

**CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
PCAC REPORT
March 9, 2010**

Port Community Advisory Committee:

PCAC Restructuring:

PCAC is concluding several months of intensive review and evaluation of the body. The PCAC's founding documents issued in 2001 by then Mayor Kenneth Hahn have been reviewed and deemed to be still relevant. These outline the purposes of the PCAC:

- To assess the impacts of Port developments on the harbor area communities and to recommend suitable mitigation measures to the Board for such impacts.
- To review past, present and future environmental documents in an open public process and to make recommendations to the Board that ensure that impacts of the communities are appropriately mitigated in accordance with Federal and State of California law.
- To provide a public forum and to make recommendations to the Board to assist the Port in taking a leadership role in creating balanced communities in Wilmington, Harbor City and San Pedro so that the quality of life is maintained and enhanced by the presence of the Port.

As an outcome of these sessions the following Action Item is being brought for consideration.

Action Item for March 16 PCAC Meeting:

Recommendation for Restructuring of the PCAC – From the PCAC Steering Committee:

Whereas the Port Community Advisory Committee has been in continuous operation since January 2002 and was formed to implement three charges from the Mayor's office, and

Whereas many of the original tasks PCAC studied and made recommendations on have been received and acted upon by the Board of Harbor Commissioners, including the China Shipping Mitigation Funds, the Wilmington Waterfront Plan, the Clean Trucks Initiative, and the San Pedro Waterfront Plan, and

Whereas the Port Executive Director felt it necessary to curtail PCAC operations by eliminating staff support for its committees and operations, and

Whereas the Board of Harbor Commissioners has not replaced the Commissioner co-chair in four years, hampering orderly and timely communication with the Board,

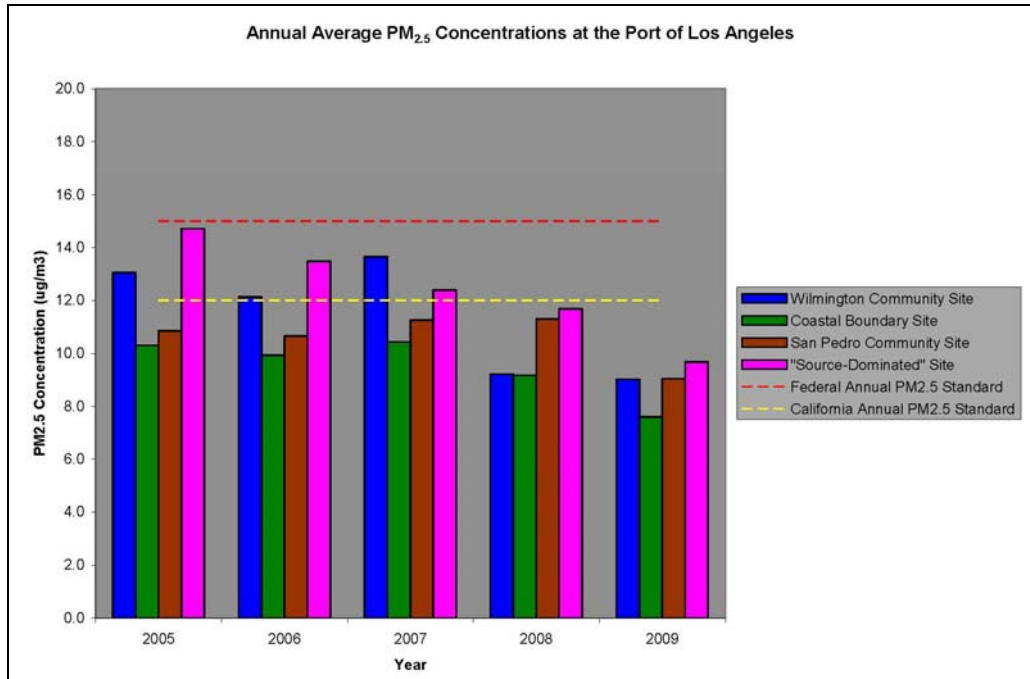
Therefore the Port Community Advisory Committee makes the following recommendations for changes to its structure and operation:

1. Adopt the PCAC recommendation for By-law changes, POLA #83 and POLA #84 adopted by PCAC on May 20, 2008;
2. Eliminate those organizations that did not send a representative to the PCAC meetings during 2009;
3. Place on inactive status, those organizations that have three consecutive absences without notification to the chair, and give them 30 days to respond to the question as to whether or not they wish to retain their seat on the Committee;
4. Adopt a new By-law stating that inactive members shall not count against a quorum;
5. Provide Port staff for the following committees meeting monthly: Air Quality, Wilmington Waterfront Development; San Pedro Coordinated Plan; Environmental Impact and Mitigation; Steering, and the monthly PCAC meeting;
6. Provide Port staff for rotating all other committees or ad hoc committees that may be formed as deemed necessary but who will not meet on a monthly basis;
7. Report on a monthly basis directly to the Board of Harbor Commissioners as a set part of the Board agenda; and
8. Have the Port City Attorney work with the PCAC to suggest further By-law changes that may be necessary to carry out the membership changes and quorum changes that the suggested restructuring will require.

