
To: John Kelly
From: Ron Noble
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RE: Proposed Relocation of Boat Launch Facility
Responses to 8 of the 10 Concerns Expressed by Pacific Ocean Management
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- **It is very unlikely that the boating community or the Coastal Commission would allow the elimination or substantial reduction of the current uses on the Public Launch Ramp site.**

Response: All of the current uses and amenities are maintained on the proposed relocation of the Public Launch Ramp. The relocated boat launch facility consists of 8 boat launch lanes, 3 boarding floats, 1 ADA boarding float, 8 boat wash lanes with hose bibs, 211 car/trailer parking spaces, 9 ADA car/trailer parking spaces, 22 single car parking spaces, 4 ADA single car parking spaces, an ADA accessible restroom building of 25 feet by 40 feet, and 3 commercial buildings each of 15 feet by 95 feet. The relocated mast-up boat storage facility consists of 242 boat parking spaces and a boat hoist.

- **The existing facility would not fit on the new site.**

Response: The existing facility does fit on the new site including the staging docks, trailer stalls, large aisles, car parking, wash down area, wide driveways, long entrance aisles, etc. In fact the new proposed boat launch facility consists of 8 boat launch lanes, 3 boarding floats, 1 ADA boarding float, 8 boat wash lanes with hose bibs, 211 car/trailer parking spaces, 9 ADA car/trailer parking spaces, 22 single car parking spaces, 4 ADA single car parking spaces, an ADA accessible restroom building of 25 feet by 40 feet, and 3 commercial buildings each of 15 feet by 95 feet which equals or exceeds the existing boat launch facility. In addition the design dimensions meet the accepted design criteria for boat launch facilities.

- **Placing the launch facility at the entrance to the channel would require lowering the seawall. No one puts a launch facility in a main entrance channel to a small craft harbor due to navigational problems.**

Response: The proposed location of the boat launch ramp is not located on the Marina del Rey main channel. It is located and oriented at the end of Basin H and does not interfere with the main channel. Boat launching at the proposed location is no different from the current existing boat operating uses at the proposed location. The seawall height is lower along Basin H than the

main channel seawall and the required seawall opening with side return walls would be no different than that for the existing location.

- **High capacity staging docks are an essential part of the launch facility. Currently the docks extend approximately 117 ft. beyond the seawall. This would not be possible at Fisherman’s Village. The main channel needs to remain open and can’t block ease of navigation.**

Response: The proposed relocation of the boat launch ramp is not located on the main channel and therefore does not block the ease of navigation. The boat launch ramp is located at the western end of the Basin H seawall with boats launching in a northwesterly direction perpendicular to the Basin H seawall, with the outboard ends of the boarding floats well inside of the pierhead line. The boarding (staging) floats’ alignment is the same as the main dock alignments along Basin H. The proposed boat launch ramp allows for exactly the same staging docks as the existing boat launch facility with no impact to the Basin H navigation beyond what presently exists. In fact the outward ends of the staging docks are 40 feet short of the pierhead line, therefore allowing for an additional 40 feet before any boat reaches the Basin H channel.

- **Trailer boats generally arrive between 6:00 am to 10:00 pm and depart between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm. This was obviously considered in the design of the current Public Launch Ramp. Two long lanes at the entrance were designated to accommodate 10+ boats at the same time rather than block a lane of traffic on Fiji Way. Fiji merges to one thru lane of traffic in front of Fisherman’s Village. Lack of space would not allow a similar entrance and would force trailered boats to line up down Fiji.**

Response: First of all there are not two entrance lanes designated for auto/boat trailers (boat launching) at the current Public Launch Ramp as one of those lanes is designated for “autos only”. The proposed relocated facility has two designated entrance lanes for boat launching plus a separate adjacent exit lane, in addition to two other double exit lanes within the auto/trailer parking area. Therefore, the proposed facility can easily accommodate more than 10+ boats arriving at the same time without blocking traffic on Fiji Way, and can further accommodate even more boats arriving at the same time by using the adjacent 3rd exit lane for a 3rd arrival lane during peak morning arrival hours, if need be.

- **Large aisles are required to accommodate the trucks and trailers including turn around space which would be impossible to accommodate on the very narrow Fisherman’s Village site.**

Response: It is not completely understood what is meant by the term “large aisles”, however the proposed relocated boat launch facility has ample site traffic circulation to accommodate trucks and trailers during boat entry, boat launching, turn around, boat wash down, parking, and departure maneuvers. It meets all space design criteria for boat launch facilities, and even has a very convenient and wide maneuvering area for ADA boat launching and parking.

- **Fisherman’s Village is home to Hornblower Yachts and Tiki Mermaid. Combined these operations have 7 boats that have a total capacity of well over 1200 passengers. Other uses such as Parasailing and the Boat Rental operation are also very important uses of the marina. Together the tenants located at Fisherman’s Village are the biggest means of getting the public out on the water to enjoy Marina del Rey.**
- **Response:** The proposed relocated boat launch facility leaves all of the existing boat docks, boating use operations, and adjacent seawall walkway in-place, and furthermore provides for three 15 feet by 95 feet (total of 4,275 square feet) commercial buildings plus some single car parking fronting these buildings. There are various means to handle additional parking for these boating operations. Therefore all existing boating use operations can be maintained where they currently exist under the proposed relocated boat launch facility.
- **Parcel 49 has several hundred mast-up storage. We find it very unlikely that any visioning idea in regards to developing Parcel 49 involves these boats staying where they are. We are confident that these could not be moved anywhere within MDR.**

Response: The current facility has 305 boat parking spaces, while the proposed relocated boat launch facility has 242 boat parking spaces very conveniently located and with the same boat space and traffic aisle dimensions as the current facility. In addition, the proposed facility includes a boat hoist. The 242 proposed boat parking spaces should still be ample to accommodate the needs of this dry land boat storage.