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Subject: Re: CGS proposed CEQA comments RE: Call with Director of LA City Planning

Hi Steve,

Thank you for your email. CGS comments on the Hollywood Center Project Draft EIR have been received and will be responded to accordingly.

Let me know if you have any questions in the meantime.

On Fri, Jul 17, 2020 at 9:20 AM Bohlen, Steve@DOC <Steve.Bohlen@conservation.ca.gov> wrote:

Dear Ms Nguyen,

Attached please find a letter signed and stamped by Tim McCrink and Janis Hernandez containing CGS comments on the DEIR for the Hollywood Center Project.

Please do not hesitate to call or email me if you have any questions.



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Janice and Tim,

The Secretary has approved the attached version of the letter, which has a few very minor changes from the previous draft. These clarifications were requested by the Secretary and are consistent with our process.

Please sign and stamp and provide me with a pdf.

In accord with the plan approved by the Secretary's Office, I will release to the city on behalf of CGS at 9 AM. PAO will release to the media after that.

I want to emphasize that any media inquiries need to be referred to PAO with no side conversations with the press or others.

Many thanks for your help and patience.

Steve

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For review and approval: revised letter showing Wade's edit and final changes.

All changes are on page 1.

-Lisa

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Subject: Call with Director of LA City Planning

Wade,

I had a positive and welcoming phone call with Vincent Bertoni, Director of City Planning for the City of LA.

I went through my talking points, which were:

1. We are preparing a letter to be sent to the planning department very soon with comments on the DEIR for the Hollywood Center project, and I am calling to give you a heads up that the letter will be coming and to highlight its contents.
2. I am sorry that CGS did not meet the deadline for the submission of comments, but as my appointment was official June 1, I wanted to review CGS's authorities, CEQA review process, and evaluate the scientific information before acting.
3. In keeping with CGS process for CEQA review, because of the project size, construction materials, risk to public safety

and the publication of relevant new scientific information, the CGS has prepared comments based on its evaluation of the scientific information forthcoming since the publication of the AP Map (FER 253) which encompasses the Hollywood Center site.

4. The CGS letter summarizes our assessment of the recent scientific studies and information, and the letter addresses CGS's concern of the likelihood of active strands of the Hollywood fault near and under the Hollywood Center site.
5. We offer the opportunity for those in the city planning department and other interested parties to be briefed by the CGS and review the scientific information with CGS.

My summary of the Director's comments:

1. He was pleased that I called to explain what I had done since my arrival at CGS to review authorities, CEQA process, etc., and the science prior to making any decisions to move forward.
2. Welcomed us sending the letter, and hoped that we would send it soon.
3. Welcomed my offer to send him a heads up that the letter would be sent just prior to it being sent.
4. Likely would be interested in a briefing but wanted to wait to read the letter and have time to connect with staff.
5. Indicated his strong desire to have science help with the decision and welcomed our analysis.

I believe the call went well, and Mr. Bertoni expressed his interest in getting our letter.

If you, Matt and Chris are satisfied with the letter we reviewed on Friday, I recommend that we have the letter signed and stamped, and it be sent to the city planning department.

Steve



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