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- (c) The Governor may issue guidelines regarding application and certification of projects pursuant to this chapter. Any guidelines issued pursuant to this subdivision are not subject to the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code).

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- (b) All documents and other materials placed in the administrative record shall be posted on, and be downloadable from, an Internet Web site maintained by the lead agency commencing with the date of the release of the draft environmental impact report.
- (c) The lead agency shall make available to the public in a readily accessible electronic format the draft environmental impact report and all other documents submitted to, or relied on by, the lead agency in the preparation of the draft environmental impact report.
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- (f) Within seven business days after the receipt of any comment that is not in an electronic format, the lead agency shall convert that comment into a readily accessible electronic format and make it available to the public in that format.
- (g) Notwithstanding paragraphs (b) to (f), inclusive, documents submitted to or relied on by the lead agency that were not prepared specifically for the project and are copyright protected are not required to be made readily accessible in an electronic format. For those copyright-protected documents, the lead agency shall make an index of these documents available in an electronic format no later than the date of the release of the draft environmental impact report, or within five business days if the document is received or relied on by the lead agency after the release of the draft environmental impact report. The index must specify the libraries or lead agency offices in which hardcopies of the copyrighted materials are available for public review.
- (h) The lead agency shall certify the final administrative record within five days of its approval of the project.
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- (j) The contents of the record of proceedings shall be as set forth in subdivision (e) of Section 21167.6.
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The public notice shall be distributed by the lead agency as required for public notices issued pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 21092.

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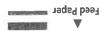
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- (c) The project does not result in any net additional emission of greenhouse gases, including greenhouse gas emissions from employee transportation, as determined by the State Air Resources Board pursuant to Division 25.5 (commencing with Section 38500) of the Health and Safety Code.
- (d) The project applicant has entered into a binding and enforceable agreement that all mitigation measures required pursuant to this division to certify the project under this chapter shall be conditions of approval of the project, and those conditions will be fully enforceable by the lead agency or another agency designated by the lead agency. In the case of environmental mitigation measures, the applicant agrees, as an ongoing obligation, that those measures will be monitored and enforced by the lead agency for the life of the obligation.
- (e) The project applicant agrees to pay the costs of the Court of Appeal in hearing and deciding any case, including payment of the costs for the appointment of a special master if deemed appropriate by the court, in a form and manner specified by the Judicial Council, as provided in the Rules of Court adopted by the Judicial Council pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section 21185.
- (f) The project applicant agrees to pay the costs of preparing the administrative record for the project concurrent with review and consideration of the project pursuant to this division, in a form and manner specified by the lead agency for the project.
- 21184. (a) The Governor may certify a project for streamlining pursuant to this chapter if it complies with the conditions specified in Section 21183.
- (b) (1) Prior to certifying a project, the Governor shall make a determination that each of the conditions specified in Section 21183 has been met. These findings are not subject to judicial review.
- (2) (A) If the Governor determines that a leadership project is eligible for streamlining pursuant to this chapter, he or she shall submit that determination, and any supporting information, to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for review and concurrence or nonconcurrence.
- (B) Within 30 days of receiving the determination, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee shall concur or nonconcur in writing on the determination.
- (C) If the Joint Legislative Budget Committee fails to concur or nonconcur on a determination by the Governor within 30 days of the submittal, the leadership project is deemed to be certified.
- (c) The Governor may issue guidelines regarding application and certification of projects pursuant to this chapter. Any guidelines issued pursuant to this subdivision are not subject to the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code).

