October 28, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVAL OF THE MARINA DEL REY VISION STATEMENT
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Department of Regional Planning is seeking Board approval of the Marina del Rey Vision Statement.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Approve the Marina del Rey Vision Statement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Marina del Rey Vision Statement establishes a framework to guide future decision making on development, policies, and development standards as land use opportunities, economic/market conditions, special needs, and other opportunities rise or become available. This framework includes recommendations and proposed implementation actions to achieve the goals for Marina del Rey contained in the Vision Statement.

Most development in Marina del Rey is subject to the Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program (LCP), and permitting is undertaken by the Department of Regional Planning (DRP). Occasionally, a project requires an amendment to the LCP, which requires additional approval by the California Coastal Commission (CCC). As the CCC conducted its Periodic Review of the LCP in 2007-08, it came to their attention that several Marina del Rey projects in the County permitting process required LCP amendments. CCC requested that these “pipeline projects” be consolidated into one LCP amendment to facilitate CCC’s evaluation of the projects’ cumulative impacts. CCC also requested that the County undertake a visioning process for future development in Marina del Rey to update the LCP and to minimize the need for LCP amendments. The County agreed to these requests and in September 2009 the Board adopted a Motion directing DRP and the Department of Beaches and Harbors to undertake the “Roadmap” for Marina del Rey. The Roadmap consisted of three actions:
• Complete the County's response to the CCC's Periodic Review of the Marina del Rey LCP.
• Submit to CCC one consolidated LCP amendment of all known projects that would require an LCP amendment.
• Undertake a visioning process for future development in Marina del Rey.

Completion of the Vision Statement represents completion of the Roadmap.

DRP staff has prepared a Vision Statement for Marina del Rey. The Vision Statement, which is consistent with the Marina del Rey LCP, was formulated in collaboration with the County Departments of Beaches and Harbors and Public Works, and after taking input from County advisory bodies (including the Small Craft Harbor Commission, the Design Control Board and the Regional Planning Commission) and the public. Input received from the public and from consultants retained by DRP to assist with the visioning effort is contained in appendices which accompany the Vision Statement. The Vision Statement and the appendices are attached for your consideration.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The project supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Community Support and Responsiveness (Goal 2) by protecting and enhancing access to recreational resources and services in the County's coastal areas and delivering customer-oriented municipal services to the unincorporated community of Marina del Rey.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Approval of the Vision Statement does not have any fiscal impacts. However, DRP does intend to prepare and request amendments to the Marina del Rey LCP as a result of the "Roadmap" for Marina del Rey, undertaken per the Board's direction (see Statement of Proceedings, Item 2, September 1, 2009). The amendment process will involve the public, and Regional Planning will work collaboratively with other County departments to draft the proposed amendments. At this time, we are unable to determine future costs expected as a result of this action.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

There is no impact on the Department's Operating Budget as a result of the recommended action. DRP will explore all funding strategies for a future amendment process once amendments are identified and cost estimates are developed.
FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Completion of the Marina del Rey Vision Statement marks the completion of the "Roadmap" for future development agreed to in 2009 by the Board and the CCC. The action requested of the Board satisfies the Motion adopted by the Board in 2009, directing DRP and the Department of Beaches and Harbors to complete a visioning process for Marina del Rey in five years.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The Marina del Rey Vision Statement is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act, as setting forth a vision for the community is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Therefore, no environmental documentation is required.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES/PROJECTS

The recommended action will have no impact on current services or projects.

CONCLUSION

The Board's approval of the recommended action will allow the County to fulfill its agreement with the CCC and to fulfill its obligation pursuant to the Motion to complete a visioning process for Marina del Rey within five years.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Director

Attachments: Marina del Rey Vision Statement
Vision Statement Appendices

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
   County Counsel
   Beaches and Harbors
   Chief Executive Office

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