
3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

3.1 REGIONAL SETTING

The proposed project is located in the City of Los Angeles and lies along the immediate coastline of the Santa Monica Bay in the communities of Venice and Westchester/Playa Del Rey. Venice and Westchester/Playa Del Rey are bounded by Santa Monica on the north and El Segundo on the south and are known as popular beach communities with scenic parks, recreational areas and scenic vistas from upland areas on the east to the ocean fronting both communities on the west (see Figure 2.1-1 in Section 2.0, Project Description).

3.2 LOCAL SETTING

The VPP is located on Hurricane Street on the west bank of the Grand Canal and the Ballona Lagoon, at the junction of the two features in the Community of Venice. The VPP conveys sewage from the western part of the City of Los Angeles and transports it southerly under the Dockweiler Beach, under the Marina Del Rey Channel and through the communities of Westchester/Playa Del Rey, along Vista Del Mar Avenue to the Hyperion Treatment Plant in Playa Del Rey (see Figure 2.2-2 of Section 2.0, Project Description). There are parks and recreational areas surrounding the project to the east with public beaches and recreational facilities to the west, along the shoreline facing the Pacific Ocean.

3.3 RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL AND/OR LOCAL PLANS

The Project is subject to meeting the requirements of the following regional and local plans, which are more specifically described in Section 5.9, Land Use Plans:

- Los Angeles County General Plan;
- Marina Del Rey Local Coastal Program Implementation Plan;
- Marina Del Rey Specific Plan;
- City of Los Angeles General Plan;
- Venice Community Plan;
- Venice Coastal Specific Plan;
- Ballona Lagoon East/West Bank Sub-areas;
- Silver Strand Sub-area;
- Marina Peninsula Sub-area;
- Venice Land Use Plan (LUP);
- Westchester/Playa Del Rey Community Plan; and
- Westchester/Playa Del Rey Specific Plans.