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Deputy Director's Report For Los Angeles County

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Dear Dani,

Yesterday evening I checked the Agenda for the Coastal Commission Meeting on August 11th, and found permit waiver 5-21-0527-W, Tree trimming (Shoreline Drive Right Of Way And Aquarium Way - South of Ocean Blvd., Long Beach 90802. in the South Coast District Deputy Director's report. Can you please:

1. tell me when the City requested this waiver and if the deadline to appeal it has expired.
2. email me the City's waiver application
3. confirm that comments can be sent to the South Coast office and raised during the meeting?

The waiver states that the original number of trees to be trimmed has been "significantly reduced, but 241 palm trees is still a pretty high number. Has staff confirmed that all trees to be trimmed are on Shoreline Drive and Aquarium Way and that frond from these trees could actually fall onto the race track itself?

It should be noted that, while the nests of larger birds may be visible from the ground, these palms may also host orioles who build their nests on the undersides of palm fronds as well as hummingbirds and other small birds. Experience tells us that the biologists and tree-trimming contractors hired by the city have consistently failed to identify and avoid active nesting sites.

Like fireworks shows, the Grand Prix negatively impacts coastal resources and residents, significantly increasing both air and noise pollution . Any nesting birds along the route are already at risk and now an exception is being made for a City that could have trimmed these trees during the non-nesting season but did not bother to do so. Instead of targeting palm trees as "a health and safety danger," it's time to rethink allowing these not-so-Special Events in the Coastal Zone.

Thanks, Anna Christensen, Los Cerritos Wetlands Task Force, Sierra Club