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Re:Application Nos.98-11-003 and 98-11-015

Jan 2,2000

The Bolsa Chica Land Trust's Water Committee has serious concerns about the water line the PUC is being asked to allow Southern California Water Company to provider to the Bolsa Chica Mesa.

Our main concerns are three:

1. The position of the reservoir.

a. It is according to the sworn testimony of Scanlon CEO for SCWC to be on Lynn and Los Patos and be a 4million gallon reservoir

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This site is not available due to the fact that there is a vernal pool at this location on the Mesa and it has to have a 100 meter buffer around it.

b. SCWC is not one of the two sources of water for the project in the Amended EIR 1996

2. The traffic on Bolsa Chica Road during the trenching process because this road is the second most traveled street in Huntington Beach .The 1998 traffic survey said the flow of traffic is 55 thousand cars per day. Imagine the disruption this digging up that street will cause to the people in the area. and the users of the street.

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3. The PUC has been told that there are a variety of community benefits.

A"17 acres of community park that will provide panoramic views of the Bolsa Chica wetlands and the Pacific Ocean." This is going to be a gated community How can the public enjoy these 17 miles of trails and parks?

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B. The domestic animal problem has never been solved. The present solution is that the owners of the domestic cats in the community must "LEASH" their cats or be cited.

In our opinion this project is surrounded by the "saved" wetlands and should not be allowed to be built

Sincerely


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RESPONSE TO EILEEN MURPHY
Bolsa Chica Land Trust Water Committee
Letter Dated January 2, 2000

- 15-1 The proposed reservoir was part of the project previously analyzed and addressed in the *1996 Bolsa Chica Local Coastal Program EIR*. The location of the reservoir has not changed since it was subject of environmental analysis in the previous EIR. To the extent there is new information about sensitive resources at the reservoir site, the CPUC believes this information should be evaluated by the Coastal Commission as part of its pending deliberations regarding the disposition of future development on Bolsa Chica Mesa. Any potential changes to the location of the reservoir will need to be evaluated by the Coastal Commission in the context of larger environmental and planning issues pertaining to the land use plan for Bolsa Chica Mesa.

The fact that the proposed water source – a SCWC water line – has not previously been the subject of environmental analysis is the reason for preparing the current Supplemental EIR.

- 15-2 This comment appears to refer to the proposed residential development of the Mesa. This development is not part of the project considered by the current Supplemental EIR. The CPUC is the lead agency for only the proposed construction and operation of the proposed water transmission line and the designation of SCWC as the wastewater management agency for the Bolsa Chica Planned Community project. The California Coastal Commission and Orange County are the lead agencies for the Bolsa Chica Planned Community project and other actions related to the Bolsa Chica LCP.

The Draft SEIR makes no reference to community benefit other than the provision of a long-term, stable water supply to serve the new area of residential development. This is the major objective of the project.

- 15-3 This comment appears to refer to the proposed residential development on the Mesa. This issue is not germane to the construction and operation of the proposed water line (please see the preceding response).