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6-21-0602 (SEAWORLD ROLLER COASTER)

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CORRESPONDENCE

Dear California Coastal Commission,

I would like to voice my support for Application No. 6-21-0602. From the perspective of the Commission, this project is really a “best case” development for the nearly 3-acre plot east of the Wild Arctic exhibit. The structure is open to light and air, with only a few points even reaching the maximum height of 30 ft. The proposed roller coaster replaces an existing thrill ride and will be practically invisible outside of the SeaWorld leasehold.

I am confident that this new addition to the park will fulfill SeaWorld’s educational mission. Growing up, I loved the Wild Arctic ride because I felt as if I was being transported to the North Pole to see animals up close. In the same way, riders who normally wouldn’t spend much time at an animal exhibit will come face-to-face with Beluga whales, sea otters, and walrus due to the new attraction. These types of experiences are critical for inspiring future generations to care about Arctic species, many of which are threatened by human activities.

I highly encourage the Commission to approve SeaWorld’s application.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Jones