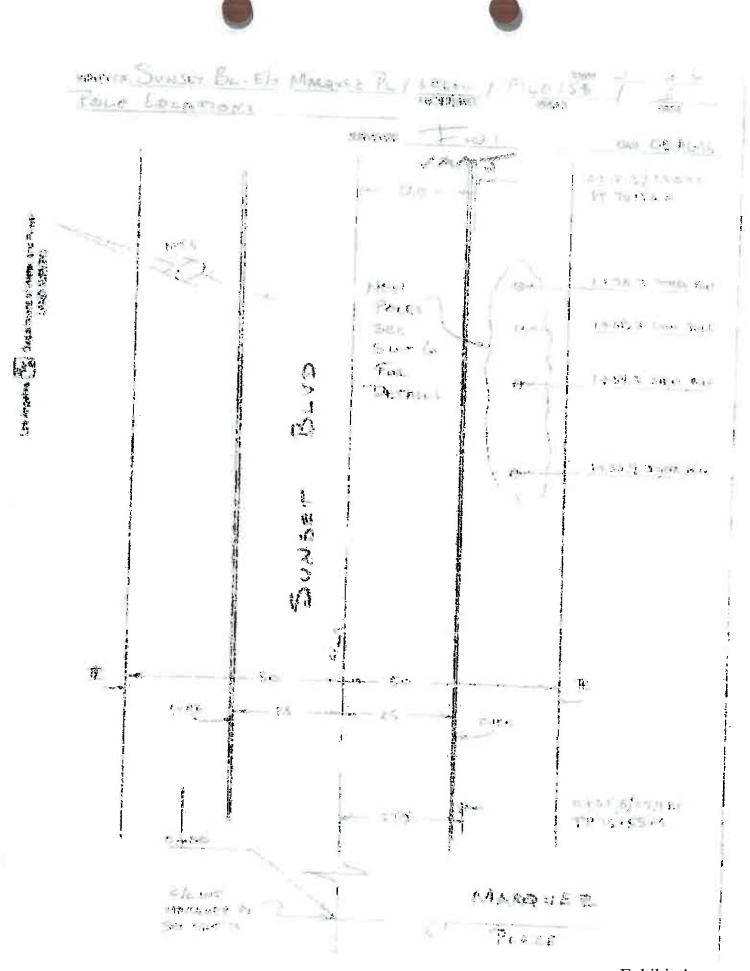


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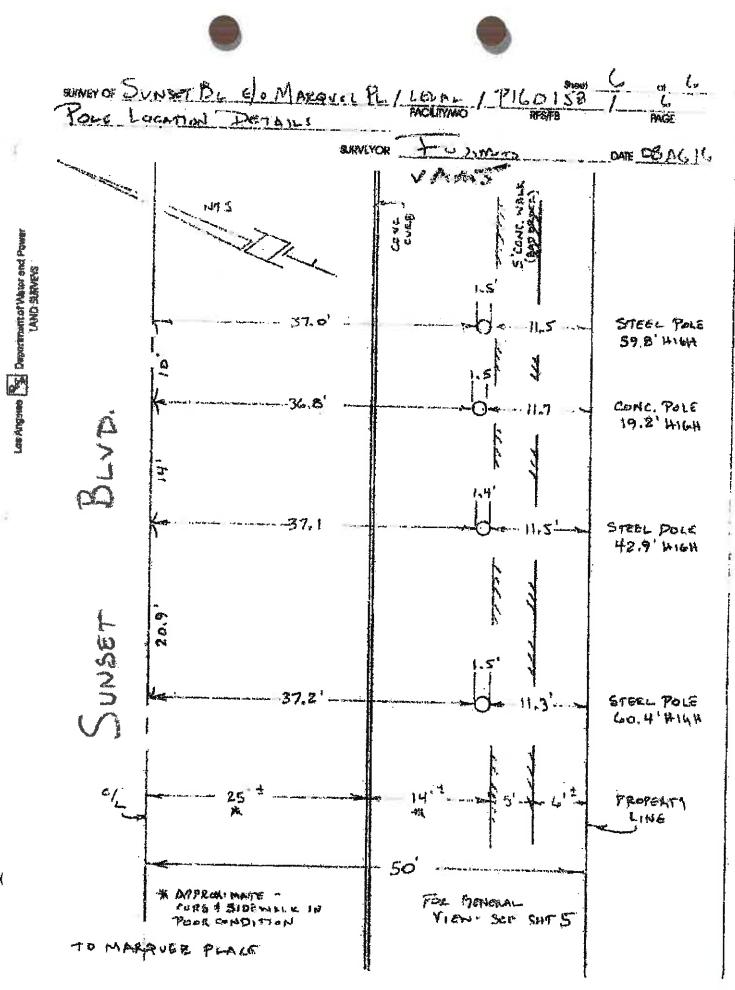


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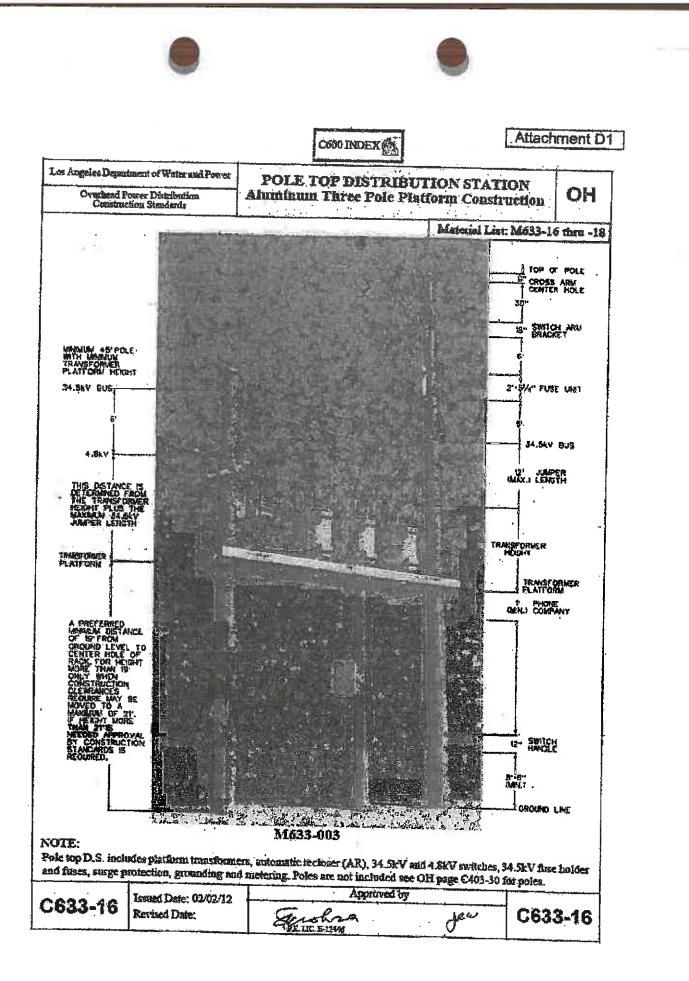




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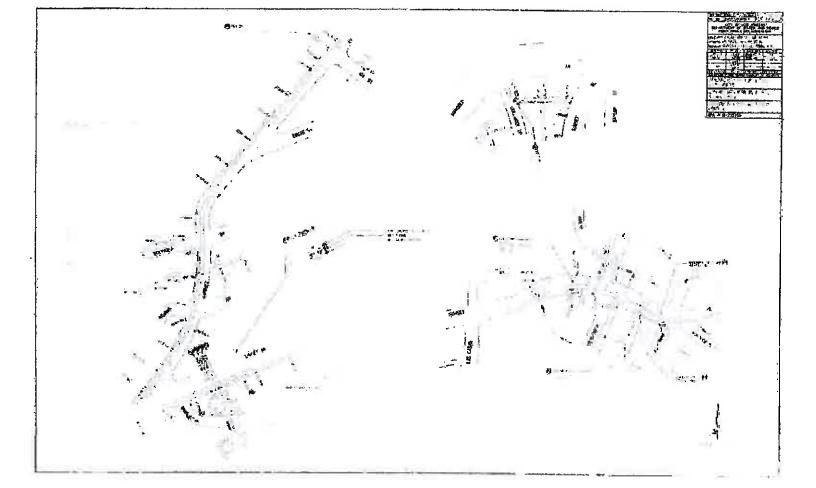


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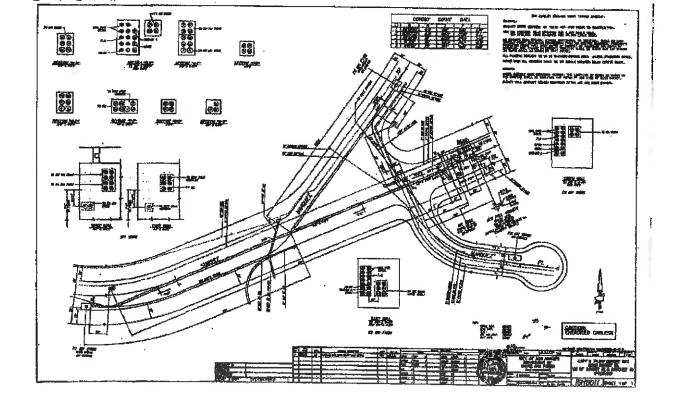


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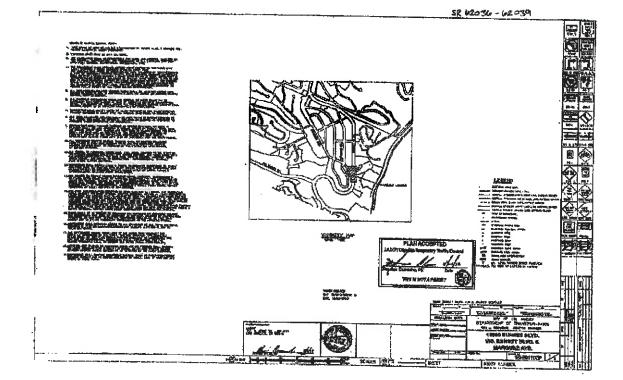


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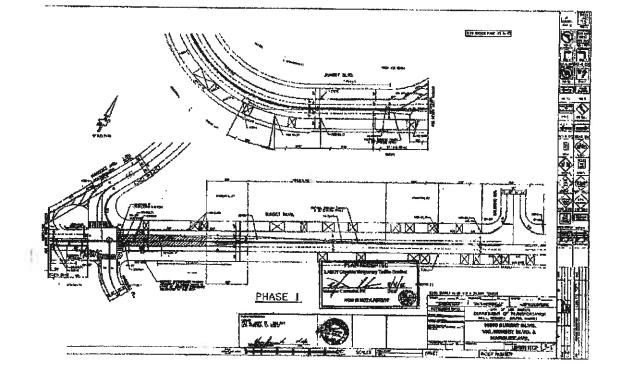


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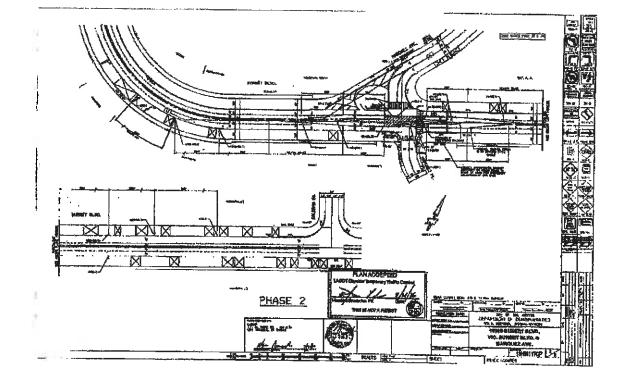
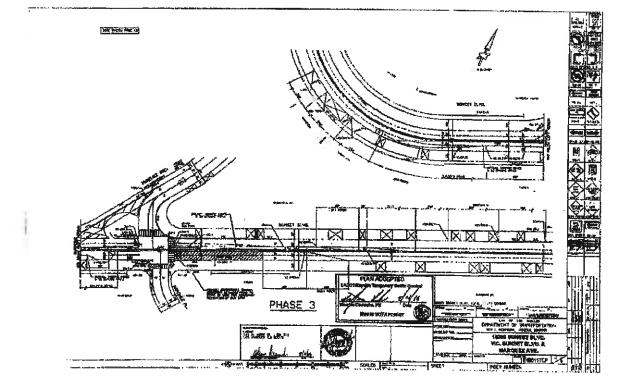


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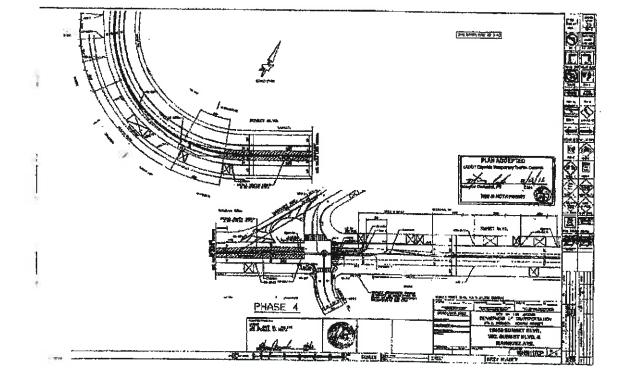


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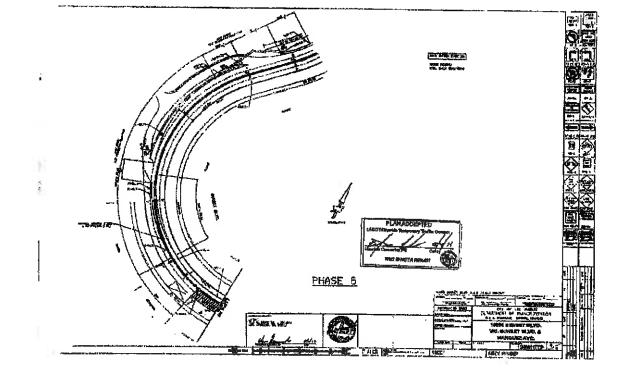


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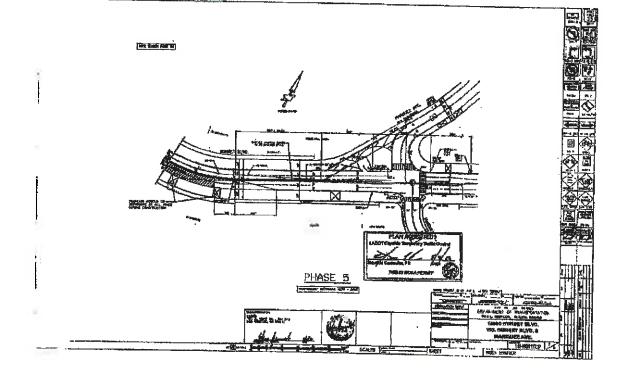


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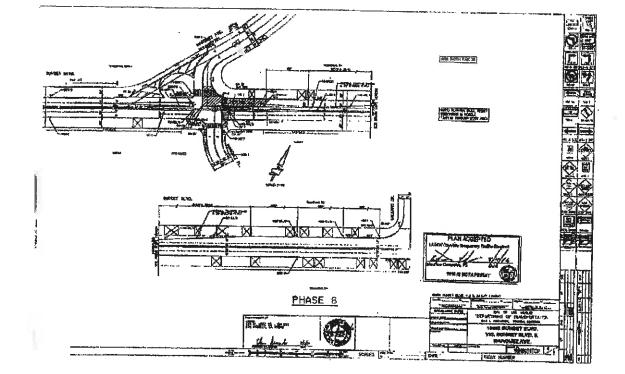


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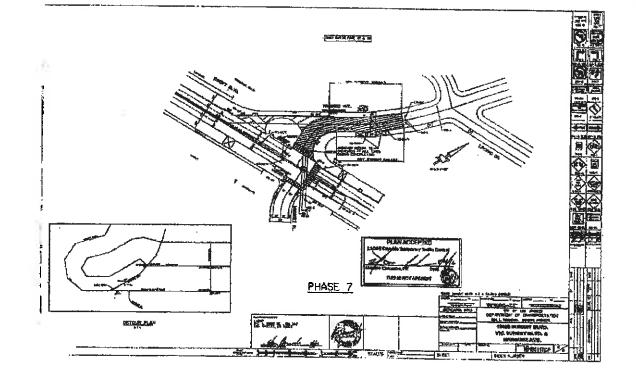


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Photo 1: Photo from Pacific Coast Highway, approximately 90 degrees from the site. The pole tops are not visible in any way. Photo is looking north up Pacific Coast Highway.

Photo 2: Photo from Pacific Coast Highway, approximately south-west from the site. The pole tops are not visible in any way. Photo is looking north up Pacific Coast Highway.

Photo 3: Photo from Pacific Coast Highway, approximately south from the site. The pole tops are not visible in any way. Photo is looking north up Pacific Coast Highway.

Photo 4: Photo from Pacific Coast Highway, approximately east from the site. The pole tops are not visible in any way. Photo is looking south down Pacific Coast Highway.

Photo S: 201S photo from Google Maps showing the location. No ocean view is visible. Photo is looking east on Sunset Boulevard, away from the Marquez intersection. The location is adjacent to a vacant lot with visible other structures, including a bus stop and power lines.

Photo 6: Current photo of site from Sunset Boulevard, looking directly towards the ocean. Structures are installed. No ocean view is visible. The painting of the poles is visible in this photograph, of the two colors: light blue and light brown.

Photo 7: 2016 photo from Google Maps showing the location. No ocean view is visible. Photo is looking east from the middle of the Sunset Boulevard and Marquez Intersection. Structures are not installed.

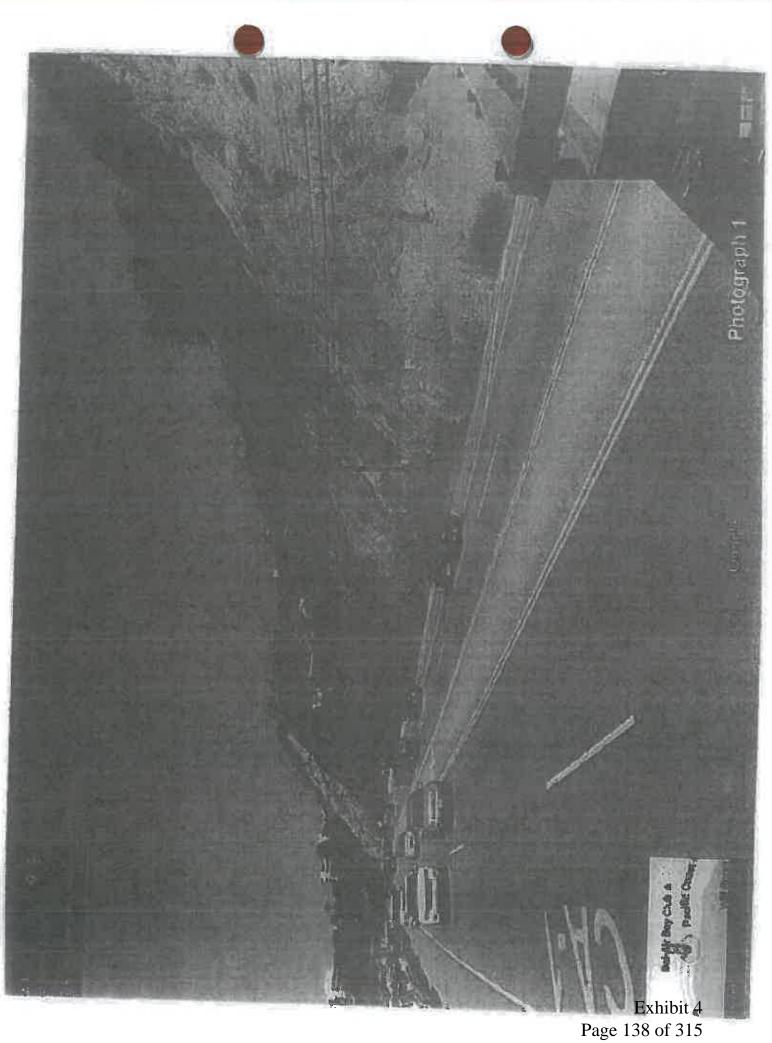
Photo 8: Current photo of the site with the structures installed. Photo is from the public sidewalk, looking east on Sunset Boulevard. The painting of the structures is visible.

Photo 9: Current photo of the site with the structures installed. Photo is from the cul-de-sac Marquez Place, looking towards Sunset Boulevard. The painting of the structures is visible.

Photo 10: Current photo of the site with the structures installed. Photo is looking west on Sunset Boulevard, towards the Sunset Boulevard and Marquez intersection. The structures are barely visible.

