City of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works

Environmental Scoping Meeting
for the Proposed
Venice Auxiliary Pumping Plant (VAPP) Project

December 3, 2015
Agenda

• **Introductions**
  • Dr. Jan Green Rebstock, Environmental Management
  • Fernando Gonzalez, Project Owner/Operator, LA Sanitation
  • Abid Chowdry, Project Manager, Bureau of Engineering

• **Purpose of this Meeting**
• **Overview of CEQA Review Process**
• **Purpose of Proposed VAPP Project**
• **Proposed Project Description**
• **Review NOP/Initial Study Findings**
• **Public Comment Period**
Purpose of Meeting

• Provide information on the proposed VAPP Project
• Review the findings in the NOP/Initial Study
• Obtain public comments on the NOP/Initial Study to guide technical studies and design process

*Spanish Translation is available

*Please complete a speaker card if you’d like to provide comments following the presentation
Overview of CEQA Environmental Review Process

EIR Milestones

- NOP
- Draft EIR
- Final EIR
- EIR Certification

Timeline:
- Spring 2016: NOP, Public Scoping Meeting
- Summer 2016: Draft EIR, DEIR Public Hearing
- Fall 2016: Final EIR, EIR Certification
Proposed Project Objectives

- Prevent spill during extreme weather events at Venice Pumping Plant
- Provide redundancy to pumping capacity to improve system reliability and allow regular service and maintenance activities
Proposed Project Objectives

- Address the future risk of climate change
- Increased storm intensities and sea level rise
- Potential for flows beyond the capacity of the existing Venice Pumping Plant
Proposed Project Location

Venice

Existing Plant

Ballona Lagoon

Marina del Rey
Proposed Project Elements

• A two-story building approximately 30-feet in height
• Three pumps located below ground level
• Utility connections, transformers and generators
• A 17-feet x 17-feet submerged diversion structure, the top of which will be below the lowest elevation of the Grand Canal
• A 66-inch sewer to connect VAPP to the new diversion structure
• Vacation (closure) of Hurricane Street east of Canal Court to the Esplanade (pedestrian walkway) along the Grand Canal
• Fencing around facility and vegetation for screening
• Landscaping and benches, green open space and public viewing areas
• Two sites for temporary construction laydown and staging areas:
  ○ Vacant lot at Hurricane Street and Canal Court, immediately west of the existing VPP and adjacent to Ballona Lagoon
  ○ Vacant lot owned by LA County immediately east of and across the Grand Canal at Via Dolce
Building Elevations
Public Space Options & Pedestrian Access

Potential Elements: landscaping, benches, lighting, open space, parking, others?
Tentative VAPP Project Schedule

Permits/Approvals 2016 - 2017
Contract Award Fall 2017
Construction Spring 2018 - 2020

VAPP Construction Duration
Total Construction Period: Approximately 24 months

Related Project - Venice Dual Force Main (Approved)
Construction Schedule: Fall 2016 – Spring 2019
Potential Environmental Issues

As part of the EIR, the following environmental issues will be studied in more detail:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality/Greenhouse Gases
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology/Soils
- Hydrology & Water Quality
- Land Use & Planning
- Noise
- Transportation & Traffic
- Utilities & Service Systems
We Want Your Comments

- Oral Comments at tonight’s meeting or Dec 8 meeting at Venice Library, 6-8pm
- Comment Card – Complete and return tonight
- Email – Send comments to: Jan.Green.Rebstock@lacity.org, subject: VAPP Project; include contact info with mailing address
- Submit Comment Card or Letter by mail

COMMENTS DUE DECEMBER 18, 2015
Please Stay Involved

- Provide mailing address on meeting sign-in sheet & any comments submitted

- Next scoping meeting: Dec 8, 6pm Venice Library

- COMMENTS DUE December 18, 2015

- Environmental Documents for review will be posted here:
  http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/venice_aux_pumping_plant.htm