- 21185. On or before July 1, 2014, the Judicial Council shall adopt a rule of court to establish procedures applicable to actions or proceedings brought to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul the certification of the environmental impact report for an environmental leadership development project certified by the Governor pursuant to this chapter or the granting of any project approvals that require the actions or proceedings, including any potential appeals therefrom, be resolved, within 270 days of certification of the record of proceedings pursuant to Section 21186.
- 21186. Notwithstanding any other law, the preparation and certification of the administrative record for a leadership project certified by the Governor shall be performed in the following manner:
- (a) The lead agency for the project shall prepare the administrative record pursuant to this division concurrently with the administrative process.
- (b) All documents and other materials placed in the administrative record shall be posted on, and be downloadable from, an Internet Web site maintained by the lead agency commencing with the date of the release of the draft environmental impact report.
- (c) The lead agency shall make available to the public in a readily accessible electronic format the draft environmental impact report and all other documents submitted to, or relied on by, the lead agency in the preparation of the draft environmental impact report.
- (d) A document prepared by the lead agency or submitted by the applicant after the date of the release of the draft environmental impact report that is a part of the record of the proceedings shall be made available to the public in a readily accessible electronic format within five business days after the document is released or received by the lead agency.
- (e) The lead agency shall encourage written comments on the project to be submitted in a readily accessible electronic format, and shall make any comment available to the public in a readily accessible electronic format within five days of its receipt.
- (f) Within seven business days after the receipt of any comment that is not in an electronic format, the lead agency shall convert that comment into a readily accessible electronic format and make it available to the public in that format.
- (g) Notwithstanding paragraphs (b) to (f), inclusive, documents submitted to or relied on by the lead agency that were not prepared specifically for the project and are copyright protected are not required to be made readily accessible in an electronic format. For those copyright-protected documents, the lead agency shall make an index of these documents available in an electronic format no later than the date of the release of the draft environmental impact report, or within five business days if the document is received or relied on by the lead agency after the release of the draft environmental impact report. The index must specify the libraries or lead agency offices in which hardcopies of the copyrighted materials are available for public review.
- (h) The lead agency shall certify the final administrative record within five days of its approval of the project.
- (i) Any dispute arising from the administrative record shall be resolved by the superior court. Unless the superior court directs otherwise, a party disputing the content of the record shall file a motion to augment the record at the time it files its initial brief.
- (j) The contents of the record of proceedings shall be as set forth in subdivision (e) of Section 21167.6.
- 21187. Within 10 days of the Governor certifying an environmental leadership development project pursuant to this section, the lead agency shall, at the applicant's expense, issue a public notice in no less than 12-point type stating the following:

"THE APPLICANT HAS ELECTED TO PROCEED UNDER CHAPTER 6.5 (COMMENCING WITH SECTION 21178) OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, WHICH PROVIDES, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT ANY JUDICIAL ACTION CHALLENGING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE EIR OR THE APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT DESCRIBED IN THE EIR IS SUBJECT TO THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN SECTIONS 21185 TO 21186, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE. A COPY OF CHAPTER 6.5 (COMMENCING WITH SECTION 21178) OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE IS INCLUDED BELOW."

The public notice shall be distributed by the lead agency as required for public notices issued pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 21092.

- 21188. The provisions of this chapter are severable. If any provision of this chapter or its application is held to be invalid, that invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.
- 21189. Except as otherwise provided expressly in this chapter, nothing in this chapter affects the duty of any party to comply with this division.
- 21189.1. If, prior to January 1, 2016, a lead agency fails to approve a project certified by the Governor pursuant to this chapter, then the certification expires and is no longer valid.
- 21189.2. The Judicial Council shall report to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2015, on the effects of this chapter, which shall include, but not be limited to, a description of the benefits, costs, and detriments of the certification of leadership projects pursuant to this chapter.
- 21189.3. This chapter shall remain in effect until January 1, 2017, and as of that date is repealed unless a later enacted statute extends or repeals that date.

Lisa M. Webber,

Deputy Director of Planning

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FW: E-Sheet Notification - Marathon Communications (LAT)

Gabe Kramer < gkramer@marathon-com.com>

Mon, May 19, 2014 at 12:18 PM

To: Luciralia Ibarra < luciralia.ibarra@lacity.org>

Cc: "Nytzen, Michael" <michaelnytzen@paulhastings:com>

Hi Luci,

Below is confirmation of the print posting for the ELP notification that ran this past Saturday.

Regards,

Gabe

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And pictures, attached.