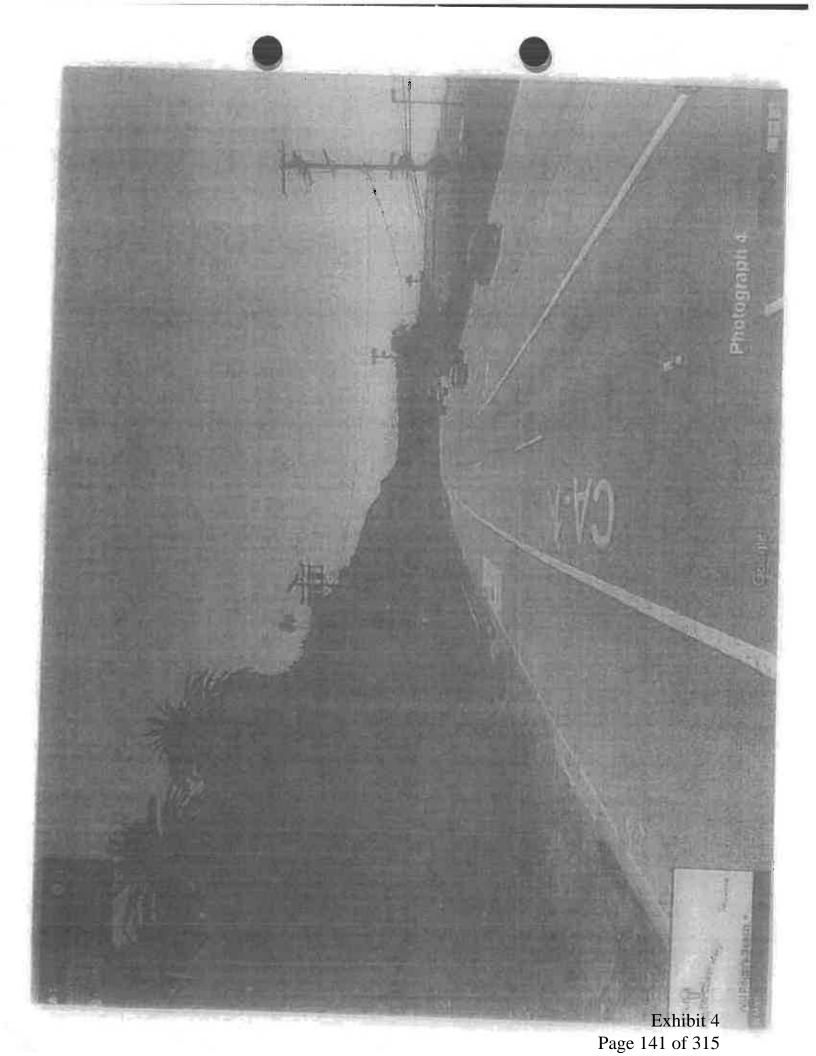
Photo 11: Current photo of the site with the structures installed. Photo is from across the street on Sunset Boulevard, looking at the ocean. No ocean view is visible.

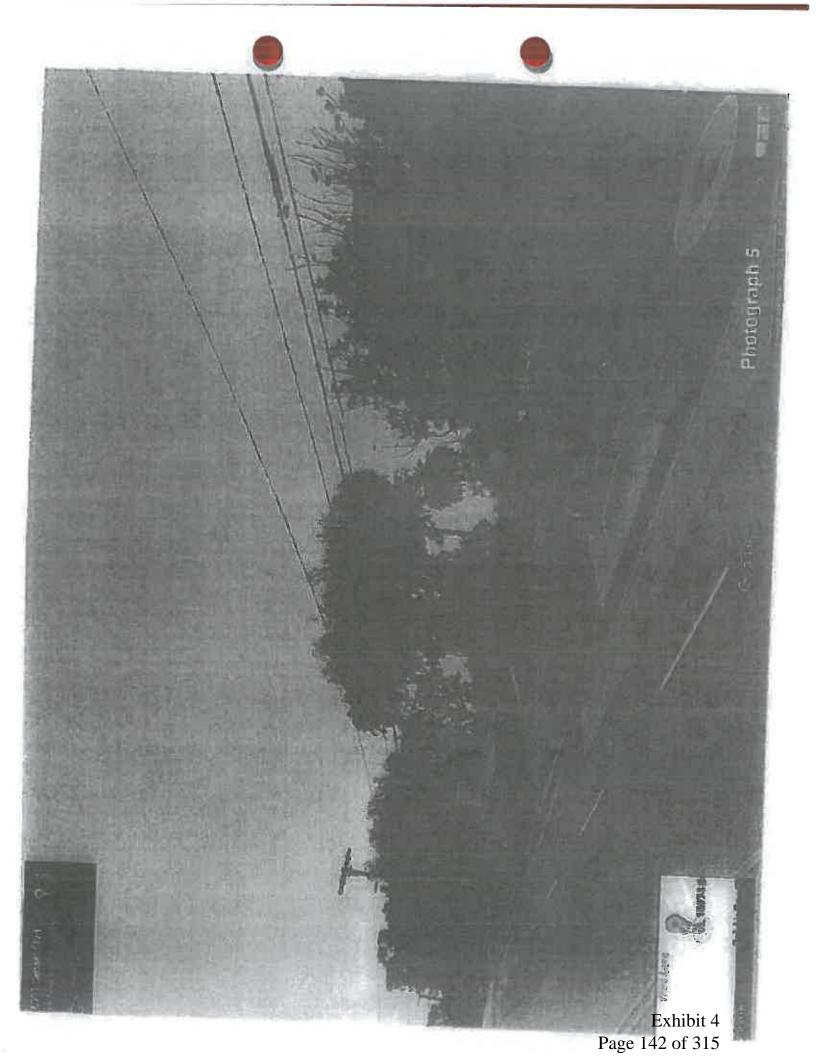
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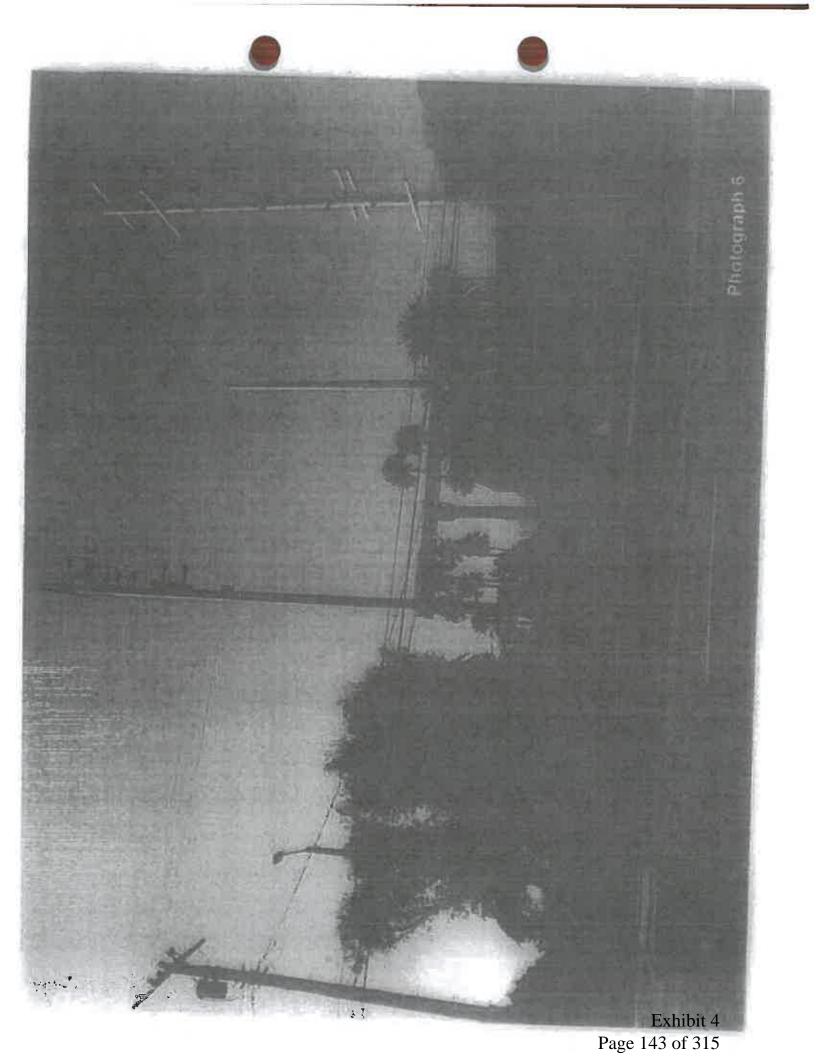






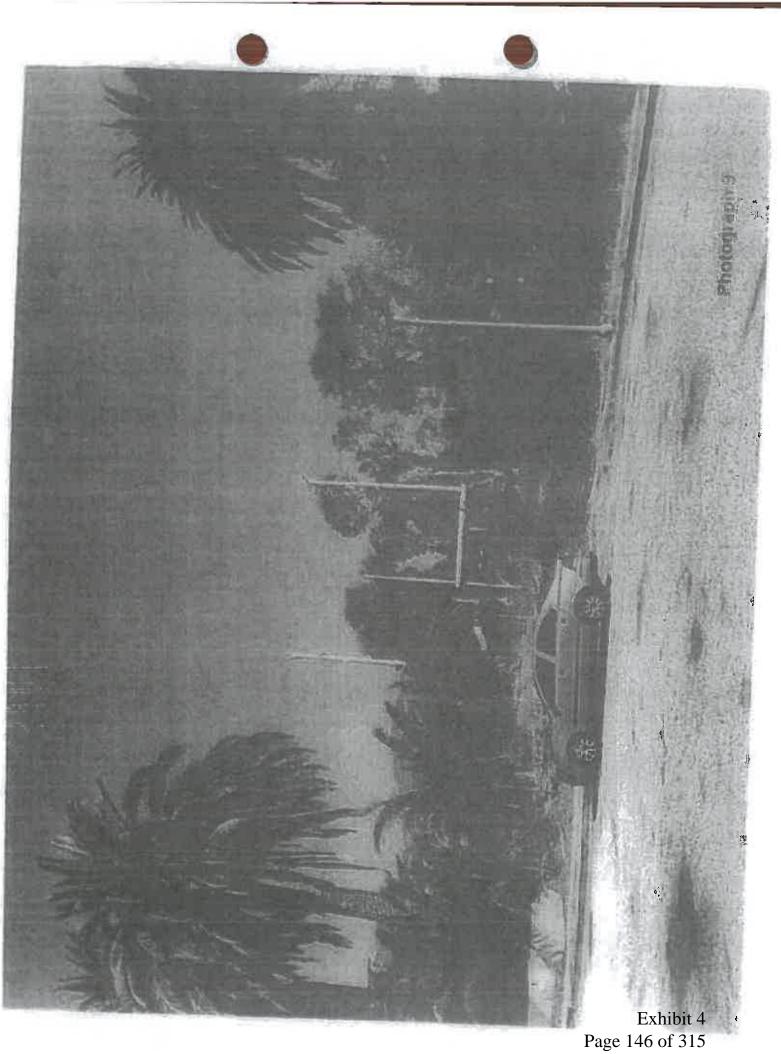


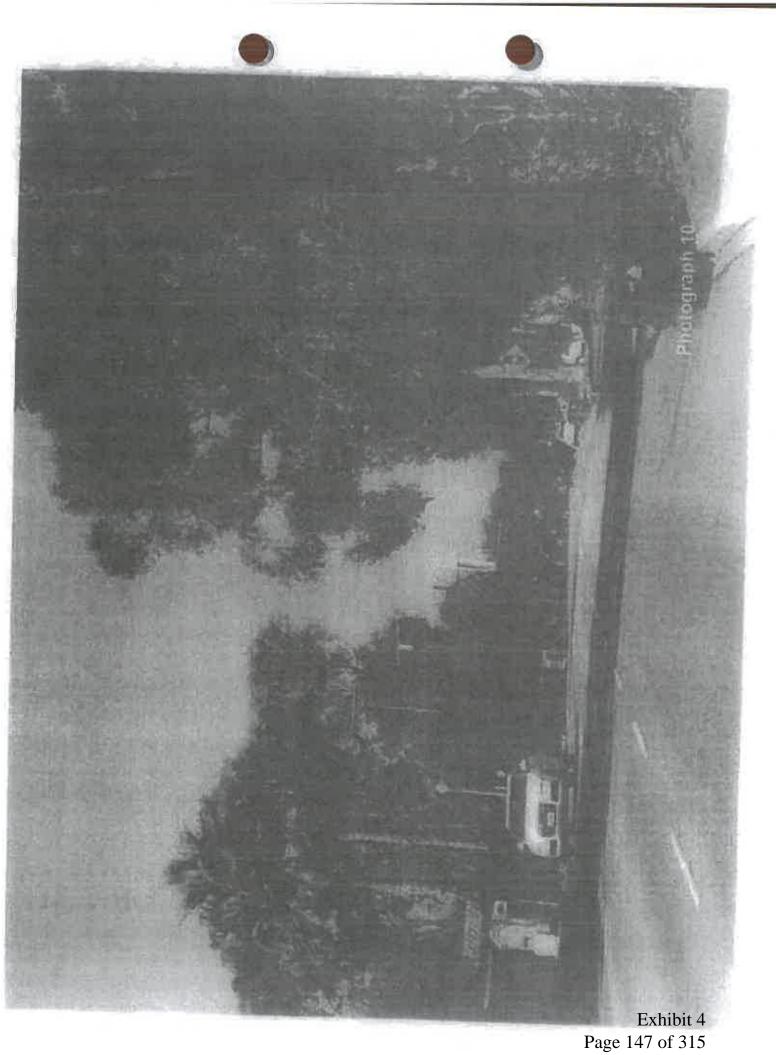


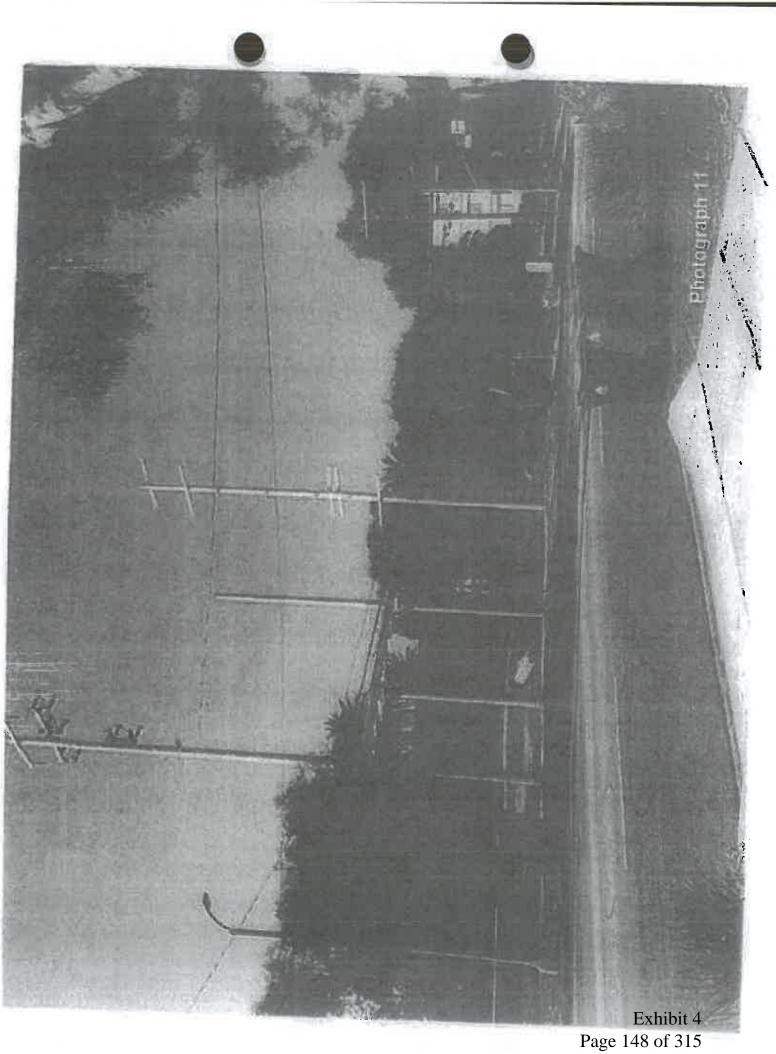
















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### Exhibit 2

Notice of Public Hearing

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SOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEMBERS

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Date: October 25, 2016

To: Property Owners, Residents, and All Interested Parties:

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: NOVEMBER 9, 2016. @ 1:30 PM

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES** 

CALIFORNIA

**ERIC GARCETTI** 

MAYOR

This is to notify you of a public hearing scheduled for November 9, 2016 at 1:30 PM.

Location: Pallsades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Pallsades, CA 90272

<u>Project Title:</u> Coastal Development Permit Application No.16-14 for the LADWP Temporary Pole Top Distribution Station (PTDS) – Sunset BI at Marguez Av

<u>Project background</u>: The PTDS is needed to alleviate three overloaded 4,800-volt circuits that serve the Palisedes community. These circuits connect to the Distribution Station 29 (DS-29), which has been operating beyond its designed capacity. The PTDS has to be located at a site with existing infrastructures to facilitate connection. Under-grounding is not feasible due to size and risk of water Intrusion.

<u>Project Description:</u> The project consists of a temporary Pole-Top Distribution Station (PTDS) in the Pacific Palisades community. The project consists of two 61-foot high, 18.4-inch diameter poles, a platform measuring 26'0" x 7'5", three (3) 833-KVA transformers measuring 6'9" tell x 4'7" wide, cross arms, circuit breakers, switches, and a controller. The project also requires the installation of an underground vauit, conduits, and cables, which will be connected to the PTDS via underground cable terminations. The underground substructure consists of approximately 1,000' of trench for conduit installation with a 9'4" X 17'4" substructure near the PTDS. The trench will be from two existing substructures on Marquez and Sunset to the new substructure Public Utility Commission (CPUC) safety rules and regulations. The PTDS would be temporary, and will be removed once a new permanent distribution station is operational. The PTDS is not a community.

You and other interested persons, as well as the applicant may speak at the hearing or submit written information. All written comments <u>perteining to compliance with the Coastal Act</u> received <u>at or before the hearing</u> will be considered prior to a decision on the case. Written comments should be sent by e-mail to <u>Catalina.Hernandez@lacity.org</u>, or mail to:

City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, BOE EMG Attention: Catalina Hernandez, Environmental Supervisor 1149 S. Broadway, Suite 600, Mail Stop 939, Los Angeles, CA 90015-2213

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The application, exhibits and other information relating to the case are available for your review in Suite 600, 1149 S. Broadway. If you have any questions please contact Catalina Hernendez at (213) 485-5756.

Sincerely Gary Lee Moore, P.E., ENV SP City Engineer Maria Martin, Managar Environmental Management Group By

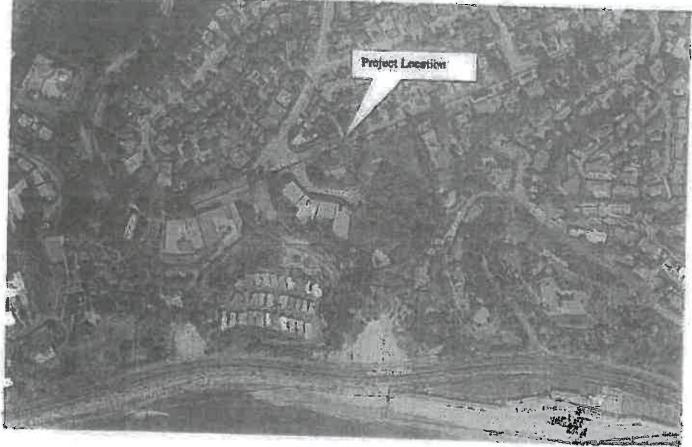


Figure 1. Project Location





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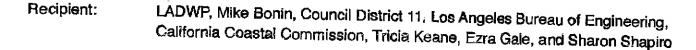
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#### Letter: Greetings.

The Los Angeles Department of Water & amp; Power is in the process of installing a Pole Top Distribution Station near the intersection of Sunset & amp; Marquez in the heart of the Pacific Palisades. LADWP was in the process of installing this system without the required Coastal Approvals when they were halted by the Coastal Commission, and are now seeking the necessary Coastal Development Permit for this construction.

As homeowners and concerned members of the neighborhood, we firmly oppose the issuance of this Coastal Development Permit. The station is a hulking 61' tall industrial blight which is detrimental to the character and visual resources of our neighborhood. We urge the City of Los Angeles to uphold the Coastal Act and deny this Coastal Development Permit.

Our goal is to be reasonable. If the installation must occur, then it should take the form of a more aesthetically pleasing alternative: either an underground or padmounted transformer. Either option would minimize the visual impact of this installation, and both have been confirmed as viable by professional engineering consultants. Though these solutions may be more costly, they are ultimately the right solution for our neighborhood and are respectful to the visual resources of this Coastal community.

Finally, LADWP claims that this is a "temporary" installation. Thus, any Coastal Development Permit must provide a maximum 4-year timeframe within which the poles have to be removed. Otherwise, this will become a permanent solution being sold as merely temporary in order to slide through the approvals process with reduced scrutiny.

