



City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

May 6, 2014
Unfinished Business

SUBJECT: CONSIDER STATUS REPORT ON THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION AND CARSON DECLARATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY WITHIN THE CAROUSEL TRACT

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Approved by Jacquelyn Acosta
Acting City Manager

I. SUMMARY

This item is on the agenda at the request of Mayor Pro Tem Santarina to provide updates at all regularly scheduled City Council meetings related to the environmental investigation of the Carousel Tract.

II. RECOMMENDATION

CONSIDER and DISCUSS.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE such other action the City Council deems appropriate that is consistent with the requirements of law.

IV. BACKGROUND

As of the end of February 2014, PCR (Planning, Consulting, and Research) Service Corporation was contracted by Shell Oil, but was under the direction of the Regional Water Board, to prepare the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). On March 25, 2014, PCR and the Regional Water Board met with City staff (Community Development and Public Safety) to discuss environmental impact concerns (transportation, noise, and odor) that staff may have regarding the RAP. Staff's feedback will be incorporated into the draft EIR.

The Notice of Preparation (NOP) public comment deadline ended on April 18, 2014. The Regional Water Board is reviewing comments received from the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and a response will be provided in the near future.

As of April 30, 2014, the Regional Water Board is still reviewing the Remedial Action Plan (RAP), the Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA), and the Feasibility Study (FS), which were submitted by Shell Oil Company on March 10, 2014. The Regional Water Board will issue a response letter to Shell Oil regarding the Regional Water Board's review of the submitted documents by the end of April 2014.

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As of April 22, 2014, the completed Residential Sampling Activity is as follows:

- 270 homes have been screened for methane. (95%)
- 270 homes have had soils sampled and vapor probes installed. (95%)
- 270 homes have had sub-slab soil vapor probes sampled. (95%)
- 250 homes have had indoor air sampling. (88%)
- 231 of 250 homes have had their 2nd round of indoor air sampling. (92%)*

*New data

Timeline of Activities

A general timeline that tracks past and current activities of the Carousel Tract environmental investigation is included as Exhibit No. 1.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

None.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Carousel Tract Environmental Investigation Timeline. (pgs. 3-7)

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Reviewed by:

City Clerk	City Treasurer
Administrative Services	Public Works
Community Development	Community Services

Action taken by City Council

Date _____ Action _____

Carousel Tract Environmental Investigation Timeline

March 25, 2014	The Regional Water Board and PCR Service Corporation met with City's staff	As part of the draft Environmental Impact Report, staff discussed transportation, noise, and odor concerns with the Regional Water Board and PCR
April 18, 2014	The Regional Water Board received comments from LAUSD regarding the NOP	The Regional Water Board is reviewing LAUSD comments and will provide response



Carousel Tract Environmental Investigation Timeline

Date	Significant Actions/Reports	Notes
August 21, 2013	LARWQCB sent detailed letter to Shell denying proposed site-specific cleanup goals and requiring revisions to be submitted by October 21, 2013	LARWQCB incorporated OEHHA Memorandum dated July 22, 2013 and UCLA Expert Panel Interim Report dated July 24, 2013
September 11, 2013	City letter to Mr. Sam Unger	Expressing appreciation from City Council and community for response to <i>Site-Specific Cleanup Goal Report</i>
September 24, 2013	LARWQCB community open house CEQA scoping meeting	Request for input from community and public agencies related to evaluation of environmental impacts; comment period ends on October 8, 2013
September 30 – October 10, 2013	LARWQCB Public Participation Specialist to conduct office hours at Carson City Hall	Opportunity for LARWQCB to meet with residents and community stakeholders
October 8, 2013	CEQA scoping comments due to LARWQCB from September 9 through October 8, 2013	Comment letters sent by City of Carson and Bob Bowcock/Barbara Post
October 10, 2013	City staff arranging for a meeting with LARWQCB, LACoFD, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, OEHHA, Mr. Bowcock, Dr. Everett and Mr. Wells PhD	Review of technical reports and discussion of public agencies responses and actions
October 21, 2013	Shell submitted a <i>Revised Site-Specific Cleanup Goal Report</i> to LARWQCB	Shell proposed to evaluate options that provide excavation in specific areas and does not include any further evaluation associated with the removal of homes
October 24, 2013	Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Letter to City of Carson	Letter states there is not an immediate health threat from site conditions



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October 30, 2013	LARWQCB letter to Shell for review of <i>Community Outdoor Air Sampling and Analysis Report</i>	Based on statistical tests, LARWQCB concludes that outdoor air concentrations do not differ between the site and surrounding area. Shell is required to address OEHHA comments and to develop a work plan for an additional soil-vapor survey by November 29, 2013. LARWQCB determined on January 13, 2014 that no further evaluation required
October 31, 2013	LARWQCB notice on <i>Proposed Draft Revised Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R4-2011-0046</i>	The proposed draft order names Dole Food Company, Inc. as an additional responsible party. Comments and evidence must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. on December 6, 2013. Dole Food Company has requested an extension to January 2014 to provide comments. Regional Water Board approved extension to January 13, 2014. On January 7, 2014, Regional Water Board approved extension to January 21, 2014
November 12, 2013	Letter to Carousel Tract Owners and Occupants advising of November 19, 2013 City Council Workshop	
November 19, 2013	City Council conducted workshop with Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and Los Angeles County Fire Department	
January 8, 2014	LARWQCB response to <i>Assessment of Environmental Impact and Feasibility of Removal of Residual Concrete Reservoir Slabs</i>	Directs Shell to either remove the residential concrete slabs as appropriate or isolate the residual concrete slabs beneath the foundation of the homes and paved areas using engineering techniques to the extent necessary to address long term health risks or nuisance concerns



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January 13, 2014	LARWQCB response to <i>Revised Community Outdoor Air Sampling and Analysis Report</i>	LARWQCB concludes that outdoor air concentrations do not differ between the site and surrounding area. No further evaluation required
January 21, 2014	Dole response to <i>Proposed Draft Revised Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R4-2011-0046</i>	Dole requested to not be included in the Draft Order since their subsidiary, Barclay Hollander Corporation, did not discharge any of the contaminants of concern
January 23, 2014	Community meeting organized by Congresswoman Hahn	Meeting to hear from residents and discuss options for obtaining improved levels of response from the Regional Water Board
January 23, 2014	LARWQCB response to <i>Revised Site-Specific Cleanup Goal Report</i>	Regional Water Board identified deficiencies in the Shell Revised Report and directed a remedial action plan, Human Health Risk Assessment and other environmental documents be submitted by March 10, 2014
February 10, 2014	LARWQCB clarification and revision to their January 8, 2014 letter (effective date of January 13, 2014) regarding the Residential Concrete Slab Report	Regional Water Board removed reference to regulations for underground storage tanks
February 23, 2014	Shell submitted a Petition for Review and Request for Hearing to the State Water Resources Control Board in the matter of Cleanup and Abatement Order R4-2011-0046 (CAO)	The State Water Resources Control Board has not responded to Shell's petition
March 10, 2014	Shell submitted Remedial Action Plan (RAP), Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA), and draft environmental documents to LARWQCB	The Regional Water Board set a tentative period of 30 day to review the documents and provide opportunity for public viewing
March 19, 2014	The Regional Water Board filed Notice of Preparation (NOP)	Preparation of a draft Environmental Impact Report in accordance to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)



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