

## **PART G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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### **G.1 INTRODUCTION**

This section outlines the scoping and public participation program completed by the CPUC before issuance of the Draft EIR. This Final EIR include copies of comments on the Draft EIR and responses to comments.

### **G.2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROGRAM**

This section summarizes the CPUC's program of public notice and participation to maximize agency and public input for the Carson to Norwalk Pipeline Project environmental review process.

#### **G.2.1 SCOPING PROCESS**

The scoping process for the Carson to Norwalk Pipeline Project EIR consisted of four elements:

- 1) Issuance of a Notice of Preparation (NOP)/Notice of Public Scoping Meetings soliciting comments from public agencies, as required by CEQA
- 2) Public scoping meetings
- 3) Summarization of scoping comments in a Scoping Report
- 4) Distribution of the Scoping Report and scoping comments as appropriate to the commenting agencies, Scoping Meeting attendees requesting a copy, the EIR team members for use in work planning and impact analysis, and to public libraries designated as project repository sites for members of the public interested in reviewing the report and comments.

##### **G.2.1.2 Notice of Preparation**

The CPUC issued the NOP on August 25, 1997 and distributed it to the State Clearinghouse and city, county, state and federal agencies, affected state and federal legislators, and local elected officials. There was a 30-day legally required period for interested parties to submit comments regarding the content of the EIR. There were approximately 60 copies of the NOP mailed out and an additional 40 copies distributed at the scoping meetings. A copy of the NOP is included in Appendix B of this EIR.

##### **G.2.1.2 Scoping Meetings**

Two public scoping meetings were conducted as part of the scoping process to receive input regarding the scope and content of this EIR. The following Scoping Meetings were held prior to preparation of this document:

- September 17, 1997 at 6:30 p.m. at DeForest Park, Long Beach
- September 18, 1997 at 6:30 p.m. at Simms Park, Bellflower.

**G.2.1.3 Scoping Report**

On October 25, 1997, a Scoping Report was issued summarizing issues and concerns received from the public and various agencies. This report was made available for review at the 8 repositories listed in Section G.2.4, and was mailed to those agencies and individuals who requested copies.

**G.2.2 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION**

**G.2.2.1 Notification for Scoping Meetings**

Notices of the scoping meetings were posted in 3 newspapers along the pipeline ROW in advance of their occurrence. The notices stated that a Spanish translator would be available at both meetings. Following is a list of newspapers and the date which the public notices appeared:

- Long Beach Press Telegram 9/11/97
- South East Cities Tribune 9/12/97
- The Wave Group 9/13/97

**G.2.2.2 Newsletter**

A newsletter was prepared and distributed in early December 1997 to describe the EIR process and the alternatives selected for detailed analysis in the Draft EIR.

**G.2.2.3 Notice of Release of Draft EIR and Property Owner Notification**

The Notice of Availability of Draft EIR was mailed to approximately 14,700 property owners and occupants within 300 feet of the proposed and alternative pipeline routes on February 11, 1998. This Notice included the dates and times of the Informational Workshop and Public Participation Hearing.

**G.2.3 INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Following the release of the Draft EIR, an informational workshop was held on March 5, 1998. The workshop was informal and included information stations staffed by representatives of the CPUC, EIR preparers, and the applicant. The workshop was intended to help affected communities and interested individuals understand the Proposed Project, the Draft EIR, and how to participate in the CPUC's decision making processes. At the workshop, EIR preparers and CPUC staff were available to respond to attendee questions and provide clarification regarding the technical aspects of the Proposed Project and the impact analysis presented in the Draft EIR. A Spanish translator was available at the workshop.

The 50-day public review period for the Draft EIR closed on March 25, 1998. A Public Participation Hearing was held on March 19, 1998 to receive oral and written testimony on the Draft EIR from interested parties. Written comments were also accepted at the Workshop and Hearing, and by mail, fax, and electronic mail. The Informational Workshop and Public Participation Hearing were held as follows:

INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARING
<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>March 5, 1998</b>  <b>7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Simms Park</b>  <b>16614 S. Clark Avenue</b>  <b>Bellflower</b> </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>March 19, 1998</b>  <b>7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Simms Park</b>  <b>16614 S. Clark Avenue</b>  <b>Bellflower</b> </p>

Notice of the Workshop and Hearing was published in four local newspapers: The Long Beach Press Telegram and the South East Cities Tribune on February 27, 1998; The Wave Group on February 28, 1998; and La Opinion (Spanish language) on March 3, 1998. The notices stated that a Spanish translator would be available at both meetings.

**G.2.4 PROJECT INFORMATION AND REPOSITORY SITES**

Placing documents in “repository” sites can be an effective way of providing ongoing information about the project to a large number of people. Therefore, twelve repository sites along the proposed ROW were established. All project documents, including the Draft EIR, have been made available upon their release to the public at the locations listed below.

Note that project information is also available on the Internet. Project information and copies of newsletters and reports are available on the EIR Web Site at: <http://www.AspenEG.com/SFPP-EIR/>.

California Public Utilities Commission  
 Public Advisor  
 107 South Broadway  
 Los Angeles, CA 90012  
 (213) 897-3544

Carson Library  
 Reference Librarian  
 151 E. Carson Street  
 Carson, CA 90745  
 (310) 830-6346

C.M. Brakensiek Library  
 Reference Librarian  
 9945 Flower Street  
 Bellflower, CA 90706  
 (562) 925-5543

Cerritos Public Library  
 Reference Librarian  
 18025 S. Bloomfield Avenue  
 Cerritos, CA 90703  
 (562) 916-1350

Long Beach Library, North Branch  
 Reference Librarian  
 5571 Orange Avenue  
 Long Beach, CA 90805  
 (562) 570-1047

Artesia Library  
 Reference Librarian  
 18722 Clarkdale Avenue  
 Artesia, CA 90701  
 (562) 865-6614

Norwalk Library  
 Reference Librarian  
 12350 Imperial Highway  
 Norwalk, CA 90650  
 (562) 868-0775

Los Angeles County Library  
 Paramount Branch  
 Attn: Leticia Tan  
 16254 Colorado Avenue  
 Paramount, CA 90723  
 (562) 630-3171

**G.3 PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD**

In compliance with CEQA Guidelines, the CPUC provided a public review period of more than 45 days for the Draft EIR. This public review period commenced upon release of the Draft EIR, on February 2, 1998 and closed on March 25, 1998.