For those who oppose the Pole Top Distribution Station in its current form, please also make your voice heard at the hearing this Wednesday, November 9, 2016 from 1:30p - 3:30p. The address for the hearing is as follows:

Palisades Branch Library: 861 Alma Real Dr. Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

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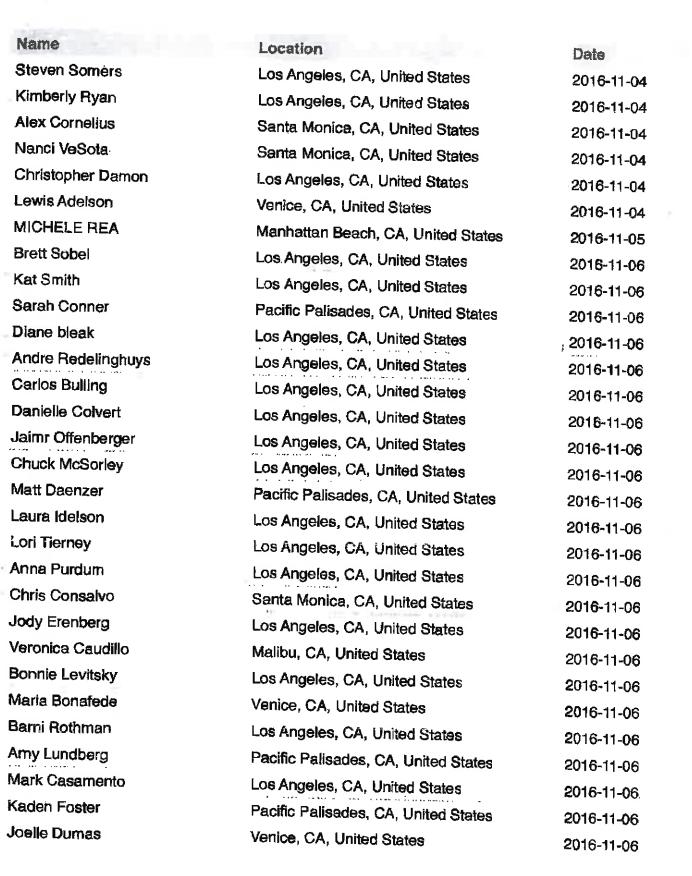


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James Burkett	Los Angeles, CA, United States	2016-11-07
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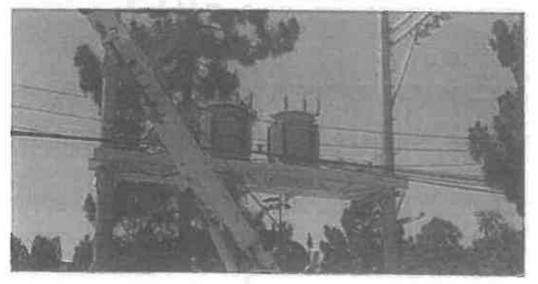
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#### COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 16-14 DRAFT STAFF REPORT

(Under authority of the California Coastal Act, § 30600(b) of the California Public Resources Code, and Chapter 1, Article 2, § 12.20.2 of the Los Angeles City Municipal Code)

#### **J. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Project Tifle: Inter. @ Sunset Blvd @ Marquez. Ave

#### Applicants: Department of Water and Power

#### Project Location:

Council District: 11 Community: Brentwood-Pacific Palisades District: West Los Angeles

#### A. Project Description:

The project is located in the public right-of-way parallel with Sunset Boulevard, near tho intersection with Marquez Avenue and Marquez Place, within the Brentwood-Pacific Palisades Community Plan (Figure 1. Project Vicinity Map and Figure 2. Aerial Overview).

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) installed a temporary Pole-Top Distribution Station (PTDS) on Sunset Boulevard in the Pacific Palisades community,

The project consists of two 61-foot high, 18.4-inch diameter poles, a platform measuring  $260^{\circ} \times 75^{\circ}$ , three (3) 833-KVA transformers measuring  $6^{\circ}9^{\circ}$  tall x  $4^{\circ}7^{\circ}$  wide, cross arms, circuit breakers, switches, and a controller. The project also requires the installation of an underground valit, conduits, and oables. The underground substructure will be connected to the PTDS via underground cable

terminations. The underground substructure consists of approximately 1,900' of trench for conduit installation with a 9°4" X 17'4" substructore near the PIDS. The trench will be from two existing substructures on Marquez and Sunset to the new substructure and the PTDS The PTDS is designed, constructed and matatained to OT exceed meet California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) safety rules and regulations. The PTDS would be temporary, and will be removed once a new permanent distribution station is operational. The PTDS is not a permanent solution for the need to provide adequate power service for the Palisades community.

All applicable regulations will be incorporated into and adhered to per standard procedures

B. Project Background:

"Currently, the power load in Pacific Palisades is being distributed by a single distribution station, Distribution Station 29 (DS-29), constructed almost 80 years ago. The heaviest power load is also being distributed on circuits that are furthest away from DS-29, which negatively impacts reliability for the entire area. There is no space at DS-29 to build more capacity, and LADWP has not yet selected a site for a new D.S. As a temporary measure to relieve three overloaded 4,800 volts circuits that currently serve the Pacific Palisades community, Distribution Construction and Maintenance (DC&M) proposes to install two PID Stations. To prevent power outages, limit outage chirations, and







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**B.** Coastal Guidelines

In accordance with the provisions of Section 30620 of the Public Resources Code; and, in order to sustain the findings contained in Section 12.20.2-G(c) of the Municipal Code which requires a review and consideration of "... Interpretative Guidelines for Coastal Planning and Permits ....", the State Coastal Commission has issued Interpretative Guidelines for the South Coast Region of Los Angeles including certain subarcas of the City of Los Angeles These subareas are defined as Pacific Palisades, Venice, Playa Del Rey, San Pedro and Wilmington. However, following prevailing case law (e.g., Pacific Legal Foundation V. Coastal Commission (1982) 33 Cal.3d 158), the City Engineer's determination is based on the cited provisions of the California Coastal Act and other legally established laws and regulations.

C. Issues of Legal Adequacy of the Application

None

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Six findings are required in order for a Coastal Development Permit to be issued. The six findings are:

(1) That the development is in conformity with Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act of 1976 (commencing with Section 30200 of the California Public Resources Code).

(2) That the permitted development will not prejudice the ability of the City of Los Angeles to prepare a Local Coastal Program that is in conformity with Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act of 1976.

(3) That the Interpretative Guidelines for Coastai Planning and Permits as established by the California Coastal Commission dated February 11, 1977 and any subsequent amendments thereto have been reviewed analyzed, and considered in the light of the individual project to making its determination.

(4) That the decision of the permit granting authority has been guided by any applicable decision of the California Coastal Commission pursuant to Section 30625(c) of the Public Resources Code.

(5) If the development is located between the nearest public read and the sea or shoreline of any body of water located within the coastal zone, that the development is in conformity with the public access and public recreation policies of Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act of 1976.

(6) Any other finding or findings as may be required for the development by the California Environmental Quality Act.

Staff finds as follows:

1. The development is in conformity with Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act of 1976 (commencing with Section 30200 of the California Public Resources Code).

In addition to the policies discussed above, Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act of 1976 provides;

a) MARINE ENVIRONMENT (Anicle 4, of Chapter 3 of Public Resources Code, Sections 30230 through 30237)

Sections 30230 and 30231 state:

Section 30230 Marine resources shall be maintained, enhanced, and where feasible, restored. Special protection shall be given to areas and species of special biological or economic significance. Uses of the marine environment shall be carried out in a mariner that will sustain the biological productivity of coastal waters and that will makinum healthy populations of all species of marine. organisms adequate for long-term commercial, recreational, scientific, and educational purposes.

Section 30231. The biological productivity and the quality of coastal waters, streams, wellands, estuarics, and lakes appropriate to maintainoptimum populations of marine organisms and for the protection of human health shall be maintained.

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Sunset Boulevard is a City designated scenic Scenic features include views of highway. mountains and estates. According to the Mobility Plan 2035, an element of the General Plan for the City of Los Angeles, "a. To the maximum extent feasible. all new or relocated electric. communication, and other public utility distribution facilities within five hundred feet of the center line of a Scenic Highway shall be placed underground. b. Where undergrounding of such utilities is not feasible, all such new or relocated utilities shall be screened to reduce their visibility from a Scenic Highway",

Measures have been implemented to help screen the structures. Their placement is where other utility poles and lights are located. They will be painted to blend in with the surroundings.

No adverse impacts to scenic and visual qualities of the coastal area are expected (Figures 3 and 4).

Section 30252. The location and amount of new development should matinutin and enhance public uccess to the coast by (1) facilitating the provision or extension of transit service, (2) providing communical facilities within or adjoining residential development or in other areas that will minimize the use of coastal access roads, (3) providing non automobile circulation within the development, (4) providing adequate parking facilities or providing substitute means of serving the development with public transportation, (5) assuring the potential for public transit for high intensity uses such as high-rise office buildings, and by (6) assuring that the recreational needs of new residents will not averload nearby coastal recreation areas by correlating the amount of development with lacal park acquisition and development plans with the provision of ansite recreational facilities to serve the new development,

The project does not interfere with any existing coastal access readways, bikeways, pedestrian paths or walkways

Section 30253. New development shall.

(1) Minimize risks to life and property in areas of high geologic, flood, and fire hazaril

(2) Assure stability and structural integrity, and neither create not contribute significantly to erosion, geologic instability, or destruction of the site ar surrounding area or in any way require the construction of protective devices that would substantially alter natural land forms along the bluffs and cliffs

(3) Be consistent with requirements imposed by an air pollution control district or the State Air Resources Control Board as to each particular development.

(4) Minimize energy consumption and vehicle miles

(5) Where appropriate, protect special communities and neighborhoods which, because of their unique characteristics, are popular visitor destination points for recreational uses.

The project would not affect geologic, flood or fire risks (30253(1) (2)), would not conflict with any requirements of the State Air Resources Control Board or South Coast Air Quality District (30253(3)), would not affect energy consumption and vehicle miles traveled (30253(4)), and would not permanently affect the local community (30253(5)).

d) INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Public Resources Code, Sections 30260 through 30265.5)

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> Staff' reviewed and considered the Notice of Exemption and determined there are no additional evaluations required by the California Environmental Quality Act is connection with the approval of this permit.

#### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A public hearing is pending.

#### IV. STANDARD CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

- 1. Notice of Receipt and Acknowledgment. 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 City Engineer's Office.
- Expiration. If development has not commenced, the permit will expire two years from the permit date as reported from the

#### V. SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL



Coastal 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 Interpretation. Any questions of intent or interpretation of any condition will be resolved by the City Engineer.
- Assignment The permit may be assigned to any qualified person. provided assignce files with the City Engineer an affidavit accepting all terms and conditions of the permit.
- 5. Terms and Conditions Run with the Land. These ferms and conditions shall be perpetuel, and it is the intention of the City. Engineer and the permittee to bind all fature owners and possessors of the subject property to the terms and conditions.
- Other approvals. Obtain permit from the State Coastal Commission.
- 1. Monitor. A qualified archaeologist who steers the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards shall be present to monitor all ground-disturbing activities.
- 2. Awareness Training. Prior to initiation of ground-disturbing activities for the underground portions of the project, the archaeological monitor will conduct a brief awareness training session for the benefit of all construction workers and supervisory personnel. The training would explain the importance of and legal basis for the protection of significant archaeological resources. Each worker would also learn the proper procedures to follow in the event that outural resources or human remains/burials are tincovered during ground-disturbing activities. These procedures include work curtailment or recommended that this worker education session include visual images of artifacts that might be found in the project vicinity, and that the action take place on-site immediately prior to the start of ground-disturbing activities.
- 3 Inadvertent Discovery. In the event that archaeological resources are exposed during construction, work in the immediate vicinity of the find must stop until a qualified archaeologist can evaluate the significance of the find and make applicable recommendations to avoid significant impacts to archaeological resources. Construction activities may continue in other areas. If the discovery proves significant under CEQA, additional work such as testing or data recovery may be warranted.





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#### VI. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the proceeding analysis, we recommend that the City Engineer issue a Coastal Development Permit for this project

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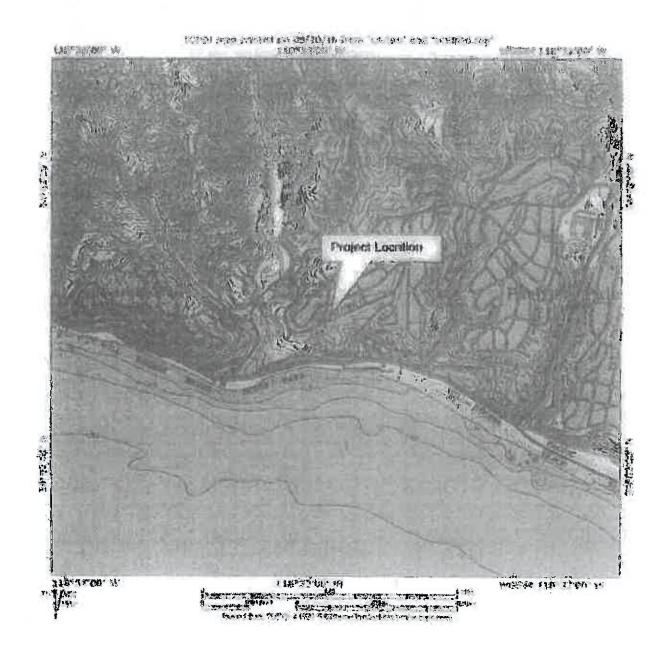
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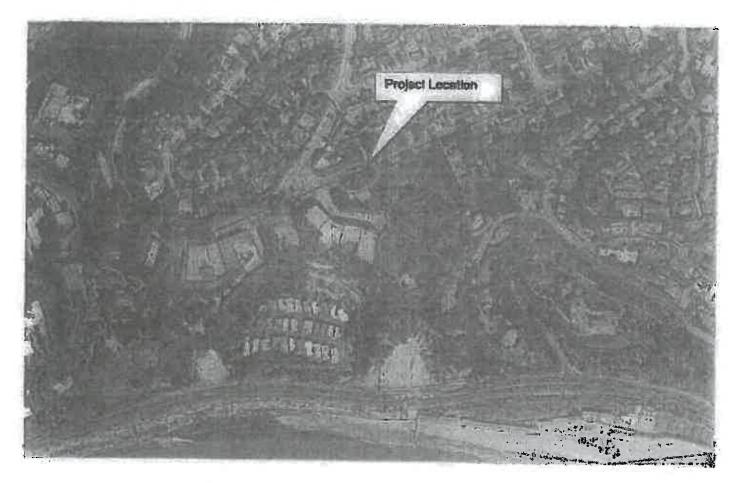


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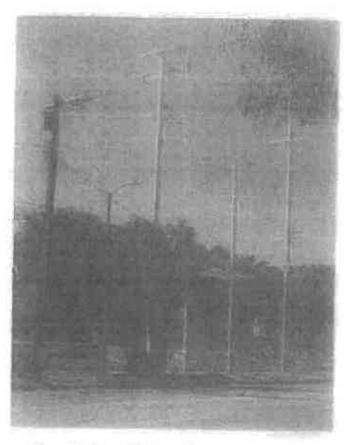
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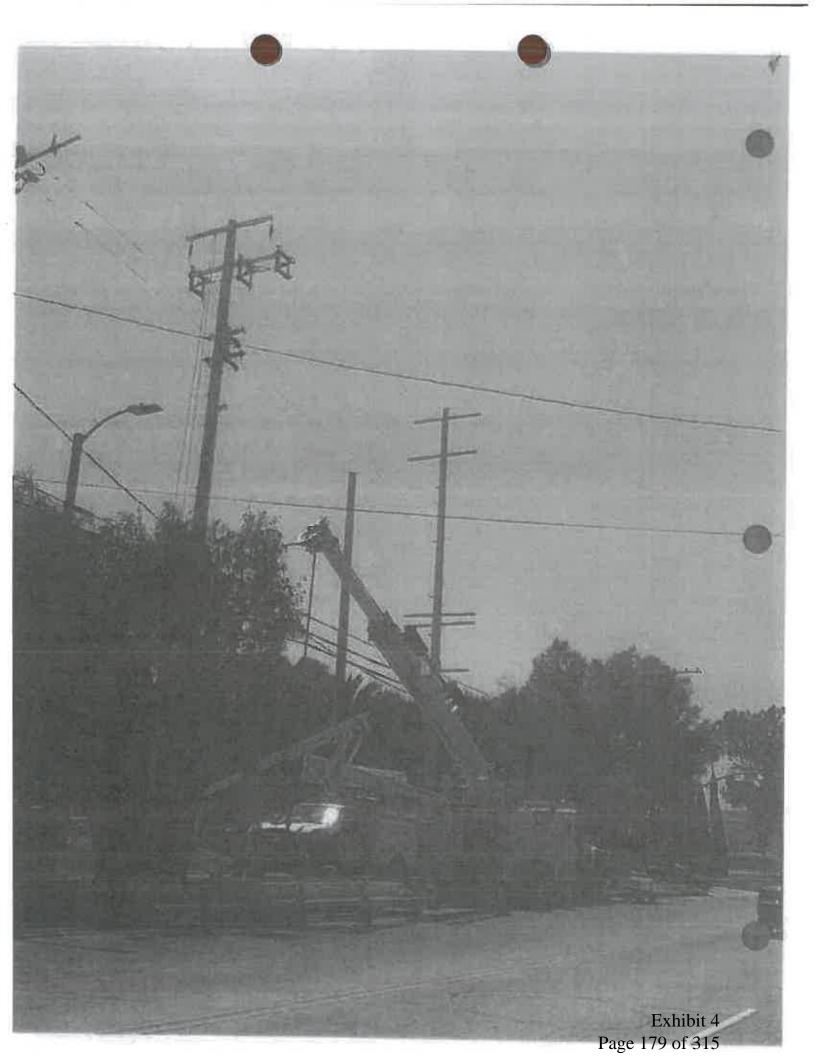
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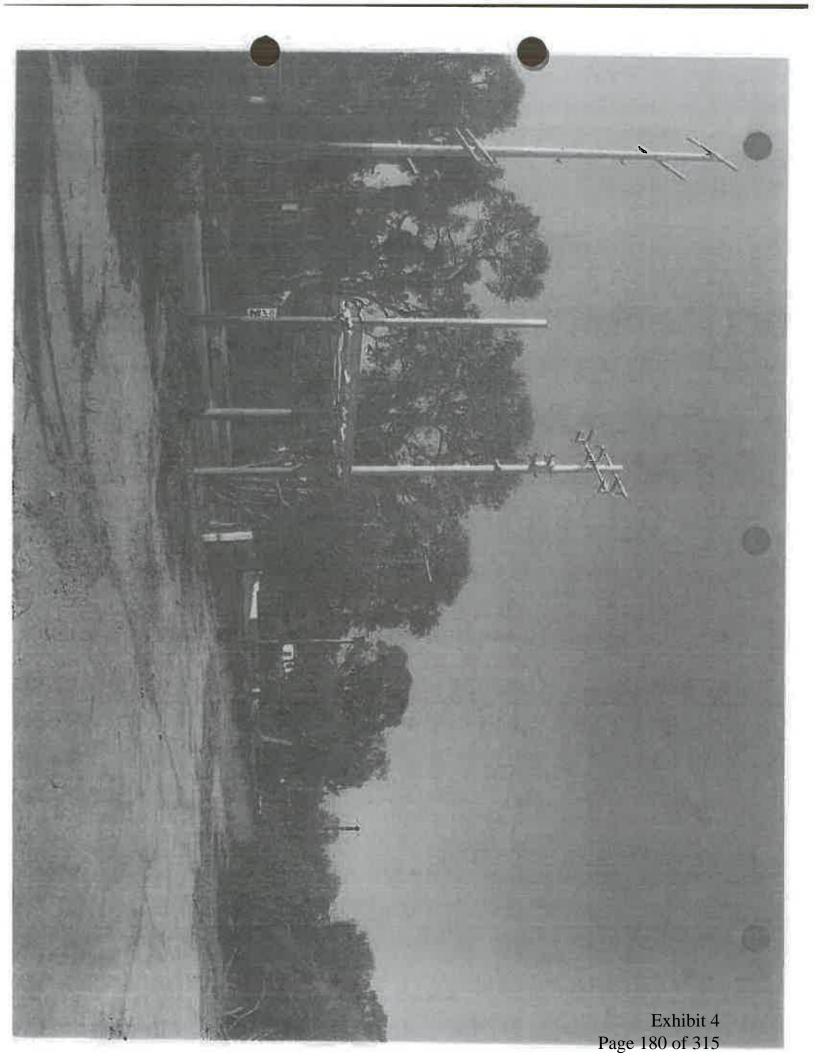