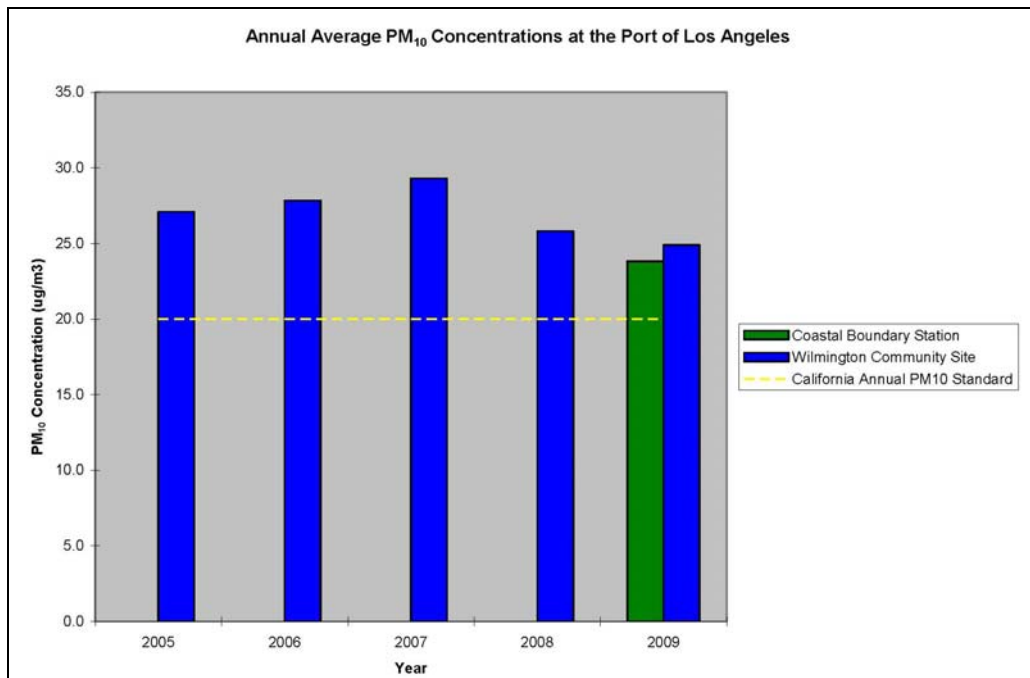
POLA Air Quality Monitoring Report:

Port staff reported on the status of its Air Quality Monitoring stations in Wilmington, Terminal Island and San Pedro. Overall the air quality has improved in the last year likely attributed to mitigation measures recently adopted and the downturn in the economy. POLA air monitoring sites are: 1) Sts. Peter & Paul Elementary School in Wilmington, 2) Berth 47 at Kaiser Point, 3) the Cruise Terminal, and 4) the Terminal Island Water Treatment Plant. Some of the 2005-2009 results are provided below. The full results are posted on the POLA website at http://www.portoflosangeles.org/environment/air_quality.asp.

Concerns had been expressed about the spike in emissions recorded at the San Pedro site. Those were determined to be due to construction activity in the area.



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1. *Wilmington Community Site* - Sts. Peter & Paul Elementary School, 706 Bay View Ave., Wilmington
2. *Coastal Boundary Site* - Berth 47, Kaiser Point, Outer Harbor
3. *San Pedro Community Site* - Cruise Terminal, 3rd and S. Harbor Blvd.
4. *Source Dominated Site* - Terminal Island Water Treatment Plant, 445 Ferry St.

The next PCAC meeting will have a presentation by the Port on the proposed Red Car Line extension to Downtown San Pedro.

Next Meeting: The next PCAC meeting will be held **Tuesday, March 16**, 5:30-8pm, at Banning's Landing in Wilmington.

Ground Breaking - Harry Bridges Boulevard Improvements:

Ground breaking will begin in March on a 1.3-mile segment of Harry Bridges Boulevard in Wilmington. Funded through CalTrans by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the \$21M project will widen Harry Bridges Blvd. from Lakme Ave. to Figueroa St.. It will remain a two-lane highway in each direction with the capacity to increase to three lanes in each direction. Harry Bridges Blvd. connects John S. Gibson Blvd. with Alameda St., and is the main truck route to the Alameda Corridor.

