

**PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WATER QUALITY SUBCOMMITTEE**

Port of Los Angeles
425 S. Palos Verdes Street
San Pedro, California

Draft Minutes
July 16, 2008

ATTENDEES

PCAC MEMBERS

Cathy Beauregard, Chair
Donna Ethington, Co-Chair
William Lyte, Voting Member

PORT STAFF

Andrew Benson
Kathryn Curtis

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

Meeting Location: Banning's Landing, 100 E. Water Street, Wilmington, CA

- A. Call to Order: 5:45PM
- B. Sign In / Introductions
- C. Agenda Approved
- D. Approval of Minutes for May 21, 2008 WQ Meeting (Held over until Next Meeting)
- E. Public Comment: None
- F. Updates:
 - Coastal Clean Up Day/Dominguez Channel & Port Facilities
Cathy Beauregard has been communicating with Heal The Bay (HTB), who is the organization heading up the Coastal Clean up Day. HTB should start publicizing the event this month.

As a committee, our main concern at this point is to see what we have for donations and sponsorships. This will determine what we need to obtain on our own. The Port usually provides 10 tables, approximately 60 chairs, 4 trash cans, and a Port vehicle to collect the trash bags along the access road.

Since the right side of the Channel is so much cleaner this year, we need to focus on the left side of the Channel. Ms. Beauregard is working on options to access the left side of the Channel:

- Touching base with Andrew Fox, from PHL, to see if they can use his site to access the Channel
- Obtain permission from ACTA to use the bridge
- Obtain the use of a boat to get from side to side
- Use of the pipeline bridge, which would require a landing of some kind at the end of the bridge (POLA Construction and Maintenance may be able to assist, as they have in the past.)

Possible Areas being covered this year include Wilmington, Harbor City, Carson, and Compton.

Ms. Beauregard is in the process of speaking with Port staff about a letter that she would like to send to all the Port tenants, inviting them to either participate in the Clean up by cleaning their own terminal areas and/or to send their volunteers to a pick up site. Mr. Benson suggested that she work with the staff in the Real Estate Division. They have a list of all the Port tenants.

- Dominguez Channel Boat Tours

Ms. Beauregard reported that she received an e-mail from L.B. Nye, from the Regional Water Quality Control Board, excusing herself from the Dominguez Channel tour.

Ms. Curtis explained that she also received an e-mail, from Tracey Egoscue, the Executive Director of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, stating that at this time the Regional Water Quality Control Board cannot participate in the WRAP. She also received a notice that there was a “Writ of Mandate ordering the State Water Resources Control Board to “cease, desist and suspend all activities relating to the implementation, application, and/or enforcement of the Standards in the [Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board’s] Basin Plan, as applied or to be applied to Storm water.” More details can be found on the website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/index.shtml

Thanks to William Lyte, the Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce, picked up the cost of the required permit needed to continue Channel tours. John Foxworthy arranged for the use of the boats from Connelly Pacific. The next tour is scheduled for July 18th with another one to follow on July 25th. Ms. Beauregard has a list of individuals who still want to go on the tour. She stated that she had a biologist from the City, to help identify plant life in the Channel, but, that he was unable to attend the next two tours. So, she will more than likely have another tour after July. In the meantime, Ms. Ethington will check with Robert Miller, to see if he had an underwater view finder for one of the upcoming tours.

William Lyte met with State Assembly Member Furutani’s Office, and stated that they were quite interested in these tours, as most of the Channels on the LA River were in his district. Ms. Beauregard stated that she also spoke with Assembly

Member Furutani. The tours have been a real success! The word is spreading, which is bringing in more and more interested parties along the Channel.

- Anchorage Road Soil Storage Site
Kathryn Curtis reported that the Port of Long Beach contractors, for Pier A West, were exploring the possibility of utilizing some of the material from the Anchorage Road Soil Storage Site.

Ms. Beauregard asked for regular updates on the PCAC motion for the Anchorage Road Soil Storage Site, specifically when the Port staff response to the motion would come back to the Board.

- Water Resources Action Plan (WRAP)
The overall goal is to address water quality and sediment quality issues. There are four main source categories, the sediment, the water side inputs, land side inputs, and the watershed off Port inputs into the harbor. We are working on goals and objectives to address key issues. We have instituted a Plan Advisory Committee that consists of agency representatives from agencies that are regulating water quality, as well as a public stakeholder group. The Port of Long Beach is coming on line, which is slowing down the momentum, while bringing them up to speed, re-discussing issues, and modifying draft plans.

We are trying to get various issues covered in the first draft document, (i.e. a trash management plan, and a sediment management plan). Another issue that will be addressed in the WRAP is the affects of aerial deposition on the water. The committee is encouraged to provide input on issues that they feel should be in the Plan.

Three consulting firms are under contract with the Port of LA, to do water and sediment quality testing (AMEC, Weston Solutions, and Nautilus, with various subcontractors). They are all working on different aspects of the project.

Ms. Beauregard suggested that perhaps in the future, the Water Quality Subcommittee might consider bringing on a consultant to help legitimize Subcommittee decisions, and to avoid future stumbling blocks.

G. Schedule Tours of Santa Monica Urban Runoff Recycling Facility (SMURRF) and LA Sanitation District Facility (JWPCP)

Ms. Ethington and Mr. Lyte agreed to schedule the tour on August 4th, 5th or 6th, at 10:00AM. Ms. Curtis will make the arrangements.

The JWPCP is having a ground breaking for the JWPCP Marshland Enhancement, off the Harbor Freeway, by Target, on July 25, 2008. Ms. Beauregard will try to arrange the tour for the JWPCP facility.

H. Review of DWAC Master Plan – Projects and Preventative Measures Proposed for Dominguez Channel (Carried over to next meeting)

I. Non-Agenda Items:

Ms. Beauregard commented on the lack of boatyard facilities in Wilmington and stated that she would like to revive the PCAC motion for a boatyard facility. The Port Master Plan Subcommittee may be the appropriate subcommittee to help determine a location for a boatyard facility prior to bringing the motion forward.

The Committee needs to discuss how to utilize \$50 Million that Commissioner Freeman publicly committed to Water Quality Issues. Ms. Curtis stated that there was no budget item of \$50 Million for water quality issues for the fiscal year 2008/2009. Ms. Beauregard will follow up with the Commissioner.

J. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: August 20, 2008

Discussion: DWAC Master Plan

Updates: Coastal Clean up, Dominguez Channel Boat Tours, Anchorage Road
Soil Storage Site, and WRAP

K. Adjournment: 7:30PM

Cathy Beauregard, Chair
Water Quality Subcommittee

Debra Babcock-Doherty
PCAC Executive Assistant