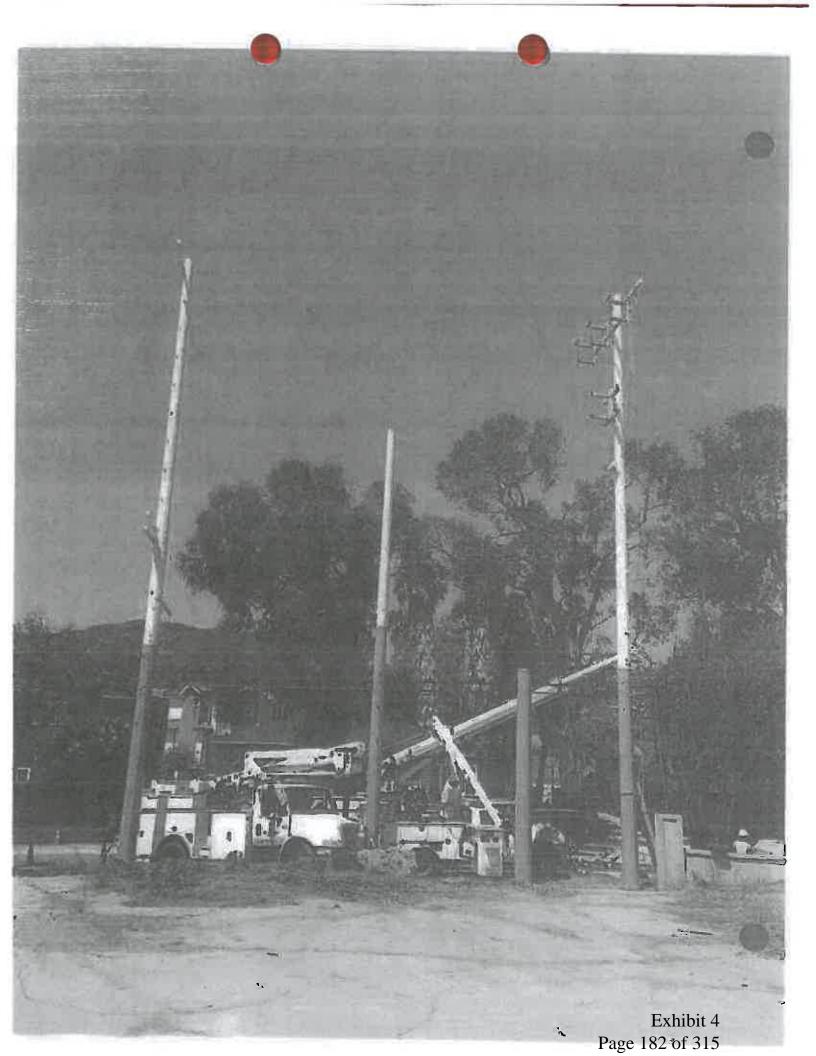
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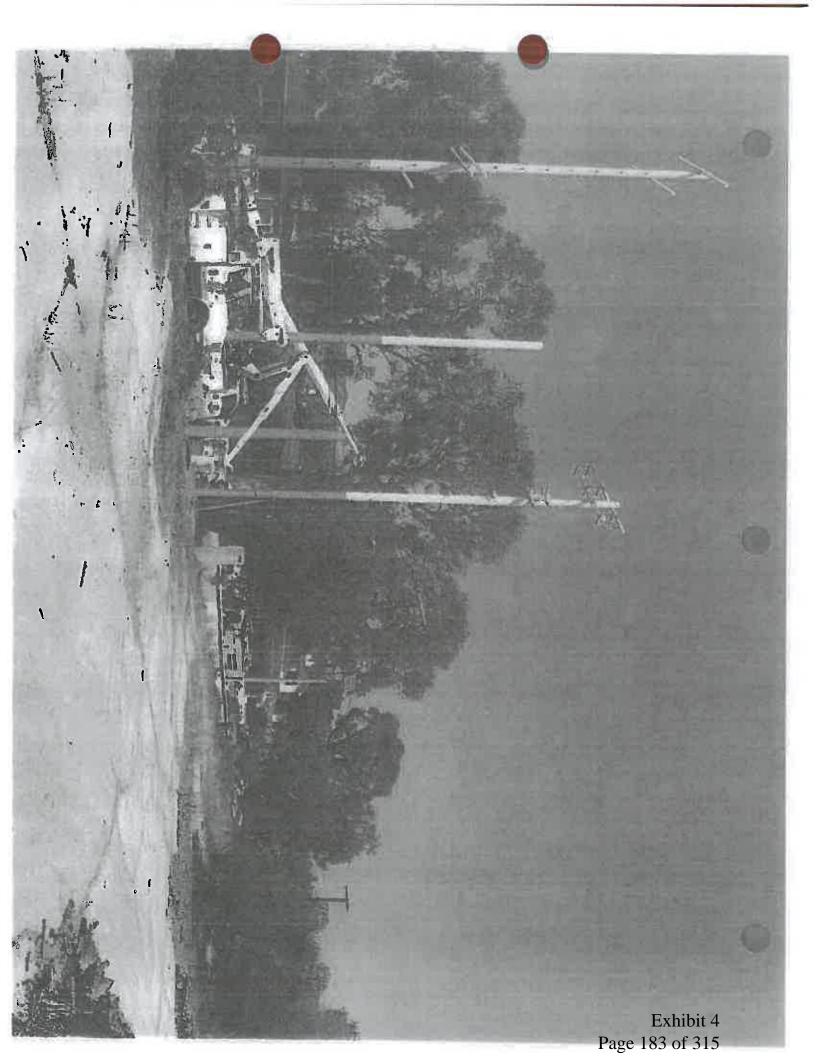
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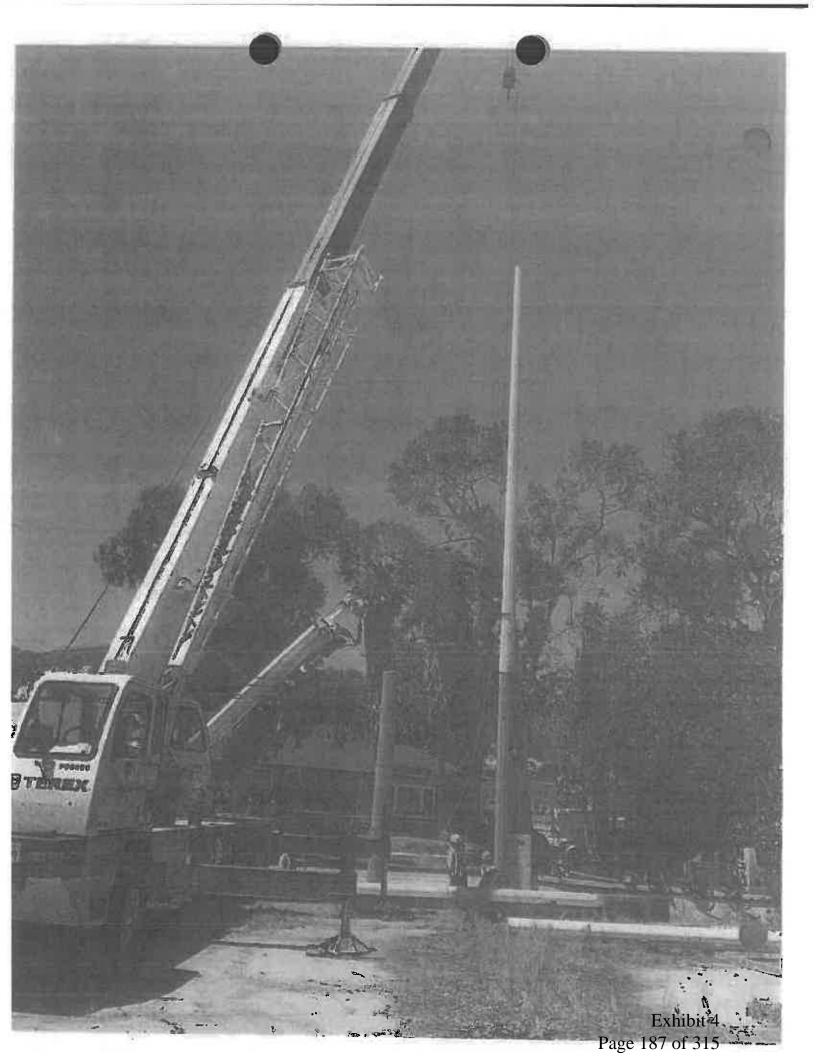


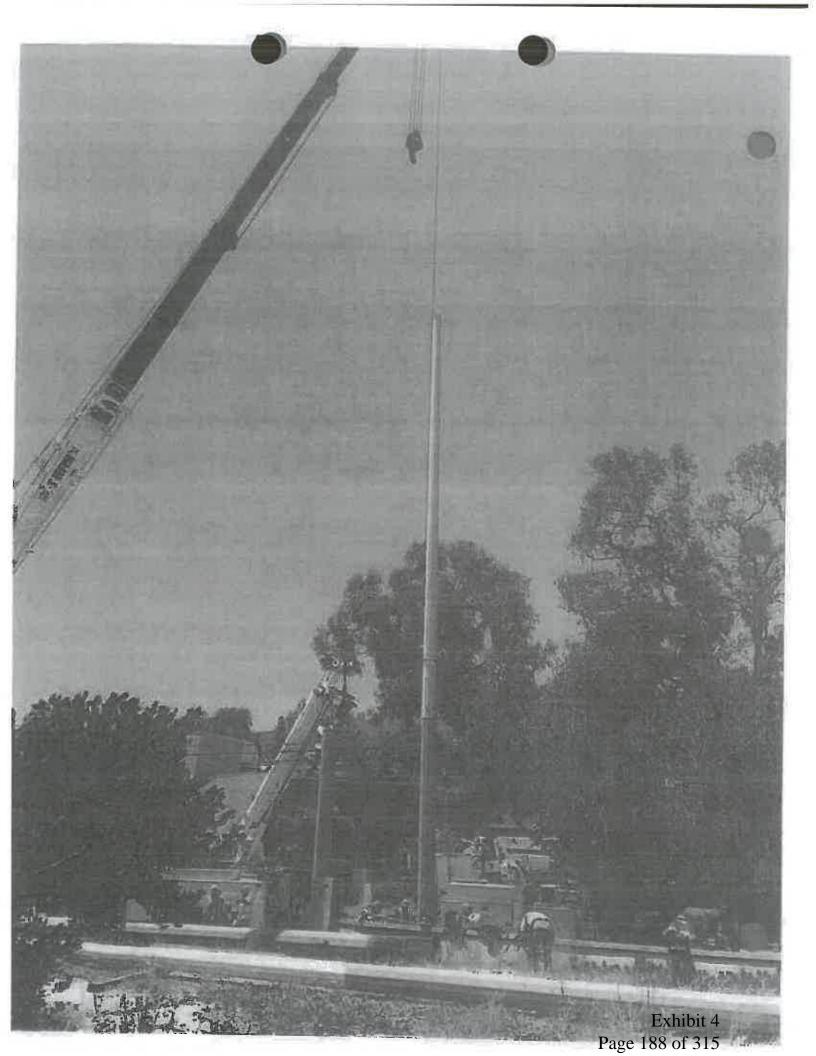


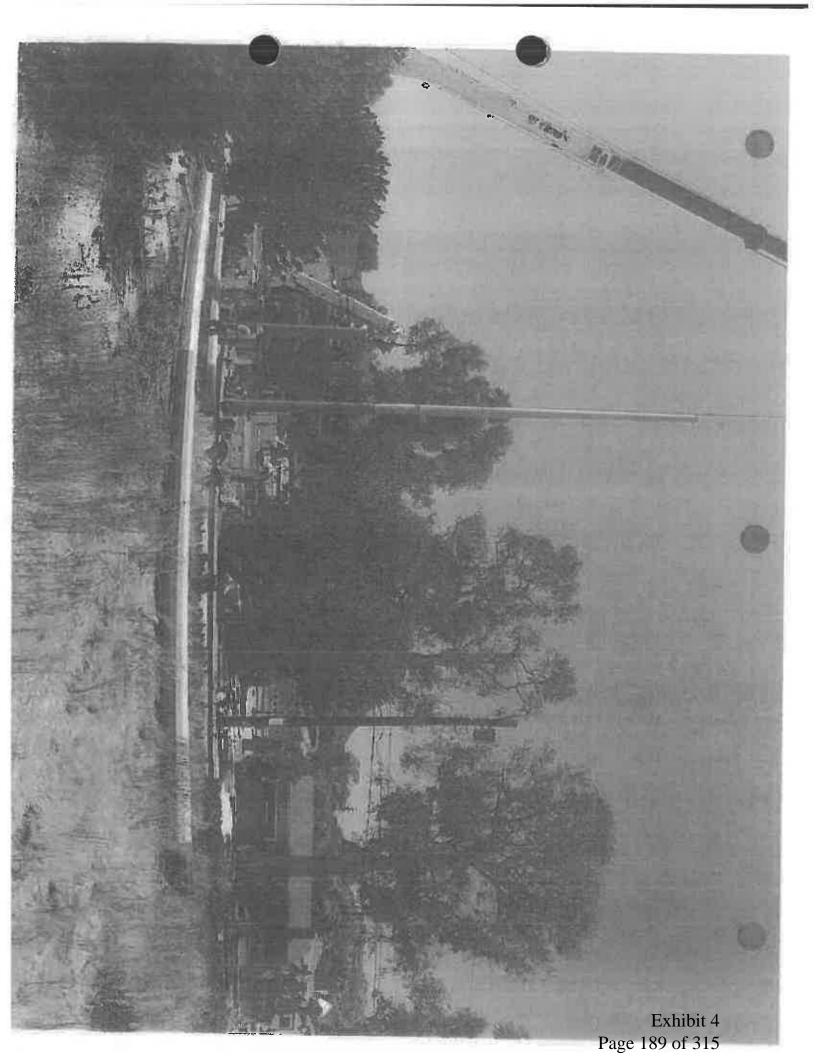
















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### Exhibit 6

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#### **Distributed Padmounted Substations**

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Abstract - Electric utilities today face increased pressure compared to that faced just ten years ago. De-regulation of the utility industry has brought profitability and performance pressures from shareholders, public service commissions and customers. Recent advancements in padmounted electrical equipment now allow construction alternatives that did not exist when utilities originally created their standard anbstatioo designs. It is now possible to construct smaller, padmounted substations with underground sources and feeders. Benefits of this approach include reduced cost, caster construction approval, greater reliability, simplicity and flexibility of design, and improved safety and acitatica. These benefits will be discussed in detail, with examples of completed installations.

Index Terms - Substation design, substation construction, padmounted equipment. padmounted transformers padmounted switchgear, padmounted capacitor, voltage regulation.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

The business environment for utilities bas changed substantially in the last ten years. De-regulation has forced utilities into a more competitive marketplace. Expenses are no longer automatically calculated into the customer rate base, and in some cases, customers have the opportunity to choose from whom they purchase power. As a result, utilities are re-examining their practices, from billing to construction. The recovery period for expenditures must be much shorter than it was previously.

Customer demands bave also increased. User's precision electronics have raised reliability requirements. EMF and aesthetic considerations have made projects such as substation and transmission line construction much more difficult than it once was.

#### A. Traditional Substation

A traditional substation is shown in Fig. 1. It contains overhead incoming and outgoing lines, with open-air connections of switches, the transformer, regulators, capacitors, and breakers. The entire installation is fenced or walled in, and may also have a control house on the property. The capacity of such a product ranges from 5 to 100 MVA, with a primary voltage between 35 and 230 kV, and a secondary voltage 35 kV or lower. Although vital to the

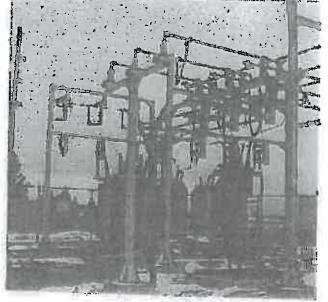


Fig. I. Traditional Substation

electrical system, there is a negative public perception regarding the overhead lines, exposed connections, and potential EMF radiation. This perception can make permitting difficult or impossible.

#### **B. Distributed Padmounted Substation**

This paper's intent is to focus on "distributed padmounted substations". Just as the mix of generation on a utility system now includes an array of "distributed generation", a utility's substation base can apply a similar concept. Although there is no strict definition, these substations are usually defined as using an underground source to a small (10-20 MVA) substation. The underground source is either a higher (25 or 35 KV) distribution voltage or a transmission level voltage. The equipment is padmounted and deadfront. It is typically sited right at a new load growth or development area that cannot be served by the existing distribution system. It can be as simple as a collection of padmount equipment boxes, perhaps without a fence (see Example #1). If a higher distribution voltage is used for the source it can be an "express feeder" from an existing large substation, and need not be a voltage already on the utility's system. Since express

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feeders serve no customers along the way, it is possible to use this unique voltage without truly introducing another service voltage to the utility.

Substations are not distributed today due to the high fixed cost of a traditional substation. The costs of fencing, real estate, excavation, and open buswork are not directly proportional to the MVA requirements of the station. Distributed substations become economically justifiable when they become padmounted. The individual stations can be sized for the load being added, and installed more easily and less expensively.

#### **II. BENEFITS**

1) Cost: It is difficult to compare costs of these two approaches to substations because of the differences between them. A traditional substation may have twice the capacity of a padmount installation, an elaborate relaying scheme, and a control building. Although a distributed padmounted substation may not even have a fence, it may have electronic, vacuum interruption high side protection versus simple power fuses in an overbead design (as shown in Fig. 1).

Several projects for which costs were developed both ways to serve the same load indicate that a padmounted substation approach is often 35% less expensive than a traditional substation. Reduced material costa include no "take-off structure", possibly no fence or control building and less expensive power equipment. Total costs for a complete padmounted substation can be as little as \$350,000 Communition and design costs are reduced because both are greatly simulated. Property costs are reduced due to a more compact design and much smaller right of ways. In some situations, just the value of detecting a large capital project to install a traditional substation can justify the construction of a distributed padmounted substation.

2) Approval Process: Overhead transmission right-of-ways may be difficult or impossible to obtain in some places. If an underground source is used, the right-of ways required are much narrower or may already exist. Public, government and regulatory review processes are simplified due the less obtrusive, clean underground design. Permitting may even be avoided altogether for some projects if only distribution voltages are involved. In addition, there are fewer EMF concerns with an entirely padmounted installation.

3) Reliability: Service reliability is improved since there is no exposure to weather. Underground construction avoids ice and wind problems, and the entire installation is shielded from lightning. Wildlife problems are greatly reduced with no exposed energized parts. Outage restoration is quicker because spare equipment is easily transportable and relatively lightweight. Utilizing single-phase regulators (which can be bypassed) instead of transformer LTCs contributes to a design that can be operated with fewer outages. Additionally, regulators monitor and correct each phase voltage individually. This leads to improved regulation of feeders with substantial single-phase load,

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4) Simplicity and Flexibility: The simplicity and flexibility of the distributed padmounted substation is in its "building block" approach. Much of the equipment is available as standard distribution equipment and in many different configurations. These standard blocks can be laid out to create a customized design by simply connecting different blocks. This results in a two-dimensional design that a distribution planning engineer can manage. Substation design engineers are then freed up to focus on more complex work instead. The flexibility of the building blocks yields some very different designs as shown in the attached examples.

Using typical distribution equipment means that distribution crews may construct and maintain a padmounted substation. It is a big advantage for some utilities to have distribution crews (contracted or in-house) able to complete this work (see Fig. 2). The simple design and construction of these substations with common padmounted equipment results in relatively short timelines, allowing utilities to complete projects more quickly and consistently.

There is also the flexibility to incorporate only part of this entire concept on a project. Example #4 utilizes a typical overhead transmission line source, with the rest of the substation built from padmounted components. In this example, existing overhead right-of-way and the proximity of nearby 46 kV overhead lines made this method the most cost effective.



Fig. 2, Distribution Personnel Installing Padmounted Substation

5) Safety: The safety of a padmounted substation is increased because all equipment is deadfront; no exposed energized parts exist. The equipment is also all hot-stickoperable and tamper-resistant. This offers no more risk to the public than the padmounted transformers installed in some customers' backyards. This degree of safety makes padmounted substations safer for operating personnel, the public and wildlife. The substation shown in Example #1 is near a ski area, which commonly has 10 feet of snow on the

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ground. An energized bus at such a location could be a hazard because both people and wildlife frequent the area.

6) Aesthetics A completed distributed padmounted substation looks like a clean collection of boxes to a field. The low profile and underground design are pleasing to the cyc. This makes them a better fit in residential areas or especially at upscale resorts and environmentally sensitive areas.

#### III. EQUIPMENT

Expansion of the product scope of padmounted equipment over the last twenty years now makes an entirely padmounted substation installation viable. All products listed below can be designed and certified to meet the tamper-resistance criteria set forth in ANSI C57.12.28 - 1999 [1]. It is common practice to install equipment meeting this standard without any additional tamper protection (i.e. fence, enclosure, walls.)

1) Transformers: Padmounted transformers as large as 10 MVA are now available. Primary voltages up to 69 kV are possible, and units with secondary voltages from 4 kV to 25 kV can be designed to accommodate 1200 amps of secondary line current. The paralleling of two or more of these transformers enhances reliability. The total MVA of the station will be determined by load data and load projections. By dividing the required kVA amongst multiple units, the loss of a transformer does not mean a long-term outage. The lead can likely be carried by the remaining units, at least until loads have grown into the original projections.

For primary voltages up to 35 kV, integral primary overcurrent protection is available for these large padmounted transformers. A vacuum interrupter can be built into the transformer tank, providing overload and fault protection. This device typically has an interruption rating of 12 kA. This rating can sometimes be increased to 50 kA by the addition of partial-range current-limiting fusing in series with the interrupter, depending on the exact voltage and current ratings required.

2) Connectors: Deadfront primary connectors are common and modestly priced for units with primary voltages up to 35 kV. 600 amp deadfront connectors are commonly used to connect the various pieces of equipment in the substation. These connectors can be certified to 900A operation with the use of all copper components. Deadfront primary connectors are available for 46 kV and 69 kV applications as well. The cost of such connectors is substantial (over \$1500 per bushing connection), but if underground 46 kV or 69 kV cable is already a requirement of the installation, this connection method may prove to be the most economical.