Thanks,

Gabe

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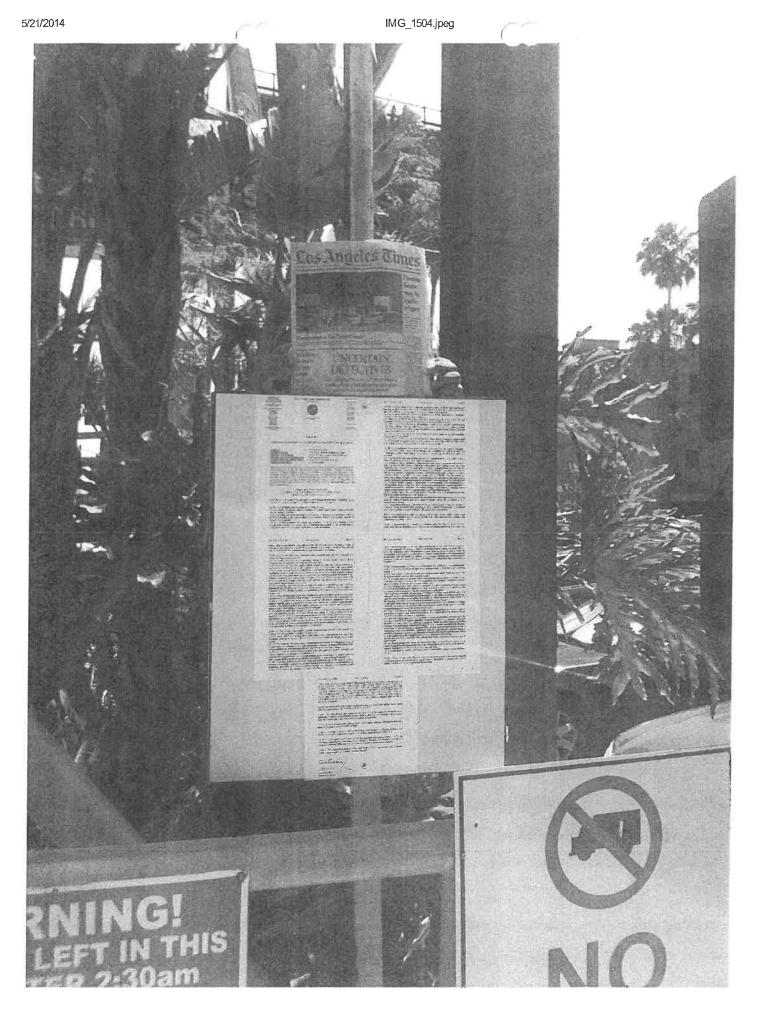
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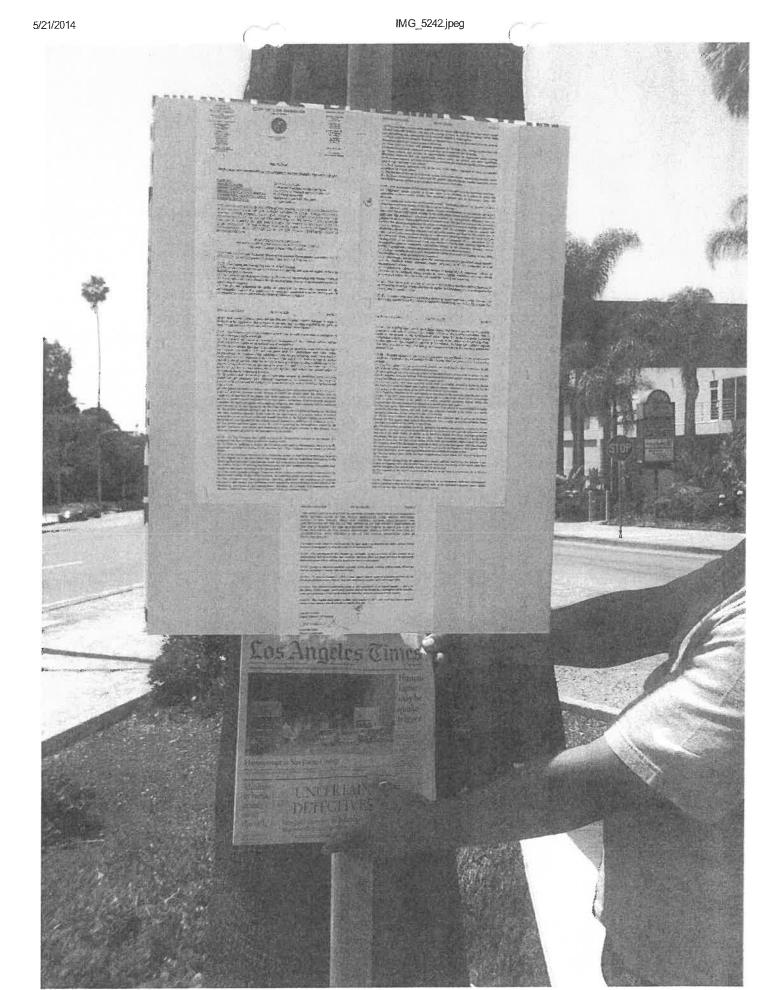


