Trip Report

Date of Trip: October 15-16, 2009
Purpose of Trip: Pre-Proposed Plan Stakeholder Outreach
Date of Report: October 22, 2009
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THURSDAY 10/16/09

Depart kids’ school 7:35a, drive to OAK, 9a flight to LAX, National rental car, drive to El Segundo Congresswoman Harmon’s office, 11:15a.

Congresswoman Harmon’s Office –
We met with Diane Moss, Environmental Affairs Chief, at 11:15a.
Remind myself to tell Brent Maier, R9 Congressional Liaison, that we are meeting with Congressional offices.
Harmon represents the residential neighborhood south of the former plant site, also areas where the groundwater extraction system will go. Diane was very interested in learning about Harmon’s historic involvement with the site, and I told her all about the early relocation and buyout, and Kenwood Avenue removal action. Nothing new was raised regarding the Proposed Plan issues that I can recall.

Departed El Segundo at 12:30p, drove downtown for lp a meeting with LA Public Works.

LA Department of Public Works –
We met at the Public Works’ Broadway office, with Julie VanWagner, David Attaway (Environmental Supervisor, Department of Parks and Recreation, Planning and Construction Division), Nuna Tersibashian (Environmental Specialist, Brownfields Revitalization), and one other guy. We told them specifically that their department can comment on the Proposed Plan during the public comment period. We told the how we are proposing to flag the street segments of concern in their database, we are proposing environmental covenants for 2 street segments, and we are proposing capping segments of Magellan. For the capping, we would negotiate to have the Respondents maintain the paving (they liked that). We said we’ll use Julie as a point of contact for Proposed Plan, and she accepted that, indicating they probably will get City Attorney input in their comments. They were expecting someone from the City Attorney office to have joined them at the meeting, and we waited 15 minutes but the person didn’t show up.

They didn’t raise any particular issues. They confirmed that the Bureau of Engineering has a database on the streets and is the entity that issues encroachment permits.

We departed downtown at 2:15p, drove to Long Beach, to Congresswoman Laura Richardson’s office.
Congresswoman Laura Richardson's office –

We met with staffer Tim Lee at 3:30p. He was knowledgeable about planning and redevelopment issues. They represent the business district, so we told him all about our interactions with the business community to date. He didn’t raise any particular issues.

FRIDAY 10/17/09

Herbal Life –

We met with Ases Basam, building engineer for Herbal Life building, at 9:00a. He was glad to hear that there was no problem with the building itself. We walked the area where the contamination lies beneath the parking lot, a 70'x70' area. They are having a pipeline put in that goes right by the area, but according to my measurement, it does not touch the area of concern. Their trench will only be 15 inches bgs. I told him to have someone contact URS anyway, to double-check the data, and I gave him John Dudley’s phone number.

We focused our discussion on issues impacting his property - the capping, maintenance, deed restrictions, and environmental review ICs. He felt comfortable that he understood, but would not be comfortable communicating the information to his bosses, and he asked us to provide a short write-up of our messages. We put it on our To Do list. We figured we could write a paragraph describing the alternatives for each pathway, and we could customize the messages to be property-specific by inserting the various applicable paragraphs into each letter.

We departed the site and drove to LA, near the airport, to Property Management Associates.

Property Management Associates –

We met with Stefanni Jones and Joshua Fein, arriving at 10:37a, regarding their building at Del Amo Boulevard and Hamilton Avenue, which is leased to the County health services agency. They asked that we give their tenant, the LA County Health Department, a heads up on the Proposed Plan, so they won’t be surprised.

They didn’t raise any particular issues. We told them about the deed restrictions, SVE and NAPL remediation, and the issues affecting them. They were concerned about the amount of parking that the alternatives would take up, and they liked the flexibility of the injection option. They were curious what the temporary injection points would look like.

We departed at 11:45a, arrived at the airport at 12:30p, and walked on to a 1p flight. We arrived OAK, I left a message for Brent Maier about our meetings with the Congressional offices, and I gave Roberta a verbal report. I worked until 4:30p writing notes.