3) Switchgear: Padmonnted switchgear may be used to accomplish all the switching needs in a substation. The many

configurations offered provide a lot of flexibility. They can substitute as a bus and can even provide a bus tie switch (sbown in all of the examples). Using vacuum switcbes, they allow either automatic or manual transfer from a preferred to an alternate source. These switcbes have fault current ratings of 12-16 kA. Continuous current ratings of 600 amps are common, and units capable of carrying 800 amps are possible.

Padmounted switchgear with overcurrent protection can be used for high side protection and/or outgoing feeder protection. Multiple feeders may be protected by a single piece of vacuum interrupter gear, utilizing an industrystandard configuration. If feeders leaving the substation become overhead lines at some point, padmounted vacuum reclosers can be installed to offer transient fault protection. Micro-processor based controls in these devices provide precision control of TCC curve profile and minimum trip levels.

4) Regulators: Voltage control for a padmounted substation is available by using padmounted single-phase step-voltage regulators (see Fig. 3). These devices contain the same components used in structure-mounted substation regulators, except that the source, load, and source-load bushings are deadfront style, capable of carrying up to 600 amps. Single-phase regulators offer independent phase voltage control, and bypass/replacement without service interruption to customers, unlike LTC voltage control on a power transformer.

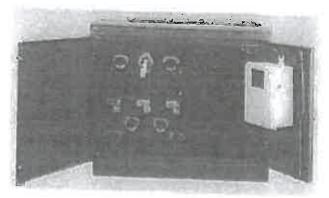


Fig. 3. Padmounted Regulator

5) Capacitors: Feeder power-factor correction may also be handled within the padmounted substation since several vendors supply padmounted capacitor banks.

6) Reactors: If a reduction in the available fault current is required, it is possible to install padmounted reactors as part of the substation.

7) Automation: Microprocessor-based controls for regulators, reclosers and switchgear offer many modem



features. These automation capabilities and intelligence are "distributed" out to the individual control boxes, potentially eliminating the need for a control house or dispatch operator involvement.

Some of the available features include:

Individual feeder metering capability Graphical logic programming and oscillography Digital or Analog SCADA communication and control

#### IV. LIMITATIONS

1) KVA Size: This application lends itself to the 5 - 20 MVA range. If MVA requirements are larger than that, equipment and load flow problems exist. Padmount transformers are available up to 10MVA (paralleled to obtain 20MVA). The regulators are available up to 600 amps. Carrying loads larger than 20 MVA for any considerable distance is difficult using a distribution voltage.

2) Primary Voltage Level: 35 kV may be considered a maximum for several reasons. High side protection equipment is difficult to find in a deadfront, padmounted package above 35 kV. The switching equipment and deadfront terminations are also much more affordable at 35 kV and below. Deadfront arresters are available up to 35 kV. These issues may create an incentive to use a higher-distribution voltage express feeder (35 kV or less) so that distribution-class equipment and terminations can be used.

If a radial, express feeder is used, then the overcurrent protection at the origin of that line can act as both line protection and high side protection to the distributed substation. This would eliminate the need of a high side protection device in the padmounted substation, and would promote the use of 46 or 69 kV as the express feeder voltage.

3) Fault Current: Although some padmouated equipment is available with an interrupting rating of 16 kA, the majority of padmount switching equipment is limited to a 12 kA interrupt rating. If required, padmount reactors may be installed, or higher fault-current withstand switches may be available. If the transformer is the first piece of gear in the installation (as shown in Example 4), fault current to the switches is limited by the transformer impedance.

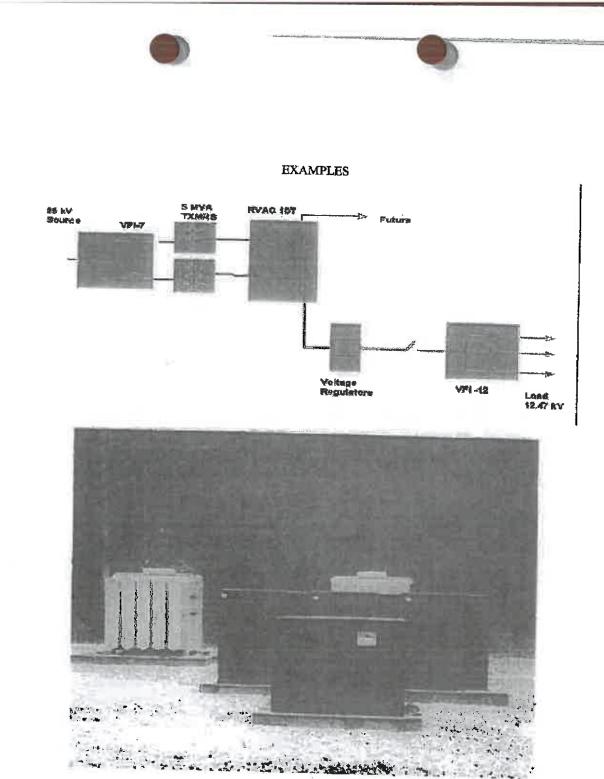
#### V. APPLICATIONS

The distributed padmounted substation is not a concept that replaces the traditional substation as a standard. It should be considered as an option for specific projects, where a traditional substation may not be the best fit. As a niche application, it has proven to be attractive to even large utilities. Some common applications of this concept include: Exclusive Resorts – Aesthetics are very important at upscale resorts where property prices are high. Many of these customers demand underground construction anyway. Resorts are quite often large loads in isolated locations, making a good fit for the express feeder concept (see Example #1).

Stepdown Applications – The distributed padmounted design can conveniently be used to create a stepdown substation. These are used to interconnect different distribution systems versus installing a new high voltage transmission substation (see Example #3).

Extreme Climates - Applications at ski areas, constal areas, and high contamination areas (salt or highway de-icing agent) are all good applications.

Environmentally Sensitive Areas - Places such as State or National Parks and other highly scenic areas are good candidates Even some residential neighborhoods have aesthetic requirements that justify this type of construction



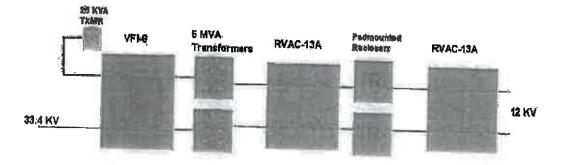
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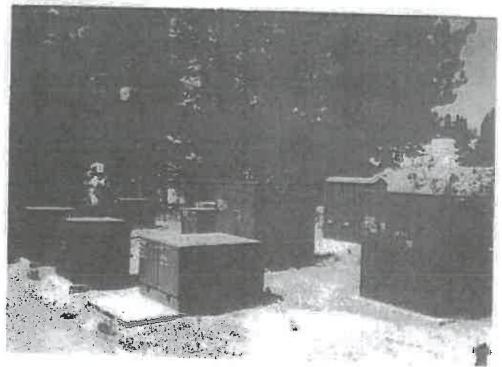
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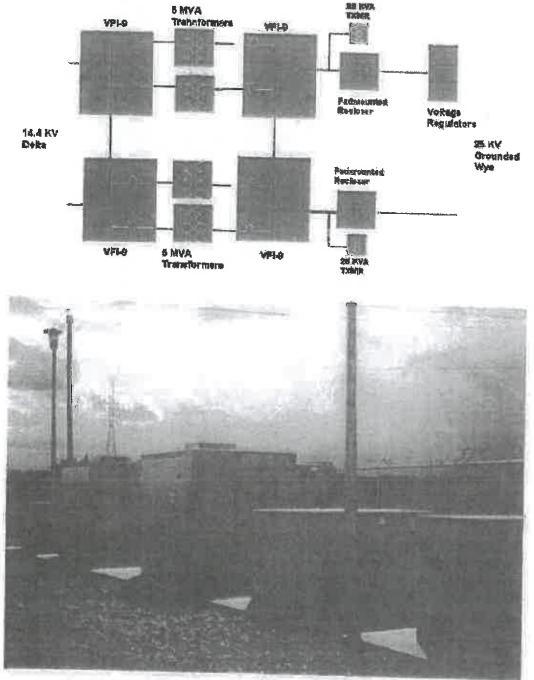
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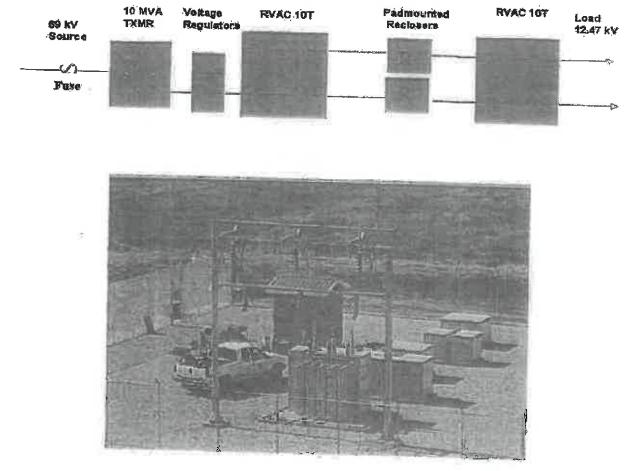


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#### VI. CONCLUSION

Distributed padmounted substations have benefitted those utilities who have installed them. Placing only the required MVA of substation in close proximity to the load requiring it postpones or eliminates the need to install a larger, traditional substation.

There are numerous benefits as compared to a traditional substation. The benefits include:

Decreased costs (often 35%).

- Construction approval is easier, due to narrower right-ofways and improved aesthetics.
- Greater reliability, due to reduced exposure to extreme weather.
- Simplicity and flexibility of design, due to twodimensional "building block" approach.
- Improved safety, due to deadfront construction and underground cable connections.
- Improved aesthetics, due to the lower profile and unobtrusive appearance of padmounted equipment.

The application of this concept is limited by the voltage and ampacity limits of padmounted equipment. A 20 MVA installation is the practical maximum size, with a maximum primary voltage of 69 kV. The available fault current on the secondary side (and perhaps the primary side, depending on the design) of the installation must be kept below 12 kA.

Some particularly good applications for this concept are near resorts, in extreme climates, in environmentally sensitive areas, or as a connection point between distributions systems.

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#### Exhibit 7

#### Schematic for the Padmounted Distribution Station

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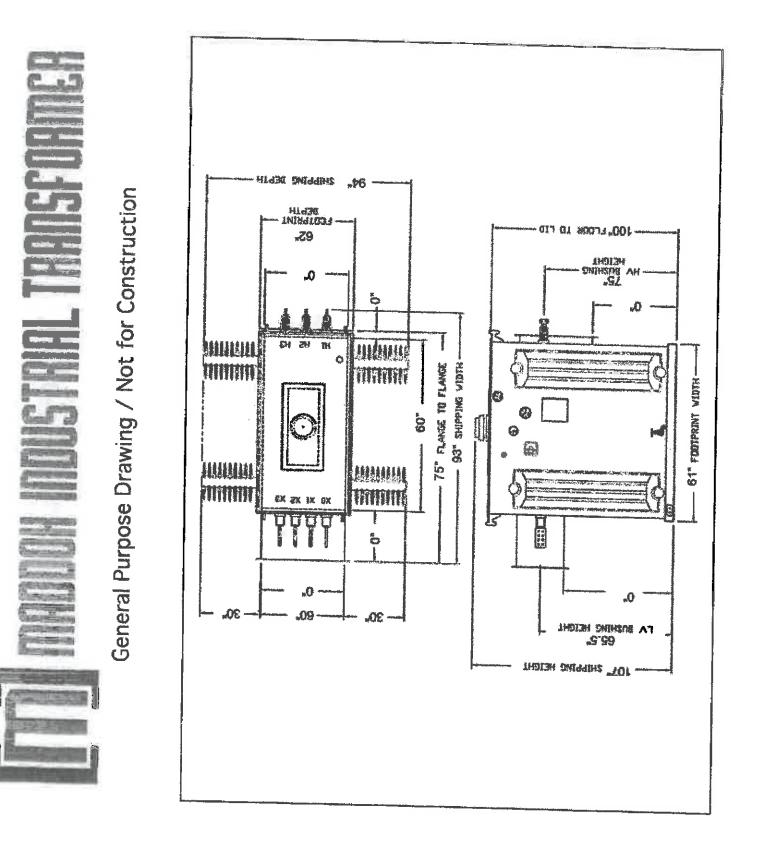


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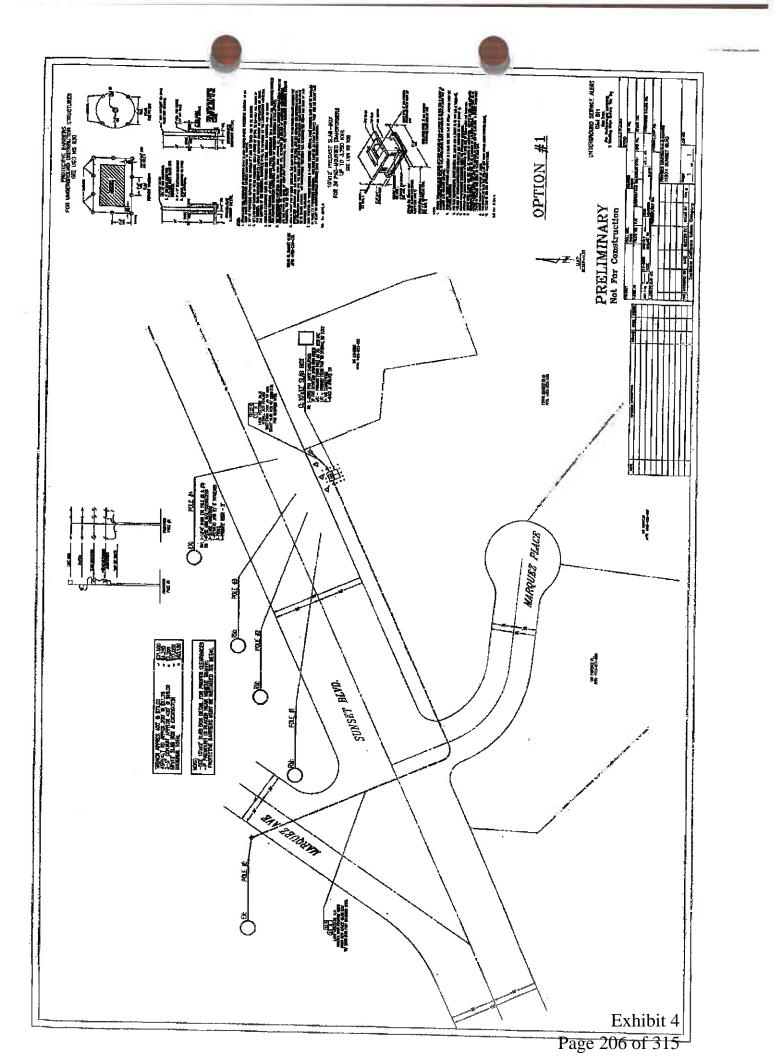
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Analysis of LADWP Coastal Permit Application 16-14 and Underground and Padmounted Alternatives By Integrated Environmental Technologies (IET)

#### INTRODUCTION

Sunset Boulevard is a Scenic Highway. Thousands of people travel this route either out of necessity or for pleasure. This includes tourists and Southern Californians, who love to travel this route just for the pure enjoyment of driving down "Sunset Blvd."

Placing a Pole Top Distribution Station (PTDS) in proximity to Sunset is not in keeping with a Scenic Highway. The distribution sub-station should be placed underground to the "maximum extent feasible" or pad-mounted with appropriate screening. Nowhere in the application or staff report show that the LADWP actually undertook an actual analysis to place the distribution station underground, other than to say that it would be complex and water intrusion issues do exist. However, pad-mounted technology exists, which keeps vital equipment above ground, without water intrusion. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is a CAD schematic of a pad-mounted solution which includes the specifications for the padmounted equipment with equivalent service and performance parameters as the PTDS proposed by the LADWP. The LADWP did not consider a pad-mounted station at all.

The General Plan also provides that where undergrounding is not feasible, then the utilities should be screened. Painting the poles is not screening.

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Planning the distribution at grade with a fence and landscaping is screening.

#### AESTHETICS

- This neighborhood is very concerned about the quality of life, views, and community values.
- The large pole top facility in this area would be a blight on the area.
- Are there any other areas where this would less visible?
- Sunset is designated as a scenic road, with a 500' area of protection.
- LADWP stated there is not sufficient room for undergrounding, but the LADWP did not look at the Pad-mounted distribution station solution at all.

#### COST

- LADWP has said that undergrounding would be more expensive, but has not shown an actual cost review and the LADWP did not review pad-mounted equipment at all.
- LADWP states that they have delayed a permanent new station, due to their lack of action, but they will spend funds for a temporary fix. If the LADWP is going to spend funds on a fix which although temporary could be there for a few years, it should be done correctly and a pad-mounted distribution station is a superior solution.
- Although the LADWP has various policies which impact the cost of a project like the PTDS or a pad-mounted alternative, based on our experience in the area, we believe that the pad-mounted alternative set forth in Exhibit A could be constructed for approximately \$100,000.00 (this would be an approximate cost if constructed by a private utility service).

#### SAFETY

- Pole top equipment is more exposed to weather and nature.
- Pad mounts are more reliable, particularly with coastal air/weather, and no exposed electrical parts.





 Electro Magnetic Fields (EMF) concerns on the new installation are less with a pad-mounted system.

#### SCHEDULE

- The briefing document from LADWP states that the PTDS is needed by the summer of 2016. However, it is now November and the LADWP made it through the summer of 2016, so it appears that it is not an emergency or a project that is needed on a rush basis as originally stated.
- LADWP states that this is temporary, until a permanent station can be built. However, they do not give an end date. In fact, a permanent station could take a decade or more to complete. What is the actual schedule? A padmounted solution would be preferable in the event that the distribution station needs to be in use for more than a couple of years.

#### **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

- Time should be allowed to build a community consensus and partnership.
- The neighboring properties, school, local community, Community Council, and Council Office should all be involved in the solution with LADWP.
- There can also be longer term benefits to this partnership related to locating the actual substation that the LADWP intends to construct.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- The PTDS should be relocated or installed underground or at a minimum padmounted and appropriately screened with landscaping or fencing in order to blend into the scenery and be consistent with the residential character and coastal location of the same.
- Exhibit A is a design of a potential pad-mounted distribution station that should be considered by the LADWP.





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#### Exhibit 8

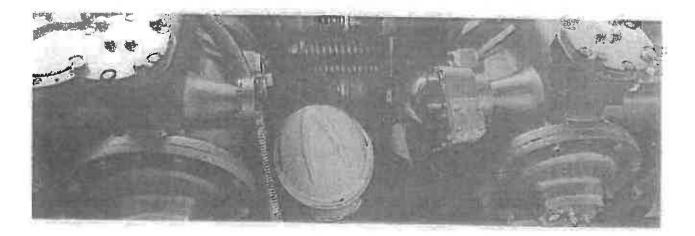
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## Electric Works of Zurich Oerlikon Substation

The rising demand for electricity and a need for a continuously stable power supply were the driving forces behind the decision to build a new substation in the city of Zurich.



#### BACKERWIND

Zurich is a booming city and one of the most rapidly growing in Switzerland. The power grid needs to be stable and produce enough capacity to provide energy consistently to the more than 400,000 residents of Zurich. To expend that capacity, the Electric Works of Zurich, or ewz, launched a project to create a substation that would convert voltege from 150kv to 22kv – a more modern standard. The structure was slated to be located in a part of the city called, Oerlikon, hence the name of the substation.

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Because land is scarce in Zurich, ewz was challenged to construct the Osrlikon substation three stories

underground. And they designed a building to sit on top of the site that would include space for offices with cloakrooms, training facilities and common rooms for more than 40 Electric Works employees, And, since most of the structure would be subterranean, the project demanded the very best civil engineering. Among other challenges the project posed, the construction site was problematic given the region's poor subsoil and high-level groundwater Making the substation waterproof was, needless to say, critical. After releasing a public tender for the project, ewz chose Poyry as the general planner, given the broad range of expertise needed to pull of such a technicelly demanding project

Historics Portypersessor a table of skills - from surveying to engineering and everything in between - there was no need to run tractured communications between a number of disconnected parties. That helped with the speed of the construction, which Porry delivered on time and on budget describe the chellenges with groundwater

According to Preced Musiles, General Project Manager for exist, "A project this comptain involves a fot of challenges in terms of geological and design issues We felt safer with Poyry. They were able to achieve highly ambitious goals on an extremely tight schedule and under very clificult concilions."

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Pöyry began work on the underground substation that had a number of special features. One of those included a viewing area that would allow visitors from the building above to look through a glass enclosure to see the switchgaars at work below. Pöyry also faced the challenge of implementing the complex waste heat utilisation system for the transformers.

To contain the ground water surrounding the structure. Poyry designed a doubla wall structure to ensure safe operations at Oerlikon. At different periods during the execution of Oerlikon, teams of up to 20 project managers, engineers and other technical staff from Pöyry were dedicated to the project.

#### VENERITO.

Besides providing Zurich with a more consistent power source for the next 100 years and beyond, the Oerlikon substation is also reducing CO<sub>2</sub> consumption for future generations. Traditional Insulation for switchgears calls for environmentally harmful sulfur hexafluoride (SF6) gas. But the Oerlikon substation will use a new type of insolating gas technology (developed and delivered by ABB.) This innovative approach will lower greenhouse gases by up to 50 percent through the lifecycle of the switchgear used at Oerlikon. And thanks to the subterranean design of the substation, Zurich will get more power and more space for commercial and residential use. The site will also serve as a showcase for municipal government, allowing local residents to tour the substation or simply view in through the gallery.

