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Subject: RE: Environmental Review Process for Balboa Reservoir

Dear Mr. Ja-

The initial study performed by the PUC wasn't done for CEQA reasons. In the context of CEQA that term refers to a certain type of document. An initial study of conditions might be performed outside of the CEQA process, but that doesn't satisfy CEQA's requirement for a specific type of document. If you look on our website you can see Initial Studies that have been completed, in association with Negative Declarations and EIRs, and you will see that they are not the same as the PUC's publication. (Note that none of these documents are called "Initial Study", because the study is a companion to a Negative Declaration or a Notice of Preparation of an EIR).

http://sf-planning.org/index.aspx?page=1828

We have not received a PPA or environmental review application for the project. As I understand it, we are not expecting to have a project proposal or initiate environmental review for another year or so.

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Director Jones,

Thank you very much for the courtesy of your reply, and for your offer to me to contact you and the BPS Area Plan staff to answer questions.

I would like to start with two questions regarding the Balboa Reservoir Project:

1. Has a Preliminary Project Assessment application been filed, and/or discussed?

2. Has an Environmental Evaluation application been filed, and/or discussed?

The AECOM Balboa Reservoir Initial Study was commissioned and completed by March 2015 via PUC Contract CS 229-c. I believe that this Initial Study--funded by a Water Enterprise contract ostensibly to improve the water delivery system--is supposed to be based on the Environmental Evaluation. That the Initial Study has been completed leads me to believe that the PPA and EE steps have already been done. Please correct me if I'm wrong.

Thank you in advance for your responsiveness to these two questions!

I have attached a 2/3/2016 submission to the Balboa Reservoir CAC, "The Road to the Balboa Reservoir Project: Fatal Flaws in the Environmental Review Process" for the Environmental Planning Division to review and critique.

Sincerely,
Alvin Ja

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Dear Mr. Ja-

Thank you for contacting me regarding the environmental review for the Balboa Reservoir site project. As I understand it, development of this site is in the planning stages. While the Balboa Park Area plan considered a general type and amount of development on the site, at this point no project has been put forward for full project-level environmental review. When a project has been defined we will conduct environmental review in accordance with all of the procedures and laws under which we work. All public outreach opportunities required in the environmental review process will be provided; in other words, you will hear from the Environmental Planning division of the Planning Department early and often once the environmental review begins.

If you have any specific questions, you may contact me or you can be in touch with the planners who worked on the Plan Area EIR – Rick Cooper and Jeanie Poling. Thank you-

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Subject: Environmental Review Process for Balboa Reservoir

Environmental Planning Staff:

People in the community would like to get some information regarding the environmental review process as it relates to Balboa Reservoir.

We would greatly appreciate your assistance in getting to understand the environmental processes that have taken place up til now.

According to SF Planning's *Environmental Evaluation (EE) Application* document, the following items were/are to be dealt with by the Environmental Planning Division. Please answer for each item: (1) Have these steps been done for the Balboa Reservoir Project; (2) What was the content of those items; (3) What was the outcome/determination/finding for those items.

1. Preliminary Project Assessment (PPA)

2. Environmental Evaluation (EE)

3. Community Plan Exemption (CPE)

According to SF Planning's *Environmental Review Process Summary*:

An Initial Study is prepared based on information supplied in the EE Application. Under the direction of the Environmental Planning staff, the Initial Study is supposed to be informed by contact with "affected public agencies, citizen groups, and concerned individuals."

1. Was this contact done? By AECOM? By OEWD/Planning? How, and with whom?

As I understand it, contact with the community did not happen until **after** the AECOM Initial Study (12/19/2014) had already been prepared. The first public meeting took place on 1/21/2015. Does this comport with *Environmental Review Process Summary?*

[sub-text: Many, if not most people in the community feel that the Balboa Reservoir Project has been presented to us as a done-deal. The input that has been sought by OEWD/Planning Dept regarding "Principles & Parameters" via the Reservoir CAC has essentially been limited to the specifics for an RFP for the Reservoir developer. Input regarding big picture critiques of the BR Project has been essentially ignored and bypassed.]

I have attached my submission, "The Road to the Balboa Reservoir Project: Fatal Flaws in the Environmental Review Process," for Environmental Planning Division's consideration.

I request that the Environmental Planning staff respond to each of the items enumerated above. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated by people in the community--CCSF stakeholders and surrounding neighborhoods.

Thanks,

Alvin Ja
Sunnyside resident