EIR - Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement:

On February 4 the Port of Long Beach released an EIR for replacement of the Gerald Desmond Bridge. This is a \$1.1B project which would widen it to three traffic lanes plus emergency lanes in both directions. It would also raise the height to allow larger ships to pass underneath. Two public hearings have been held in Long Beach. The public comment period closes 4:30 p.m. on March 18. Comments may be sent Richard Cameron, Director of Environmental Planning, Port of Long Beach, 925 Harbor Plaza, Long Beach, CA 90802, e-mail Cameron@polb.com.

POLA/LB and ACTA TIGER Grant Funds Denied:

How Port projects will be funded is up in the air. DOT/TIGER Grants applied for last Summer were denied last week to every project proposed. Projects requested: \$48.8M for the West Basin Rail Yard (POLA), \$32.4M for the Wilmington Grade Separation (POLA), \$30M for the Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement project (POLB), and \$42M toward the SR-47 Expressway Project (ACTA).

SP Waterfront Plan Community Kickoff:

The POLA held a kickoff meeting for the SP Waterfront Plan on February 11 to a packed house at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Port Commissioners and staff received community feedback on many aspects of the plan including: concerns about the Cruise Terminal improvements not being enough, the need for adequate car rental agencies to support the cruise industry, and need for improvements to the Fishing Fleet docks. The next community meeting will be a design overview for the Downtown Harbor on March 18 at the POLA High School. The Kickoff presentation is available on the Port's website.

EPA Health Impact Assessment Scoping Meeting:

The US EPA conducted a Public Scoping Meeting on a potential Health Impact Assessment (as opposed to a narrower Health Risk Assessment) of the POLA/LB on the community. An HIA would provide a broad public health baseline for the Ports. The meeting was held February 10, at Banning's Landing.

Clean Truck Program:

The 9th Circuit Federal Appeals Court ruled February 24 that the POLA concession program can continue. A trial date for the ATA vs. POLA/LB etal. case has been set for April 20.

RAND Study on Health Costs of Dirty Air in CA:

On March 2 the RAND Corporation released its latest study "*The Impact of Improved Air Quality on Hospital Spending*". The study shows between 2005-2007 hospitals in LA County alone spent \$83,500,000 on admissions and emergency room visits due to poor air quality, most of which is paid by Medicare. The full report is available at http://www.rand.org/pubs/technical_reports/TR777/.

USS IOWA Not Coming to San Pedro:

The POLA bowed out of the USS Iowa plan February 26 due to the Navy's commitment with Vallejo, and lack of suitable space available at the Port. **There is still hope for a NOAA fleet of seven ships proposed for City Dock #1 to compliment the (also proposed) Marine Research Institute.**

USA Wins America's Cup Race:

In case you missed it, Larry Ellison's amazing trimaran **BMW ORACLE** won the America's Cup race in Valencia, Spain on February 14th. She beat Ernesto Bertarelli's catamaran **Alinghi 5** from Switzerland. The race will now return to the West Coast, most likely hosted by the Golden Gate Yacht Club where the **BMW ORACLE** hails from. The exciting 39 mile race can be seen in full on the web at: <http://www.americascup.com>.



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Upcoming Events:

POLA Harbor Cup 2010 / Cal Maritime Invitational Intercollegiate Regatta March 12-14:

Ten national college co-ed sailing teams will race Catalina 37s from the Angels Gate lighthouse to Pt. Fermin. Start times are 3 pm Fri., 11 am Sat. and 12 noon Sun. The winner receives the revered "Deed of Gift Harbor Cup Perpetual Trophy" from the POLA. The race can be viewed from Pt. Fermin park.

San Pedro Downtown Harbor Project Public Workshop - Thursday, March 18, 6-8 p.m., POLA HS:

This is the first follow-up meeting to last month's SP Waterfront Plan Community Kick-off.

Port Community Advisory Committee Meeting – Tuesday, March 16, Banning's Landing

Los Angeles Harbor Commission Meetings:

- Thurs, March 18, 8:30 a.m., Banning's Landing, Wilmington
- Thurs, April 1, 8:30 a.m., POLA Headquarters, San Pedro
- Thurs, April 15, 8:30 a.m., POLA Headquarters, San Pedro
- Thurs, May 6, 8:30 a.m., POLA Headquarters, San Pedro

PCAC Subcommittees (open to the public):

- **San Pedro Waterfront Coordinated Plan** – Weds, March 10, 5:00 - 7:00, POLA HS
- **EIR Aesthetic Mitigation** – Thurs, March 11, 4-6 pm, Banning's Landing
- **Traffic** – *Cancelled*
- **Water Quality** – *Cancelled*
- **Lights, Aesthetics and Noise** – *Cancelled*
- **Port Master Plan/Quality of Life** – *Cancelled*
- **Air Quality** – Weds, April 7, 4:30-6:30 pm, SP Muni Bldg.
- **PCAC Steering Committee** – Tues, April 6, 6:00 – 7:30, Banning's Landing
- **Wilmington Waterfront Development** – Tues, April 13, 5:30-7:30, Banning's Landing

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