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#### Exhibit 9

Notice of Exemption

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#### CITY OF LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK ROOM 395, CITY HALL LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 99012 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(City CEQA Guidelines)

Sobmission of this form is optional. The form shall be filed with the County Clerk, 12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650, pursuant to Public Resources Code Soction 21152(b). Parsuant to Public Resources Code Soction 21168(d), the filing of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on Court challenges to the approval of the project. Feilure to file the active results in the shares of limitations being extended to 180 days.

LEAD CITY AGENCY AND ADDRESS:	COUNCIL DISTRICT
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADPW)	11
111 N. Hope Street, Room 1044	
Los Angeles, CA 90012	
PROJECT TITLE	LOG REFERENCE
Pole-Top Distribution Station Installations, Pacific Palisades Community	

#### **PROJECT LOCATION**

Two pole-top distribution stations (PTD Stations) will be constructed at two sites in the Pacific Palisades community of the City of Los Angeles: (1) near the intersection of Sunset Boulevard at Marquez Avenue; and (2) near the intersection of Temescal Canyou at Sunset Boulevard.

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, FURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT: The project consists of the construction of two temporary PTD Stations in the Pacific Palisades community of the City of Los Angeles. These PTD Statioos are needed to temporarily relieve the worsening and on-going overloading of Distribution Station 29 and the three 4,800 volts circuits that currently serve the Pacific Palisades community. These temporary PTD Stations are needed until a permanent distribution station can be constructed and placed into service. Historical circuit data indicates that the existing system in the Pacific Palisades will not be able to suitably serve the community during heat storms predicted for the 2016 summer season. Once constructed, the PTD Stations will prevent power outages, limit outage durations, reduce fire risk associated with the overloaded circuits, and improve power quality for Pacific Palisades costomers. Construction of the overhead components of the PTD Stations will take approximately two to three weeks. Construction for the underground portions of the PTD Stations will take additional time.

#### LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON

AREA CODE | TELEPHONE NUMBER | EXT.

Charles C. Holloway, Manager of Environmental 213-367-1745 Planning and Assessment

Exempt status:

Categorical Exemption under CEQA Guidelines section 15303 Statutory Exemption under Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(4)

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTIONS: The proposed installation of two PTD Stations in the Pacific Palisades community is exempt from review under the Class 3 categorical exemption for the construction of small structures, including "electrical... and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction." (CEQA Guidelines, § 15303.) The proposed PTD Stations also qualify under the statutory exemption for emergency projects, since the installation of PTD Stations is necessary to prevent or reduce the frequency of significant and lengthy outages in the Pacific Palisades community, reduce the existing filte risk associated with the constant overloading of three circuits serving the area, and ensure that essential public services within the community are not without power. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21080(b)(4).)

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#### Exhibit 10

**Palisades News Article** 

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day's Community Ex to 2015 (See story, Page 4).

### State Rejects DWP's Bid For Los Liones Property

#### By SUE PASCOE Editor

he State of California has rejected LADWP's plea to buy state park land at Los Liones Gateway Park for the proposed Distributing Station 104 in western Pacific Palisades.

In a March 2 letter to the DWP, California Department of Parks and Recreation Superintendent-Angeles District Craig Sap wrote: "We cannot support the sale of this important parcel of state park land for the industrial use you have purposed."

Sap also referenced letters dated October 2010 and February 2013, in which DWP had made a similar request, but the state had also rejected.

The superintendent said that before the CDPR can sell any park land, it must first find that property is surplus. "Due to the acquisition history of the Los Liones parcel, the subsequent intense community involvement in its restoration and the sig-

nificant investment we have made in improvement and development of the entire site from the end of Los Liones Drive to Sunset Boulevard, it is impossible for us to make that finding."

Sap's four-page letter detailed the chronology of the site resignation and also noted that in addition to the DWP's attempt to purchase the land, prior attempts had been made by Temple Kchillat Israel and the Palisades-Malibu YMCA in 1991; The Four Square Church in 1999; and the Chabad of Pacific Palisades In 2009.

"Each time our response has been that the property is not surplus and cannot be sold for any other purpose than that for which it was acquired: recreation and trail access," Sap wrote,

He concluded: "In summary, CDPR will not entertain the sale of a portion of lower Los Liones Canyon in Topanga State Park to the LADWP. Any further exploration of this option by the LADWP would be counterproductive to your goal of expeditionaly serving your community's energy needs."

DWP spokesperson Carol Tucker was contacted by the Palisades News about the letter. "LADWP will be looking for alternate sites," she replied.

A new power distributing station is needed in the Palisades because the existing distributing station (DS 29). located at Via de la Paz and Sunset, is working at its capacity. According to the DWP, the station--built in 1937-will exceed its capacity within the next six years due to increasing electricity demand, which has grown particularly in the Marquez area.

After an outcry about the proposed station going on land owned by DWP next to Marquez Elementary School's lower yard, a 15-member task force was formed in cooperation with LAUSD and former City Councilman Bill Rosendahl's office. The group met biweekly starting in 2012 and identified 15 possible sites, placing the top four sites into tier one: two were near Paseo Miramar off Via Nichols, one was between the upper Bel-Air Bay Club and Malibu Village and the fourth was the old Bernheimer Gardens site off Sunset. Those sites were considered to have the lowest community impact.

The second tier of five sites, including the Los Liones park land, were considered alternate sites. The third tier of six sites were considered unacceptable and included the land owned by DWP next to Marquez.

Tucket was asked if the DWP had explored the Tier 1 sites. "We don't have any further information on the project right now," she said on May 13.

## **Brunelle Wins Parade Theme Contest**

By LAURIE ROSENTHAL Staff Writer

the winning theme for the 2015 Pa-cific Palisades Fourth of July Parade bas been chosen: "Palisades Parade: Pride! Passion] Patriotism!"

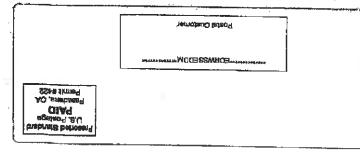
Submitted to the Palisades Americanism Parade Association (PAPA) by businesswomen and longtime Palisadian Joyce Brunelle, the idea was chosen from about 25 entries.

Bruncile, who swells with Palisades pride, has been attending the parade since she moved here from Brentwood with her husband, Michael, 17 years ago.

There is a wonderful sense of community here," she says. And she loves the pride that people show towards the town all year long.

"I feel passionately about this place," says Brunelle, whose parade theme idea was inspired by the volunteers who keep the community going. She cites Marge and Bob Gold, who manage the Village Green, and Fio Elfant, who has educated generations of Palisadians about emergency preparedness, as shining examples of people who have given so much back to the Palisades. She also praises the hard work and dedication of other local pillars, including Chamber of Commerce CEO Arnie Wishnick and native Palisadian Rich Wilken, who both play important roles on the PAPA board. Brunelle recalls the first Fourth of July

parade she viewed as a new resident. "There vas an elephant in the parade, followed by a man cleaning up after the elephant, followed by a woman holding up a sign saying we shouldn't have elephants in the parade





Joyce Bruneile

She appreciated that everyone's ideas could be expressed-then and now.

Photo: Shelby Peac

As the theme winner, Brunelle will be riding to the parade with her daughter, Dr. Alice Nesselrodi, son-in-law Clark Nesselroot and two-year-old grandson Von.

She's already an experienced parade participant, having first walked with her dog, Yogi, in the Patriotic Pups Brigade in 1998. When she rode in the parade the past two years as Chamber president with her son Leo, she was thrilled that people were continually calling out her name. When not in the parade, Brunelle enjoys watching from various locales along the (Continued on Page 4)

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#### COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 16-14 FINAL STAFF REPORT

(Under authority of the California Coastal Act, § 30600(b) of the California Public Resources Code, and Chapter 1, Article 2, § 12.20.2 of the Los Angeles City Municipal Code)

#### I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Title: Inter. @ Sunset Blvd @ Marquez Ave

Applicants: Department of Water and Power

Project Location:

Council District: 11 Community: Brentwood-Pacific Palisades District: West Los Angeles

#### A. Project Description:

The project is located in the public right-of-way parallel with Sunset Boulevard, near the intersection with Marquez Avenue and Marquez Place, within the Brentwood-Pacific Palisades Community Plan (Figure 1. Project Vicinity Map and Figure 2. Aerial Overview).

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) installed a temporary Pole-Top Distribution Station (PTDS) on Sunset Boulevard near Marquez Avenue in the Pacific Palisades community.

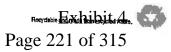
The project consists of two 61-foot high, 18.4-inch diameter poles, a platform measuring 26'0" x 7'5", three (3) 833-KVA transformers measuring 6'9" tall x 4'7" wide, cross arms, circuit breakers, switches, and a controller. The project also requires the installation of an underground vault, conduits, and cables. The underground substructure will be

connected to the PTDS via underground cable terminations. The underground substructure consists of approximately 1,000' of trench for conduit installation with a 9'4" X 17'4" substructure near the PTDS. The trench will be from two existing substructures on Marquez and Sunset to the new substructure and the PTDS. The PTDS is designed, constructed and maintained to meet or exceed California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) safety rules and regulations. The PTDS would be temporary, and will be removed once a new permanent distribution station is operational. The PTDS is not a permanent solution for the need to provide adequate power service for the Palisades community.

All applicable regulations will be incorporated into and adhered to per standard procedures.

#### B. Project Background:

"Currently, the power load in Pacific Palisades is being distributed by a single distribution station, Distribution Station 29 (DS-29), constructed almost 80 years ago. The heaviest power load is also being distributed on circuits that are furthest away from DS-29, which negatively impacts reliability for the entire area. There is no space at DS-29 to build more capacity, and LADWP has not yet selected a site for a new D.S. As a temporary measure to relieve three overloaded 4,800 volts circuits that currently serve the Pacific Palisades community, Distribution Construction Maintenance and (DC&M) proposes to install two PTD Stations. To



prevent power outages, limit outage durations, and improve power quality for our Pacific Palisades customers. Without the PTD Stations, the next unscheduled outage that occurs due to natural causes or equipment failures, may last for several hours or days until permanent circuit repairs may be completed" (Ref. 9). Public services and facilities in the areas include the Pacific Palisades Medical Group, Pacific Palisades Veterinary Clinic, and fifteen (15) schools.

#### C. Project Cost:

The project cost is approximately \$930,000.00.

#### D. Previous Coastal Commission Actions:

None.

#### II. REGULATORY BASIS FOR REVIEW

#### A. Local Coastal Program

PRC § 3600(b) allows local governments to assume authority to issue coastal development permits within its jurisdiction before certification of its local coastal program and the Project is within the City Engineer's jurisdiction (LACMC § 12.20.2 et seq.). The application filed with the City Engineer was deemed adequate.

The Coastal Commission has the responsibility to review proposals for development in the Pacific Palisades coastal zone for compliance with the California Coastal Act of 1976.

The City of Los Angeles does not have a certified Local Coastal Program. However, after certification of the Local Coastal Program, permit processing procedures for coastal permits in the Pacific Palisades coastal zone are controlled by the Coastal Act and the California Code of Regulations. The City's permit issuing ordinances must be certified as part of the Local Implementation Plan. After certification of the Local Coastal Program by the Coastal Commission, the authority of the Coastal Commission is limited to development within the retained or original jurisdiction and to appeals of locally issued coastal development permits.



The Coastal Commission will also retain jurisdiction amendments over to coastal development permits that it approved before certification of the Local Coastal Program. Section 30519(a) of the Coastal Act provides that, except for appeals to the commission (as provided in Section 30603) after a Local Coastal Program, or any portion thereof, has been certified and all implementing actions have become effective, the development review authority provided for in Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 30600) of the Coastal Act shall no longer be exercised by the Coastal Commission and shall at that time be delegated to the local government that is implementing the Local Coastal Program.

Section 30519(b) states that 30519(a) does not apply to development proposed or undertaken on any tidelands, submerged lands, or on public trust lands. The Commission also retains jurisdiction over costal development permits that were previously approved by the Commission as well as amendments to such permits.

The temporary Pole-Top Distribution Station project is located within the California Coastal Zone which is considered 'single coastal jurisdiction' (i.e., the Coastal Zone of the City of Los Angeles alone). This project must be authorized by a coastal development permit processed pursuant to the requirement of the Coastal Act. The PTDS is considered development, as defined in Section 30106 of the Coastal Act. Section 30106 of the Coastal Act states:

"Development" means, on land, in or under water, the placement or erection of any solid material or structure; discharge or disposal of any dredged material or of any gaseous, liquid, solid, or thermal waste; grading, removing, dredging, mining, or extraction of any materials; change in the density or intensity of use of land, including, but not limited to, subdivision pursuant to the Subdivision Map Act (commencing with Section 66410 of the Government Code), and any other division of land, including lot splits, except where the land division is brought about in connection with the purchase of such land by a public agency for public recreational use; change in the intensity of use of water, or of access thereto; construction. reconstruction, demolition, alteration of the size of





any structure, including any facility of any private, public, or municipal utility; and the removal or harvesting of major vegetation other than agricultural purposes, kelp harvesting, and timber operations which are in accordance with a timber harvesting plan submitted pursuant to the provision of the Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973 (commencing with Section 4511).

#### **B.** Coastal Guidelines

In accordance with the provisions of Section 30620 of the Public Resources Code; and, in order to sustain the findings contained in Section 12.20.2-G(c) of the Municipal Code which requires a review and consideration of "...Interpretative Guidelines for Coastal Planning and Permits ... ", the State Coastal Commission has issued Interpretative Guidelines for the South Coast Region of Los Angeles including certain subareas of the City of Los Angeles. These subareas are defined as Pacific Palisades, Venice, Playa Del Rey, San Pedro and Wilmington. However, following prevailing case law (e.g., Pacific Legal Foundation v. Coastal Commission (1982) 33 Cal.3d 158), the City Engineer's determination is based on the cited provisions of the California Coastal Act and other legally established laws and regulations.

#### C. Issues of Legal Adequacy of the Application

None.

#### **III. STAFF FINDINGS**

Six findings are required in order for a Coastal Development Permit to be issued. The six findings are:

(1) That the development is in conformity with Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act of 1976 (commencing with Section 30200 of the California Public Resources Code).

(2) That the permitted development will not prejudice the ability of the City of Los Angeles to prepare a Local Coastal Program that is in conformity with Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act of 1976.

(3) That the Interpretative Guidelines for Coastal Planning and Permits as established by the California Coastal Commission dated February 11, 1977 and any subsequent amendments thereto have been reviewed, analyzed, and considered in the light of the individual project in making its determination.

(4) That the decision of the permit granting authority has been guided by any applicable decision of the California Coastal Commission pursuant to Section 30625(c) of the Public Resources Code.

(5) If the development is located between the nearest public road and the sea or shoreline of any body of water located within the coastal zone, that the development is in conformity with the public access and public recreation policies of Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act of 1976.

(6) Any other finding or findings as may be required for the development by the California Environmental Quality Act.

Staff finds as follows:

1. The development is in conformity with Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act of 1976 (commencing with Section 30200 of the California Public Resources Code).

In addition to the policies discussed above, Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act of 1976 provides:

a) MARINE ENVIRONMENT (Article 4, of Chapter 3 of Public Resources Code, Sections 30230 through 30237)

Sections 30230 and 30231 state:

Section 30230. Marine resources shall be maintained, enhanced, and where feasible, restored. Special protection shall be given to areas and species of special biological or economic significance. Uses of the marine environment shall be carried out in a manner that will sustain the biological productivity of coastal waters and that will maintain healthy populations of all species of marine organisms adequate for long-term commercial. recreational, scientific. and educational purposes.

Section 30231. The biological productivity and the quality of coastal waters, streams, wetlands,



estuaries, and lakes appropriate to maintain optimum populations of marine organisms and for the protection of human health shall be maintained and, where feasible, restored through, among other means, minimizing adverse effects of waste water discharges and entrainment, controlling runoff, preventing depletion of ground water supplies and substantial interference with surface water flow, encouraging waste water reclamation, maintaining natural vegetation buffer areas that protect riparian habitats, and minimizing alteration of natural streams.

The project is not expected to impact any coastal waters, wetlands, estuaries or lakes. No marine resources exist within or adjacent to the project site.

The project consists of a temporary Pole-Top Distribution Station (PTDS) on Sunset Boulevard in the public right-of-way, in the Pacific Palisades community. The project also requires the installation of an underground vault, conduits, and cables.

Project construction will not involve transport of hazardous substances and, thus, there will be no spillage of crude oil, gas, petroleum products, or hazardous substances as prohibited by PRC Section 30232. The project will not involve the diking, filling, or dredging of open coastal waters (PRC Section 30233), commercial fishing and recreational boating facilities (PRC Sections 30234 30234.5), and constructing revetments. breakwaters, or other construction altering the natural shoreline (PRC Section 30235). The project does not alter rivers or streams and, therefore, does not affect water supply and flood control (PRC Section 30236). PRC Section 30237 relates to Orange County wetlands and therefore does not apply.

b) LAND RESOURCES (Article 5 of Chapter 3 of Public Resources Code, Sections 30240 through 30244)

Sections 30240 and 30244 state:

Section 30240.

(a) Environmentally sensitive habitat areas shall be protected against any significant disruption of habitat values, and only uses dependent on those resources shall be allowed within those areas.



(b) Development in areas adjacent to environmentally sensitive habitat areas and parks and recreation areas shall be sited and designed to prevent impacts which would significantly degrade those areas, and shall be compatible with the continuance of those habitat and recreation areas. Section 30244. Where development would adversely impact archeological or paleontological resources as identified by the State Historic Preservation Officer, reasonable mitigation measures shall be required.

The project site contains no environmentally sensitive habitat areas and does not contain agricultural land or soils or timberland.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) indicates that ten(10) endangered or threatened species occur or have occurred historically within the Topanga Topographical Quadrangle of the 7.5-minute series map (See Attachment A). The project site does not provide suitable habitat for the species in question. Therefore, no impact to candidate, sensitive, or special status species would occur as a result of construction or operation of the project.

The project involved removal of four eucalyptus trees, of approximately 22-24 feet in height. LADWP will coordinate with the Urban Forestry Division of the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Street Services to ensure replacement of removed trees, and any other requirements as determined by the Bureau.

The project site is within an area of known archaeological resources. The project is in the public right of way, which has already been developed and disturbed.

However, to ensure cultural resources are protected, measures shall be implemented as outlined in the permit conditions in Section V of this report.

c) DEVELOPMENT (Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Public Resources Code, Sections 30250 through 30255)

Coastal Act Sections 30251, 30252, 30253 and 30254 state:

Section 30251. The scenic and visual qualities of coastal areas shall be considered and protected as



a resource of public importance. Permitted development shall be sited and designed to protect views to and along the ocean and scenic coastal areas, to minimize the alteration of natural land forms, to be visually compatible with the character of surrounding areas, and, where feasible, to restore and enhance visual quality in visually degraded areas. New development in highly scenic areas such as those designated in the California Coastline Preservation and Recreation Plan prepared by the Department of Parks and Recreation and by local government shall be subordinate to the character of its setting.

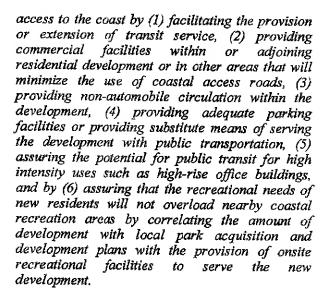
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Sunset Bonlevard is a City designated scenic highway. Scenic features include views of mountains and estates. According to the Mobility Plan 2035, an element of the General Plan for the City of Los Angeles, "a. To the maximum extent feasible. all new relocated or electric. communication, and other public utility distribution facilities within five hundred feet of the center line of a Scenic Highway shall be placed underground. b. Where undergrounding of such utilities is not feasible, all such new or relocated utilities shall be screened to reduce their visibility from a Scenic Highway".

According to the permit application, measures have been implemented to help screen the structures. Their placement is where other ntility poles and lights are located. The poles were painted to blend in with the surroundings. There are no unobstructed views of the ocean from the project site.

No adverse impacts to scenic and visual qualities of the coastal area are expected (Figures 3 and 4).

Section 30252. The location and amount of new development should maintain and enhance public



The project does not interfere with any existing coastal access roadways, bikeways, pedestrian paths or walkways.

Section 30253. New development shall:

(1) Minimize risks to life and property in areas of high geologic, flood, and fire hazard.

(2) Assure stability and structural integrity, and neither create not contribute significantly to erosion, geologic instability, or destruction of the site or surrounding area or in any way require the construction of protective devices that would substantially alter natural land forms along the bhuffs and cliffs.

(3) Be consistent with requirements imposed by an air pollution control district or the State Air Resources Control Board as to each particular development.

(4) Minimize energy consumption and vehicle miles traveled.

(5) Where appropriate, protect special communities and neighborhoods which, because of their unique characteristics, are popular visitor destination points for recreational uses.

