

City of El Segundo

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE:

July 14, 2011

TIME:

5:30 p.m.

PLACE:

City Council Chambers

350 Main Street El Segundo, CA

TAKE NOTICE that the City of El Segundo (City) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed El Segundo Aquatics Site Feasibility Alternatives Project and the El Segundo Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at the time and place indicated above on the following:

Environmental Assessment No. 836

Addresses:

301 Maryland Street

530 East Imperial Avenue 219 West Mariposa Avenue

Applicant:

City of El Segundo

The City of El Segundo, as lead agency, hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA *Guidelines*, the City of El Segundo has prepared and completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed El Segundo Aquatics Site Feasibility Alternatives Project (SCH # 2010071005). A Draft EIR is an informational document that evaluates a proposed project's potential to result in significant impacts on the environment, while also identifying ways to reduce or avoid environmental impacts through mitigation measures and identifying and evaluating alternatives to the project.

PROJECT LOCATION

The three sites under evaluation are all within the City of El Segundo, County of Los Angeles. Their locations are:

 Hilltop Park, a City-owned property at 301 Maryland Street, northwest of the intersection of East Grand Avenue and Maryland Street ("Hilltop Park Site");

- An El Segundo Unified School District (ESUSD)-owned site located at 530 East Imperial Avenue between McCarthy Court and Sheldon Street ("Imperial Site"); and
- The current Urho Saari Swim Stadium facility located at 219 West Mariposa Avenue north of the intersection of Concord Street and West Mariposa Avenue ("Urho Saari Site").

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project involves construction of a new aquatics facility at either the Hilltop site or Imperial site, or renovation and expansion of the existing facility at the Urho Saari site (aka "The Plunge"). Two of these sites (Hilltop Park and Imperial) are being analyzed for two alternative options each, and the third site (Urho Saari) is being analyzed for one alternative option. Thus, there are a total of five (5) alternatives analyzed in the Draft EIR. Both the Hilltop Park Site and the Imperial site have two potential development options at each site that are analyzed as project alternatives, while the Urho Saari site has one potential development option analyzed. A description of each project alternative is described below:

Alternative Site #1: Hilltop Park Site

- Option 1: This option would involve the construction of a 40-meter long, 25-yard wide competition swimming pool and associated amenities and supporting facilities.
- Option 2: This option would include the construction of all the elements listed in Option 1, with the addition of a leisure/recreational pool for therapeutic uses and water play as well as associated amenities and supporting facilities.

Alternative Site #2: Imperial Site

- Option 1: Similar to Option 1 at the Hilltop Park Site, this option would involve the construction of a 40-meter long, 25-yard wide competition swimming pool and the associated amenities and support facilities.
- Option 2: This option would include the construction of all the elements listed in Option 1, with the addition of a leisure/recreational pool for therapeutic uses and water play as well as associated amenities and supporting facilities.

Alternative Site #3: Urho Saari Site

The Urho Saari option would involve the renovation and expansion of the existing aquatics facility at the Urho Saari Swim Stadium, also known as "The Plunge." Expansion would include the construction of a new 40-meter long, 25-yard wide outdoor competition pool with associated amenities and supporting facilities. Two new surface parking lots would be constructed on either side (east and west) of the existing Urho Saari structure.

ANTICIPATED SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Based on the analysis in the Draft EIR, following the incorporation of mitigation measures, the project would have a significant and unavoidable impact relative to cultural resources and noise.

AGENCIES

The City requests your agency's views on the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed Project, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b). Your agency may need to use the EIR prepared by the City when considering any permits that your agency must issue or for any other approval for the project.

ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES

The City requests your comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with construction and operation of the proposed project.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

The City has made this Draft EIR available for public review and comment pursuant to California

Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b). The 45-day public review period for the Draft EIR begins on April 28, 2011 and ends on June 13, 2011. The Draft EIR is available for review at the following locations:

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft EIR is available for public review during regular business hours at the following locations:

- City of El Segundo Planning and Building Safety Department, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California 90245
- El Segundo Public Library, 111 West Mariposa Avenue

The Draft EIR may also be viewed on the City's website at: http://www.elsegundo.org/depts/planningsafety/planning.

COMMENTS

Written comments may be submitted to:

City of El Segundo - Planning and Building Safety Department 350 Main Street El Segundo, California 90245 Attention: Masa Alkire, AICP, Principal Planner

Comments can also be sent by fax to 310 322-4167 or by email to malkire@elsegundo.org. Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization.

All comments must be received no later than 6:00 PM on Monday, June 13, 2011. If you have any further questions regarding the proposed project and/or the availability of related environmental documents or applications, please contact Masa Alkire, AICP, Principal Planner, (310) 524-2371 or by email at malkire@elsegundo.org.

Greg Carpenter

Director of Planning and Building Safety

City of El Segundo

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