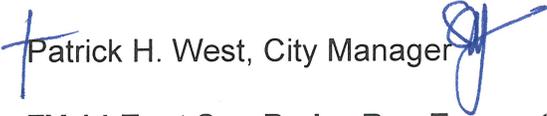




**Date:** March 24, 2014

**To:** Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Patrick H. West, City Manager 

**Subject:** FY 14 East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Study Update

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**Introduction**

Attached are letters of support for two federal studies of the East San Pedro Bay: (1) a Feasibility Study by the Army Corps of Engineers (Army Corps), and (2) a Joint Land Use Study by Department of Defense. These studies will be conducted separately, but will complement each other as the City moves forward with evaluating opportunities to revitalize the East San Pedro Bay.

**Background**

In November 2010, the City of Long Beach and Army Corps of Engineers entered into a Feasibility Cost Share Agreement (FCSA) to signal that both parties would provide equal and concurrent funding to implement an \$8 million East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study over four years. In 2012, the Army Corps issued guidance that required all new feasibility studies cost no more than \$3 million and take no more than three years to complete. The Long Beach City Council authorized the City to accelerate and contribute local-sponsor funding to meet these new guidelines and begin the study.

**Army Corps Feasibility Study**

In April 2013, the City formally requested the Army Corps to accept funds from the City to re-scope the study to the 3x3x3 format and to then formally begin the Feasibility study using the City's share of the funds. The Army Corps review of this proposal is taking longer than expected, as Army Corps leadership interprets the acceptance of City funds as potentially precedent setting, since the study has not received funds in the President's budget. However, after several discussions we believe the Army Corps may be nearing a decision to allow us to proceed. The City has recently restated our intent to both accelerate our funds and contribute funds to pay for a portion of the Army Corps share in the hopes of achieving Army Corps approval. As a result, re-scoping of the study will not commence in early 2014 as originally predicted, but rather may start in the fall of 2014 provided the Army Corps accepts the City's funds within the next four months. Chronologically, the feasibility study process as we move forward is as follows:

1. Amend FCSA – requires Army Corps Headquarters Approval and 120 day Congressional Notification Period
2. Re-Scope Feasibility Study – involves planning charrette led by the Army Corps
3. Start Feasibility Study – three years of public meetings, studies, wave modeling and other fact finding activities
4. Finish Feasibility Study – final work product will be a conceptual design and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to support the following phase of the process, which is Design.

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**Department of Defense: Joint Land Use Study**

The Department of Defense, Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, has identified an opportunity to conduct a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) focused on the explosives anchorage inside the Long Beach Breakwater. If selected through the nationwide nomination process, this study will be heavily driven by stakeholder input. Using an established JLUS process, stakeholders will consider compatibility of the explosives anchorage with other interests relative to the East San Pedro Bay. The City continues to recognize the importance of the Department of Defense in East San Pedro Bay, as well as the presence of other existing maritime operations. A JLUS, through the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment Office (OEA) can assist with identifying opportunities and areas of interest to minimize or eliminate potential explosives anchorage incompatibilities within the East San Pedro Bay. At this time, the Department of the Navy is in process of considering nominating Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach for a JLUS candidate. Awards typically range from \$200,000 to \$400,000, with a 10 percent local-sponsor match that is met through in kind services. The OEA's selection of JLUS nominations for fiscal year 2014 will be completed by May 2014. If the Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach JLUS nomination is selected, a project team from the Department of Defense will visit Long Beach in the summer of 2014 to meet with all stakeholders of the East San Pedro Bay area to provide the framework of the JLUS and commence methods to scope the JLUS. A JLUS typically takes 18 -20 months to complete. The final results of this study will serve as a guide for future changes in the East San Pedro Bay with respect to the explosives anchorage, and will not include a "recommended alternative" for those future changes.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Diana Tang, Manager of Government Affairs at 8-6506.

cc: Suzanne Frick, Assistant City Manager  
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Attachments  
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CITY MANAGER

March 20, 2014

Colonel Kimberly Colloton  
District Engineer  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
915 Wilshire Boulevard, 15th Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

**Re: Accelerated and Contributed Funds for the East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study**

Dear Colonel Colloton:

The City of Long Beach is formally requesting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to amend the existing Feasibility Cost Share Agreement (FCSA) for the East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Study to allow the Corps to accept accelerated and contributed funds for this project.

As the local-sponsor of the East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Study, the City of Long Beach is very interested in re-scoping and beginning feasibility study activities. The purpose of the feasibility study is to evaluate opportunities for ecosystem restoration, improved recreational water quality, and increased recreational opportunities within the East San Pedro Bay. Community interest in the East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Study also remains high. On March 12, 2013, the Long Beach City Council authorized the City to accelerate 100 percent of the City's cost share, as well as contribute up to \$750,000 for the federal cost-share to allow the study to begin; these monies have been set aside and funds are immediately available.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach is requesting an Amendment to our Feasibility Study Cost-Sharing Agreement (FCSA) to allow for accelerated and contributed Funds for the East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Study. Per the Army Corps' policy, the City recognizes that no repayment or credit for contributed funds is authorized with this amendment, and understands that federal acceptance of such accelerated and contributed funds does not constitute or imply any federal commitment to budget or appropriate funds for the project in the future.

Sincerely,

Patrick H. West  
CITY MANAGER

cc: The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary for Civil Works  
Brigadier General David Turner, South Pacific Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Bradd Schwichtenberg, Civil Deputy, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



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February 3, 2014

The Honorable Dennis V. McGinn  
Assistant Secretary of the Navy - Energy, Installations & Environment  
1000 Navy Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20350-1000

**RE: Joint Land Use Study – Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach and City of Long Beach**

Dear Secretary McGinn:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to support the nomination of the East San Pedro Bay for a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) by Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, in conjunction with the City of Long Beach.

The City of Long Beach is currently the local-sponsor for the East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Project, which is being led by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District. The project is in the feasibility study phase and aims to (1) Restore the ecosystem in the East San Pedro Bay, (2) Improve water quality, and (3) Increase recreational opportunities in the East San Pedro Bay.

It is our understanding that a JLUS will assist local jurisdictions with identifying opportunities to minimize or eliminate potential incompatibilities between future land or water uses, and Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach operations. With respect to the East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Project, the JLUS may be able to augment the Army Corps' feasibility study with respect to determining either the degree of change Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach can accommodate in the East San Pedro Bay, or alternatives for adjusting the current explosives anchorage in the project area.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach strongly supports a JLUS between Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach and City of Long Beach with respect to the East San Pedro Bay. Please note that should the City's nomination be accepted, the Long Beach City Council would still need to approve the study before the City can commit to a cost-share or accept grant funds.

Sincerely,

Patrick H. West  
CITY MANAGER

cc: Captain Tripp Hardy, USN, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Seal Beach  
Colonel Kimberly Colloton, Commander, US Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District