The project would not affect geologic, flood or fire risks (30253(1) (2)), would not conflict with any requirements of the State Air Resources Control Board or Sonth Coast Air Quality District (30253(3)), would not affect energy consumption and vehicle miles traveled (30253(4)), and would not permanently affect the local community (30253(5)).





d) INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Public Resources Code, Sections 30260 through 30265.5)

The project does not involve the development or expansion of industrial developments as addressed in Article 7, and as such, Section 30260 through 30265.5 are not applicable to the project.

2. The permitted development will not prejudice the ability of the City of Los Angeles to prepare a Local Coastal Program that is in conformity with Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act of 1976.

The project conforms to relevant provisions and policies of the Coastal Act and the applicable Brentwood-Pacific Palisades Community Plan. The Community Plan recognizes the need for adequate sewers, drainage facilities, fire protection services and other public utilities to support development within hillside areas.

Thus the Project will not prejudice the ability of the City to prepare a Local Coastal Plan in conformity with the Coastal Act and amendments.

3. The Interpretative Guidelines for Coastal Planning and Permits as established by the California Coastal Commission dated February 11, 1977 and any subsequent amendments thereto have been reviewed, analyzed, and considered in the light of the individual project in making the City Engineer's determination.

As noted in the preceding Sections, the California Coastal Commission's interpretive guidelines (State and Regional) for the Pacific Palisades area have been reviewed and considered in preparation of these findings and recommendations. However, following prevailing case law (e.g., Pacific Legal Foundation v. Coastal Commission (1982) 33 Cal.3d 158), the City Engineer's determination is based on the cited provisions of the California Coastal Act and other legally established laws and regulations.

4. The decision of the permit granting authority has been guided by any applicable decision of the California Coastal Commission pursuant to Section 30625(c) of the Public Resources Code. The decision of the permit granting authority, as evidenced in the staff report of this project, has been guided by any applicable decision of the California Coastal Commission pursuant to Section 30625(c) of the Public Resources Code.

5. If the development is located between the nearest public road and the sea or shoreline of any body of water located within the coastal zone, the development is in conformity with the public access and public recreation policies of Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act of 1976.

a) PUBLIC ACCESS (Article 2, of Chapter 3 of the Public Resources Code, Sections 30210 - 30214).

This project is not located between the nearest public road and the sea or shoreline of a body of water located within the coastal zone.

The project will not interfere with coastal access and will not impair any existing access to the coast.

The project is located within the public right-ofway on Sunset Boulevard near the intersection with Marquez Avenue and Marquez Place. There is no coastal access at the project site.

b) RECREATION (Article 3, of Chapter 3 of Public Resources Code, Sections 30220 through 30224)

Section 30220. Coastal areas suited for wateroriented recreational activities that cannot readily be provided at inland water areas shall be protected for such uses.

The project will not interfere with or impair any oceanfront or other land suitable for water-oriented recreational activities.

Section 30223. Upland areas necessary to support coastal recreational uses shall be reserved for such uses, where feasible.

The project will not affect any currently undeveloped upland areas that might be approved for coastal recreation uses. There are no existing coastal-dependent recreational uses at the project site.





> 6. Any other finding or findings as may be required for the development by the California Environmental Quality Act.

> Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the LADWP found the project to be exempt from CEQA review and filed a Notice of Exemption on May 26, 2016.

> Staff reviewed and considered the Notice of Exemption and determined there are no additional evaluations required by the California Environmental Quality Act in connection with the approval of this permit.

#### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

A public hearing was held on November 9, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the Palisades Branch Library located at 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272.

In addition to staff members from the Bureau of Engineering, staff members from the L.A. Department of Water and Power, and a representative from Council District 11, twenty-six (26) members of the public were in attendance. Before the public hearing, twenty-one (21) written comments, including a petition with one hundred eleven (111) signatures, supporting the project were received; four written comments, including a petition with one hundred fifty one (151) signatures, opposing the project were received; two inquiries were received; and five people provided written comments at the hearing. Oral comments were also noted.

The following issues relevant to the California Coastal Act were raised:

1. "The PTDS is already in violation of the Act and must be removed."

Work on the project has stopped. The applicant submitted Application No. 16-14 for a local coastal development permit (CDP), which is evaluated in this staff report.

2. "The City has a conflict of interest and is highly motivated to approve the Application despite it violating the Act."

Section 12.20.2 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) establishes the City Engineer as the permit

granting authority for public projects and private projects where the approval for the underlying permit is within the jurisdiction of the City Engineer. Application No. 16-14 is being processed in accordance with the LAMC.

3. "The PTDS violates the Act due to visual blight and safety."

The project is located within the public right of way. As discussed in the foregoing staff report, measures have been implemented to help screen the structures. The PTDS was placed near other utility poles and lights. The poles were painted in an effort to blend in with the surroundings. There are no unobstructed ocean views from the project site.

The PTDS is designed, constructed and maintained to meet or exceed California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) safety rules and regulations.

4. "Current violations of the Los Angeles General Plan and the Brentwood-Pacific Palisades Community Plan."

As discussed in the foregoing staff report, the Mobility Plan 2035, an element of the General Plan for the City of Los Angeles, states "a. To the maximum extent feasible, all new or relocated electric, communication, and other public utility distribution facilities within five hundred feet of the center line of a Scenic Highway shall be placed underground. b. Where undergrounding of such utilities is not feasible, all such new or relocated utilities shall be screened to reduce their visibility from a Scenic Highway". The majority of the project is underground, as stated in the public hearing and will be screened to reduce visibility. The Brentwood-Pacific Palisades Community Plan states: "1. Install utilities underground through assessment districts or other funding, when feasible."

5. "The LADWP has not complied with CEQA and it is a requirement for the PTDS."

As discussed in the foregoing staff report, LADWP filed a Notice of Exemption on May 26, 2016. Class 3 Categorical Exemption consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. The project is also exempt under Section 21080(b)(4), Specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency. The CEQA Notice of Exemption was properly posted by the County Clerk for the public notice and review.

6. "The LADWP has violated due process. ...failing to give sufficient notice and by failing to make materials and accurate information related to the Application available to the public in a timely manner and hy holding the hearing on shortened notice after the LADWP had already constructed a significant portion of the PTDS without the proper permit."

Notice was provided in accordance with the LAMC, Section 12.20.2, F. Proceedings and Hearing, which states that "...the appropriate City agency shall notify by mail, at least (10) days prior to the hearing, the following: ..." The Notice of Public Hearing was mailed on October 25, 2016 and the hearing was held on November 9, 2016.

#### IV. STANDARD CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. Notice of Receipt and Acknowledgment. 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

#### V. SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

acceptance of the terms and conditions, is returned to the City Engineer's Office.

- 2. Expiration. If development has not commenced, the permit will expire two years from the permit date as reported from the Coastal 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. Interpretation. Any questions of intent or interpretation of any condition will be resolved by the City Engineer.
- 4. Assignment. The permit may be assigned to any qualified person, provided assignee files with the City Engineer an affidavit accepting all terms and conditions of the permit.
- 5. Terms and Conditions Run with the Land. These terms and conditions shall be perpetual, and it is the intention of the City Engineer and the permittee to bind all future owners and possessors of the subject property to the terms and conditions.
- 6. Other approvals. Obtain permit from the State Coastal Commission.
- 1. Monitor. A qualified archaeologist who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards shall be present to monitor all ground-disturbing activities.
- 2. Awareness Training. Prior to initiation of ground-disturbing activities for the underground portions of the project, the archaeological monitor will conduct a brief awareness training session for the benefit of all construction workers and supervisory personnel. The training would explain the importance of and legal basis for the protection of significant archaeological resources. Each worker would also learn the proper procedures to follow in the event that cultural resources or human remains/burials are uncovered during ground-disturbing activities. These procedures include work curtailment or redirection and the immediate contact of the site supervisor and the archaeological monitor. It is recommended that this worker education session include visual images of artifacts that might be found in the project vicinity, and that the session take place on-site immediately prior to the start of ground-disturbing activities.
- 3. Inadvertent Discovery. In the event that archaeological resources are exposed during construction, work in the immediate vicinity of the find must stop until a qualified archaeologist can evaluate the significance of the find and make applicable recommendations to avoid significant impacts to





#### VI. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the preceding analysis, we recommend that the City Engineer issue a Coastal Development Permit for this project.

M. E Martin 12/2//6 Date

Maria Martin Manager Environmental Management Group

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Figure 1. Vicinity map





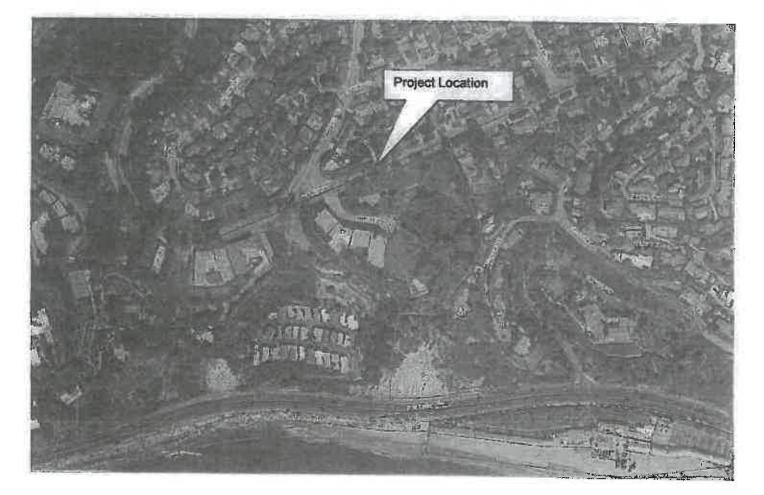


Figure 2. Aerial overview (Google Earth)

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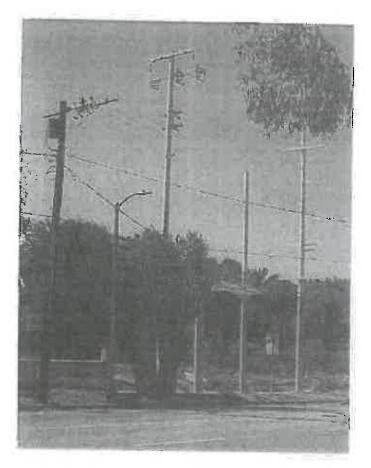


Figure 3. Sunset Blvd. looking west

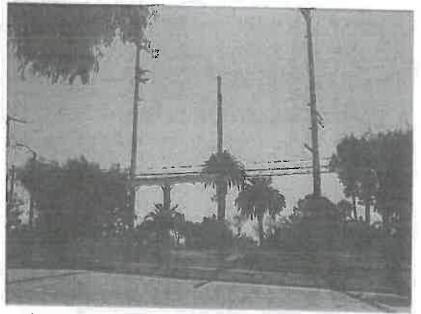


Figure 4. Sunset Blvd. looking south

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## **Attachment A**

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Natural Diversity Database List



California Department of Fish and Game Natural Diversity Database Full Raport with Sources for Selected Elements Topanga Quad



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LAN03U0001	LANDIS, B. & TEMESCAL 1	I. ANDERSON. RE	PORT ON FIE R CANYON, IN	LD SURVEY FO	OR ASTRAGALUS E COORDINATES, 20	RAUNTC	NII IN TI	HE AREA OF
LAN03U0003	LANDIS, B. D				D GAME COMMISS			RAGALUS





	Status	A LOD DO DO DO		Element Code: PDFAB0F1G0
State: No	idangered	Giobai: State:	G2	s Other Lists CNPS List: 1B.1
Hab	itat Associations			
General: Ci	APARRAL, COASTAL SCRUB,	VALLEY AND FO	DOTHILL G	RASSLAND
Micro: RE	CENT BURNS OR DISTURBED	AREAS; IN SAL	INE, SOME	EWHAT ALKALINE SOILS HIGH IN CA, MG, WITH SOME M

LAN03U0004	LANDIS, B. EMAIL TO D. TIBOR REGARDING ASTRAGALUS BRAUNTONII AT TEMESCAL RIDGE. 2003-03-07.
LAN03U0005	LANDIS, B. COMMENTS ON ASTRAGALUS BRAUNTONII LISTING PACKAGE, 2003-07-23.
LAN07R0001	LANDIS, B. SURVEYS AND OBSERVATIONS OF BRAUNTON'S MILK-VETCH (ASTRAGALUS BRAUNTONII) 2006 AND 2007. 2007-08-31.





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	Status			ement Code: PDFAB(	JF1G0
Federal: En	+ ••••	Global:		Other Lists -	
State: No	ne	State:		CNPS List:	: 1B.1
	tat Associations				•
General: CH	IAPARRAL, COASTAL SCRUE	, VALLEY AND FO	OTHILL GRASSLAND	),	
Micro: RE SO	CENT BURNS OR DISTURBE NL SPECIALIST; REQUIR	D AREAS; IN SALI	NE, SOMEWHAT ALK	ALINE SOILS HIGH IN (	CA, MG, WITH SOME K.
Decurrence		lex: 01127	EO Index: 12657	Di	atas Last Seen
	sk: Unknown				ient: 2006-07-18
	in: Natural/Native occurrence ce: Presumed Extant			:	Site: 2006-07-18
	id: Unknown			Record Last Upd	lated: 2016-04-20
Qued Summa	ry: Topanga (3411815/112D)				
County Summa	ny: Los Angeles				
		3845° / -1 18.53703°		Township: 0	15
	UTM: Zone	-11 N3770812 E35	8165	Ra <b>nge:</b> 10	
	Mepping Precision: SPE			Section: 2	
	Symbol Type: POL' Area: 5,0 a			Meridian: S	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				Elevation: 1	,000 ft
Locatio	on: TEMESCAL RIDGE FIRE F	ROAD, NE OF THE	NORTH END OF BIE	NVENEDA AVE.	
Location Det	all: ALONG THE TRAIL AND I ROAD TURNS UPWARD ( MILE WEST OF THIS POIL	JUT OF THE CANY	ON BOTTOM WEST	. EASTERN CDLONY IS 'ERN CDLDNY IS APPR	AT THE POINT WHERE DXIMATELY 0.3 AIR
Ecologia	al: PRIMARILY IN OPEN ARE LAURINA, ERIOGONUM F BRASSCIA GENICULATA.	ASCICULATUM, LI	D CHAPARRAL, ADJ/ Essingia filaginifi	ACENT SLOPES DOMIN DLIA, BROMUS RUBEN	ATED BY MALDSMA S, B. DIANDRUS, AND
Thre					
Gener	el: FDLLOWING 1978 FIRE, F 2000 PLANTS SEEN BETV WESTERN COLONY.	PLANTS WERE SEI VEEN OCCURREN	EN IN 1979-81 IN EAS CES #15 AND 17 IN 1	TERN COLONY. NO PL 1996, 45 PLANTS OBSE	ANTS SEEN IN 1986. RVED IN 2006 IN
Owner/Manag	er: DPR-TOPANGA SP				
Sources .		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
OT98R0001	FDTHERINGHAM, C. & J. KE BRAUNTONII) AND LYDN'S	ELEY. ECDLDGY PENTACHAETA (P	AND DISTRIBUTION ENTACHAETA LYDN	OF BRAUNTON'S MILK-	VETCH (ASTRAGALUS
RA06R0002	FRAGA, N. & M. WALL. REP NATIONAL PARK SERVICE	ORT DE SEED CDI	LECTION ACTIVITIE		ED SPECIES ON
RA06S0001	FRAGA, N. ET AL. FRAGA #	1679 RSA #720495	UC #1922187 UCR #	186849, 2008-05-10,	
EE96R0002	KEELEY, J. VEGETATION M FDR PENTACHAETA LYONI	ANAGEMENT FIR			ECTS ESSENTIAL HABIT
EN86U0001	KENNY, J. LETTER TO C. SI				



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Breunton's	milk-vetch				Element	Code: PDFA	BOFIC	n	
	Status		NDDB E	ement Ranks					
Federal: State:	Endengered None		NDDB Element Renks – Globel: G2 State: S2			CNPS List: 1B.1			
——— Н	abitat Associ	ations							
General:	CHAPARRAL	, COASTAL SCI	RUB, VALLEY AND		ASSLAND		<u>.</u>		
Micro:	RECENT BUR	NS OR DISTUR	RBED AREAS; IN SA	LINE, SOMEW	WHAT ALKALINE	SOILS HIGH I	N CA, N	IG, WITH SOME K.	
Occurrent	ceNo.18 Rank:None	Мар	Index: 01163	EO Inda	x: 19380		Dates	Last Seen	
		/Native.occurrer				티		1971-05-16	
Pres	ance: Possibl	V Extirnated	ice				Site:	1998-XX-XX	
	rend: Unknow					Record Last U	pdated	: 2016-04-20	
		a (3411815/112	D)						
County Sum	mary: Los An	geles							
			4.05762°/-118.527			Township:	015		
UTM: Zone- Menning Presiden NON			one-11 N3769598 E	358998		Range: 16W			
Mepping Precision: NON-S Symbol Type: POINT						Section:		Qtr:XX	
Radius: 2/5 mile						Meridian: Elevation:	-		
Loc	ation: TEMES		NEAR SUNSET BOI				000 1		
Location I	Detail: BARNE	BY SUPPOSES	THIS SITE MUST I						
			ORTLY BEFORE OL				GOES I ST GUE	NTO HILLS NORTH SS; NEEDS	
olos3 Ti	gical: reat:					0-1000 F1.			
Ger			ONS FROM 1942, 1 RY LOCALIZED PO DNE SEEN BY FOTH			HAT 45 YEARS REA SEARCHE	AGO P ED BY J	LANT WAS . KEELEY IN 1996,	
Owner/Man	ager: UNKNC								
Sources	<u> </u>								
AR86U0002	BARNEB	, R. LETTER TO	D C. SPENGER: AS	TRAGALUS BR	RAUNTONII. 198	<b>5-0</b> 6-08.			
NP02U0001	CALIFOR 2002-XX->	NIA NATIVE PL (X.	ANT SOCIETY. DRA	FT PETITION	TO LIST ASTRA	GALUS <b>BR</b> AUN		AS ENDANGERED,	
DT98R0001	Fotheri Braunt(	NGHA <b>M, C. &amp; J.</b> DNII) AND LYON	KEELEY. ECOLOG I'S PENTACHAETA	Y AND DISTRI (PENTACHAE	BUTION OF BRA TA LYONIN, 199	AUNTON'S MIL 8-04-01.	K-VETC	H (ASTRAGALUS	
RA71S0002			N SFV #4899. 1971			•			
AS42S0001			S SN NY #621864 (		V CNP02U0001)	1 <del>942-04-26</del>			
EE96R0002	KEELEY,	J. VEGETATION	MANAGEMENT, F				FECTS	ESSENTIAL HABIT	
N03U0003	LANDIS, E	3. DRAFT PETTI	ION TO THE CALLE			MISSION TO L	197 491	RAGAULIS	
	PROVIN	JNII AS ENDAN	GERED. 2003-12-X)	ζ.					





	itus		lomant Daylor	Element Code: PDFAB0F1G0		
Federal: Enda State: None	ngerea	Globa	al: G2 a: S2	CNPS List: 1B.1		
Habitat	Associations					
General: CHAF	ARRAL, COASTAI	SCRUB, VALLEY AND	FOOTHILL GRASSI			
MICIO: RECE	NT BURNS OR DI	STURBED AREAS: IN S	ALINE, SOMEWHAT	ALKALINE SOILS HIGH IN CA, MG, WITH SO	ME	
Occurrence No. Occ Rank:		Map Index: 99706	EO Index: 692	243 — Detes Last Seen -		
	Natural/Native occ	IIIIAnce		Element: 1921-05-XX		
Presence;	Presumed Extent			Site: 1921-05-XX	(	
	Unknown			Record Lest Updated: 2016-04-19		
County Summary:	Los Angeles Let/Lor	1814/111C), Topanga (34 19: 34.06653° / -118.500	110	Township: 01S		
	Mapping Precisi	VI: Zone-11 N3770547 E on:NON-SPECIFIC	E <b>36</b> 1571	Range: 15W		
	Symbol Typ Are	e: POINT		Section: 19 Qtr:XX Meridian: S Elevation:		
Location:	CANYON NEAR B	RENTWOOD, SANTA M			_	
Location Detail:	EXACT LOCATION HISTORIC BRENT	VUNKNOWN MAPPED	BY CNDDB AS A BES	ST GUESS AROUND THE CANYONS JUST N	w	
Ecological:						
Threat:	DEVELOPMENT.					
General:	ONLY SOURCE O REMAINS IN ARE	F INFORMATION FOR 1 A.	THIS SITE IS A 1921 M	ARVIN COLLECTION, SOME SUITABLE HAI	BIT	
• ···	UNKNOWN					





	rsh milk-vetch		Eleme	nt Code: PDF/	B0F7B	1	
	- Status	NDDB EI	ement Ranks	Other Lists	- Other Lists		
	Endangered Endangered	Global State	G2T1	CNPS L			
H	sbitat Association	s <u> </u>					
General:	MARSHES AND ST	WAMPS, COASTAL DUNES, C	OASTAL SCRUB.				
Micro;	WITHIN REACH OF BLUFFS: 1-35 M.	F HIGH TIDE OR PROTECTED	BY BARRIER BEACHES, M	IORE RARELY N	EAR SE	EPS ON SANDY	
Occurrence Occu	e No. 3 Rank: None	Map Index: 01228	EO index: 19296		Dates	ast Seen —	
	rigin: Naturel/Nativ	/e occultence		E		1882- <b>10-XX</b>	
Pres	ance: Extirpated				Site:	196X-XX-XX	
T	rend: Unknown			Record Last U	ndated	1989-08-11	
Quad Sum	many: Tonanga (34	11815/112D), Beverly Hills (341					
County Sum	mary: Los Angeles	HIGHSTIZD), Beveny Hills (34	1814/111C)				
	L	at/Long: 34.02251°/-118.5084	2°	Township:	025		
	Henning D	UTM: Zone-11 N3765677 ES	360731	Range:			
	Symbolic Sym	recision:NON-SPECIFIC ol Type: POINT		Section:		Qtr: XX	
		Radius: 1 mile		Meridian: Elevation:	•		
Loci	ation: MEADOW N	EAR SEASHORE, SANTA MON					
Location E							
	gical: MEADOW,						
Th	reat:						
_	ieral: THREE COL (1964) SEAR	LECTIONS BY PARISH AND P CHED MARSHES IN THIS ARI	ARISH ATTRIBUTED TO TH	IS SITE AND ON		REATA BARNEBY	
Gen	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		EA AND CONSIDERED THIS			NUNEATED,	
	ager: UNKNOWN		EA AND CONSIDERED THE				
	ager: UNKNOWN		EA AND CONSIDERED THE	I OF OLATION I			
Owner/Man Sourcas	BARNEBY, R.	ATLAS OF NORTH AMERICAN 13: 810-813, 1964-XX-XX.				ORK BOTANICAL	
Owner/Man	BARNEBY, R. J GARDEN VOL	ATLAS OF NORTH AMERICAN	ASTRAGALUS: PART II, MI			ORK BOTANICAL	
Owner/Man Sourcas BAR64A0005	BARNEBY, R. J GARDEN VOL GREATA, L. GF MAGNEY, D. P	ATLAS OF NORTH AMERICAN 13: 810-813, 1964-XX-XX.	ASTRAGALUS: PART II, MI	Emoirs of the	NEWY		
Owner/Man Sources BAR64A0005 GRE00S0001	BARNEBY, R. J GARDEN VOL GREATA, L. GR MAGNEY, D. P ENDANGERED	ATLAS OF NORTH AMERICAN 13: 810-813. 1964-XX-XX. REATA #1931 RSA #415838. 19 ETITION TO THE FISH AND G, 9 SPECIES. 1998-09-23.	ASTRAGALUS: PART II, MI 900-09-02. AME COMMISSION TO LIST	EMOIRS OF THE	NEWY		
Owner/Man Sources BAR64A0005 GRE00S0001 MAG98R0001	BARNEBY, R. J GARDEN VOL GREATA, L. GR MAGNEY, D. P ENDANGERED PARISH, S. & V	ATLAS OF NORTH AMERICAN 13: 810-813. 1964-XX-XX REATA #1931 RSA #415838. 18 ETITION TO THE FISH AND G	I ASTRAGALUS: PART II, MI 900-09-02. AME COMMISSION TO LIST ITED IN BAR64A0005). 1882	EMOIRS OF THE THE VENTURA 2-10-XX.	NEW Y		





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coastal dunes	s mlík-vatch			Element Coo	le: PDFAB0F8R	2		
	Status	NDDB Ele	ment Ranks —		Other Lists			
Faderal: E State: E	ndangered ndangered	Global: G2T1 State: S1			CNPS List: 1B,1			
———— Hat	litat Associations							
General: C	OASTAL BLUFF SCRUB, COA	STAL DUNES, CO	ASTAL PRAIRIE					
Micro: M	OIST, SANDY DEPRESSIONS LAY TERRACE. 1-45 M.	OF BLUFFS OR D	UNES ALONG /	AND NEAR THE F	ACIFIC OCEAN; (	ONE SITE ON A		
	No. 3 Map In nk: None gin: Natural/Naiive occurrence	dex: 35233	EO index:	42743		Last Seen XXXX-XX-XX		
Fresen	ce: Possibly Extirpated	1			Site:	XXXX-XX-XX		
Tre	nd: Unknown			Rec	ord Last Updated	: 2000-04-12		
Quad Summ County Summ	ary: Beverly Hills (3411814/11) ary: Los Angeles	1C), Topange (3411	1815/112D)					
	UTM: Zone	1962° / -118.48594 e-11 N3765326 E36			fownship: 02S Range: 15W	<u> </u>		
	Mapping Precision:NON	-SPECIFIC			Section: XX	Qtr:XX		
	Symbol Type: POII Radius: 1 mi				Meridian: S			
					Elevation: 100 ft			
	ON: SANTA MONICA.							
Location De Ecologi Thre		(NOWN, MAPPED	IN THE VICINIT	Y OF SANTA MOI	NICA.			
	ral: MAIN SOURCE OF INFOR BELIEVES THIS SITE IS F	RMATION FOR THI PROBABLY EXTIRI	S SITE IS UNDA PATED.		N BY HASSE, R.	BARNEBY (1964)		
Owner/Manag	er: UNKNOWN							
Sources								
AR50A0001	BARNEBY, R. PUGILLUS AS 1950-XX-XX.	STRAGALORUM X	I: SOME PROB	EMS IN CALIFOR	RNIA, EL ALISO 2(	(3):203-215.		
AR64A0001	BARNEBY, R. ATLAS OF NO 13:952-1048. 1964-XX-XX.	ORTH AMERICAN /	Astragalus,	Memoirs of th	IE N.Y. BOTANICA	L GARDEN,		
ASNDS0003	HASSE, HASSE SN NY (CIT	ED IN BAR50A000	1). XXXX-XX-XX					
IS89R0001	LISTON, A. "THE CONSERV RSA BOTANIC GARDEN. 19	ATION BIOLOGY			FOCARPI SUBSEC	CTION CALIFORNICI.		





Sweinson's I	hawk			Element of A		_
	- Status				ode: ABNKC190	
Federal:	None	Global: G			Other Lists	
State:	Thr <b>eat</b> ened	State: S	-		CDFG Stetus;	
Ha	bitat Associations		-			
General: E	BREEDS IN GRASSLANDS WITH AGRICULTURAL OR RANCH LAN	SCATTERED TRE	ES, JUNIPER		RIPARIAN AREAS,	SAVANNAHS, &
Micro: F S	REQUIRES ADJACENT SUITABL	E FORAGING AREA	AS SUCH AS	GRASSLANDS	, OR ALFALFA OR	GRAIN FIELDS
Occurrence		əx: 35233	EO Index:	91448	Dates	Lest Seen —
	ank: None					: 1896-05-11
Prese	igin: Natural/Native occurrence nce: Possibly Extirpated					1896-05-11
	and: Unknown			R	ecord Lest Update	d: 2013-10-22
Qued Sumn	nary: Beverly Hills (3411814/1110	·				
County Summ	nary: Los Angeles	/), Topanga (341181	5/112D)			
	Let/Long: 34.019 UTM: Zone-	11 N3765326 E3628	02		Township: 02S Range: 15W	
	Mepping Precision:NON-3 Symbol Type: POINT				Section: XX	Qtr: XX
	Radius: 1 mile				Meridian: S Elevation: 100 ft	
Loca	tion: SANTA MONICA					
Locetion D	etail: MAPPED GENERALLY TO : UNKNOWN,	SPECIMEN LOCALI	TY "SANTA	MONICA." EXAC	OT COLLECTION L	OCATIONS
Ecolog	Ical: 1892: NEST IN SYCAMORE WITH GREEN LEAVES; 2NI ONE, YOU COULD ALMOS	1896: 2 Nests F( 90' UP, Made of 1 See Through I)	DUND IN SY STICKS & L	CAMORES: 1ST INED WITH SYC	50' UP, MADE OF CAMORE LEAVES,	STICKS & LINED "A VERY SMALL
	eat: DEVELOPMENT SINCE THI HABITAT.					
Gene	ral: ADULT OBSERVED AND TA 20 APR 1896. SET OF TWO TRANSVERSE RANGES RE	NO EGGS COLLEC EGGS TAKEN ON EGION IS GENERAL	TED ON 15 11 MAY 189 LY CONSID	MAR 1892, EGG 6. THE BREEDIN ERED TO BE ED	S COLLECTED ON NG POPULATION C	29 APR 1895 AND OF THE
Owner/Mana	ger: UNKNOWN				KINGALED.	
Sources						
079R0001	BLOOM, P. THE STATUS OF	THE SWAINSON'S P	AWK IN CA			
A9650004	CHAMBERS, W. WFVZ EGG-N 1895-1896. 1896-05-11.	EST SPECIMENS	<b>#80</b> 508, 973	71, & 171501, C	OLLECTED FROM (	SANTA MONICA
W92S0002	HOWARD, E. WFVZ EGG-NES	T SPECIMEN #972	88, COLLEC	TED IN SANTA	MONICA, 1892-03-1	15.





	itua	NC	DB Element Ranks	Element Code: Othe	PDSCR0J0C2
State: Endar	ngered		Globel: G4?T1 State: S1	c	NPS List: 18.2
	Associations		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
		H, COASTAL DUNE ER ZONES OF THE	ES. E SALT MARSH HABI	TAT. 0-30 M.	
Presence:	None Natural/Netive oc Extirpeted	Map Index: 3523	3 EO Index	r: 34955	Dates Last Seen Element: XXXX-XX-XX Site: 1981-XX-XX
	Unknown			Record	Last Updated: 1998-10-16
Quad Summary: County Summary:	Beverly Hills (341 Los Angeles	1814/111C), Topen	ga (3411815/112D)		
	100 million (100 m	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
	UT Mapping Precis Symbol Ty	ng: 34,01962°/-11 M: Zone-11 N3764 ion:NON-SPECIFI ype: POINT us: 1 mile	5326 E362802	F St Me	vnshlp: 02S Range: 15W ection: XX Qtr:XX vridian: S vetlon: 100 ft
	UT Mapping Precks Symbol Ty Radi NEAR SANTA M	M: Zone-11 N3783 sion:NON-SPECIFIC rpe: POINT us: 1 mile DNICA.	5326 E362802 C	F So Me Elev	Range: 15W action: XX Qtr:XX ridian: S vation: 100 ft
Location Detail: Ecological: Threat:	UT Mapping Precks Symbol Ty Radi NEAR SANTA MO EXACT LOCATIO	M: Zone-11 N3768 Ion:NON-SPECIFIC Ipe: POINT us: 1 mile DNICA, DN NOT KNOWN, M	5326 E362802 C IAPPED IN GENERAL	F Si Me Eler VICINITY OF SANTA M	Range: 15W ection: XX Qtr:XX ridian: S vetlan: 100 ft MONICA.
Location Deteil: Ecologicel: Threet: General:	UT Mapping Precks Symbol Ty Radi NEAR SANTA M EXACT LOCATIO	M: Zone-11 N3764 Ion:NON-SPECIFIC Ipe: POINT us: 1 mile DNICA, DN NOT KNOWN, M IN COLLECTED BY	5326 E362802 C IAPPED IN GENERAL	F Si Me Eler VICINITY OF SANTA M	Range: 15W ection: XX Qtr:XX ridian: S vetlan: 100 ft MONICA.
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Location Deteil: Ecologicel: Threet: General: Owner/Manager: Sources	UT Mapping Precis Symbol Ty Radi NEAR SANTA MU EXACT LOCATIC UNKNOWN WHE SPECIES IS PRO UNKNOWN	M: Zone-11 N3784 Ion:NON-SPECIFIC Ipe: POINT US: 1 mile DNICA. DN NOT KNOWN, M N COLLECTED BY BABLY EXTIRPAT	5326 E362802 C IAPPED IN GENERAL	F Si Me Eler VICINITY OF SANTA M	Range: 15W ection: XX Qtr:XX ridian: S vetlan: 100 ft MONICA.





State: T	clepod Status	NDDB Ele Global: State:	G1	Element Code: PDB Other Lists CNPS L		
General: C	OASTAL DUNES, CO	D <b>ASTAL SCRUB.</b> ND DUNES, AND SANDY P	LACES NEAR THE	SHORE, 3-65 M,		
Orig Presen	No. 11 Ink: Unknown gin: Naturel/Native ( Ice: Presumed Exte nd: Unknown	Map Index: 40194 Occurrence nt	EO Index: 351		ement: Site:	-est Seen 1884-07-XX 1884-07-XX
Quad Summ County Summ	ery: Topange (3411) ery: Los Angeles	815/112D), Venice (3311884/	090B), Bevariy Hills			
	U Mapping Prec Symbol 1	ong: 34.01281°/-118.4907; ITM: Zone-11 N3764578 E3 Islon:NON-SPECIFIC Type: POINT Ilua: 1 mile		Township: Range: Section: Meridian: Elevation:	15W 07 S	Qtr: XX
Location De Ecologi Thre Gener	tali: EXACT LOCATI cel: COASTAL DUN eat:	AST NEAR SANTA MONICA ON UNKNOWN. MAPPED B ES. OF INFORMATION FOR TH	Y CNDDB NEAR TH	IE BEACHES WEST OF S	SANTAI	
Sources . 084S0003		N GH #379173. 1884-07-XX		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
AJ79U0001		NOTE CARD - DUNES NEA		1884. 197 <b>9</b> -01-XX.		



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Sante Monic	•		Element Code: PDCRAC	40A5
	- Status —	NDDB Element Rank	s Other Lists	
Federal: 7 State: N	meatened	Global: G5T1	CNPS List;	
	bltat Associations	State: S1		
	HAPARRAL, COASTAL SCRU	3		
Micro: "	CANYONS ON SEDIMENTAR	Y CONGLOMERATES; PRIM	ARILY N-FACING SLOPES. 210-500	М,
Occurrence	No. 2 Map Inc	1ex: 17769 EO Inc	lex: 10157 — Da	
	ank: Unknown			tes Last Seen —— ent: 2010-XX-XX
Ori	9In: Natural/Native occurrence ice: Presumed Extant			ite: 2010-XX-XX
	nce: Presumed Extant Ind: Unknown			
			Record Last Upda	ited: 2014-05-08
	lery: Topanga (3411815/112D) lary: Los Angeles			
	Lat/Long: 34.0	7013º / -118.58707º	Township: 01	
	Mapping Precision:SPE	-11 N3771068 E353550	Range: 16	
	Symbol Type: POL	YGON	Section: 20	Qtr: NW
	Area: 66.0	acres	Meridian: S Elevation: 60	DA
Local	ion: TOPANGA STATE PARK,	ALONG TOPANGA CANYON	BLVD, 1.1-1.6 AIR MILES S OF TRIF	
	2012 NPS DIGITAL DATA.		MMON CORNER OF SECTIONS 17, IAP IN A 1987 REPORT. SOUTHER	POLYGON BASED C
			OMERATE ROCK WITH UMBELLUL S DIVERSILOBA, AND BOYKINIA EL	ARIA CALIFORNICA, Ata
Thre	at: Imreatened by DUMPI	NG OF TRASH AND INVASIV	E NON-NATIVE PLANTS	
Gene	RELEVENTIAL	1980. NORTHERN POLYGON 8 MORAN AND A 1967 WHIC	NOBSERVED AROUND 1984. 91 PL TLER COLLECTION FROM TOPANG	ANTS IN SOUTHERN A CANYON ARE ALS
Owner/Mana	ger: DPR-TOPANGA SP			
Sources				
U12D0001	AGUILAR, L. (NPS). SHAPER DUDLEYA. 2012-09-24.	FILE OF OCCURRENCES OF	SEVERAL SANTA MONICA MOUNT	AINS SPECIES OF
.87R0001	ALLEN, L. & L. COMRACK, P SOUTHERN REGION RESO	RESCRIBED FIRE MANAGEI URCE MANAGEMENT SERVI	MENT PROGRAM FOR TOPANGA S CES. 1987-01-XX.	tate Park. Dpr,
C14 <b>U000</b> 1	MCCABE, S. EMAIL REGARI TO REMAINING POPULATIO	DING DUDLEYA CYMOSA SS INS. 2014-04-23.	P. OVATIFOLIA FROM ORANGE CO	
R48S0005	MORAN, R. MORAN #3079 U	IC #1015362. 1948-05-28.		
<b>&lt;80S0001</b>	NAKAI, K. NAKAI #621 CAS #	637 <b>301.</b> 1980-06-08.		
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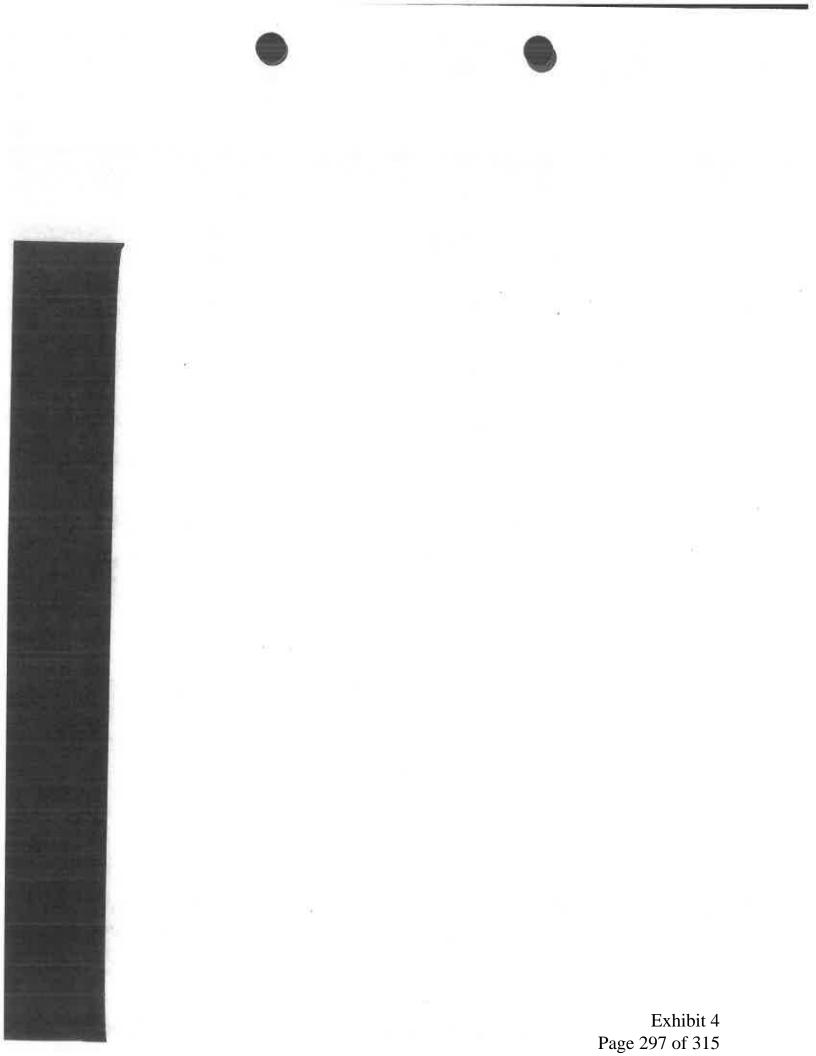
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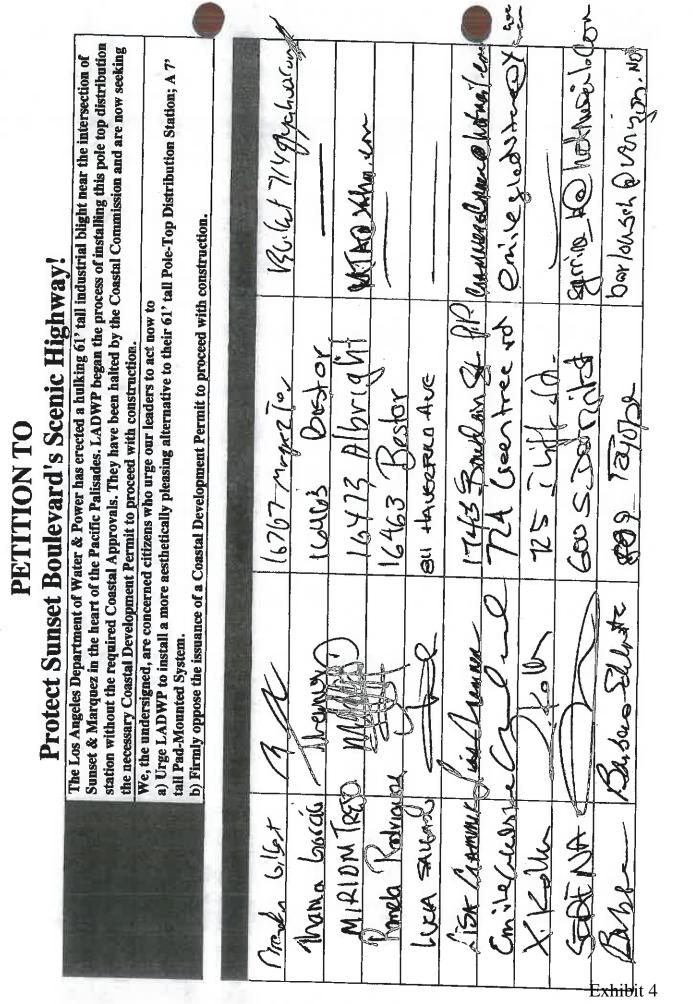
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