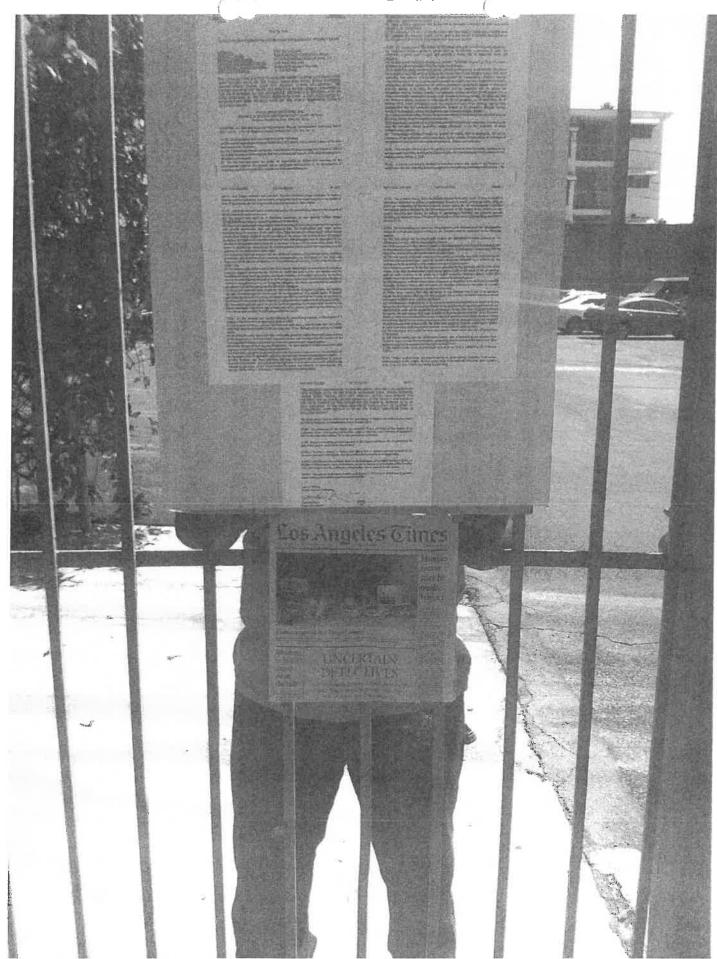
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May 8, 2014

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Ken Alex, Director

Governor's Office of Planning and Research

State of California

1400 Tenth Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Alex:

On April 8, 2014, you informed me that Governor Brown has determined that the 8150 Sunset Boulevard project in Los Angeles County is eligible for streamlined judicial review for CEQA compliance under the Jobs and Economic Improvement Act of 2011 (AB 900).

AB 900 (Buchanan), Chapter 354, Statutes of 2011, was intended to encourage California's economic recovery by providing a streamlined CEQA review process for construction projects that qualify as an environmental leadership development project. While projects that meet the criteria set forth in AB 900 are eligible for streamlined CEQA review, it does not alter the requirements a project must meet under CEQA; diminish the ability of project opponents to raise issues or file actions under CEQA; or change the standards a court must consider in reviewing CEQA plans. All the rights and remedies available to parties to challenge a project are expressly protected under AB 900.

The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) has reviewed the project on behalf of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and advises me that the project "aligns with the intent of AB 900". I have attached their analysis for your review.

Based on the information you have provided, and the subsequent review by the LAO, I do not object to your determination that this project meets the criteria set forth in Public Resources Code § 21178 et seq. However, I have received a number of communications in opposition to this project and I am forwarding those to you for your review.

Chair

CC:

Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee

Attachments



May 1, 2014

Hon. Mark Leno, Chair Joint Legislative Budget Committee Room 5100, State Capitol Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Senator Leno:

On April 8, 2014, the Office of Planning and Research notified you of the Governor's determination that the 8150-Sunset-Project is eligible for the alternative California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review process authorized by Chapter 354, Statutes of 2011 (AB 900, Buchanan). Under AB 900, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) has 30 days to concur or not concur with the Governor's determination. As we discuss below, we think the 8150 Sunset Project aligns with the intent of AB 900, and we recommend that you concur with the Governor's determination.

Background

Summary of AB 900. Assembly Bill 900 authorizes the Governor to review and certify submitted development projects for a streamlined judicial review process for CEQA compliance. This process is intended to allow projects to begin construction sooner by requiring that any legal challenge of a project's CEQA certification be referred to the state Court of Appeal and resolved within 175 days. In order to qualify for AB 900's alternative CEQA process, a project must meet a series of criteria outlined in the statute. For example, any project under AB 900 must result in a minimum investment of \$100 million, create high-wage jobs, and not result in net additional greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, as determined by the California Air Resources Board (ARB). Additionally, a residential and/or commercial project—such as the proposed project—must meet additional requirements. Specifically, it must be located on an infill site, be designed to achieve Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) silver certification, be consistent with the relevant regional sustainable communities strategy (SCS), and exceed by at least 10 percent the transportation efficiency for comparable projects.

Description of Proposed Project. The proposed 8150 Sunset Project is a mixed-use infill project. The project is proposed for a 2.56 acre site in the Hollywood area within the city of Los Angeles that is currently developed with roughly 80,000 square feet of commercial space. The proposed project would demolish this existing development and replace it with roughly 222,000 square feet of residential space (249 units) and 111,000 square feet of commercial space. The lead agency for the project is the city of Los Angeles and the estimated total project cost is \$200 million.

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Analyst's Comments

The Governor certified that the 8150 Sunset Project meets AB 900's requirements and has provided supporting information to the JLBC. After reviewing these materials, we find that the project clearly meets many of the criteria set out in AB 900. Specifically, the supporting documents demonstrate that the project will result in greater than the minimum \$100 million investment, has received a determination from ARB that it will not result in any net additional GHG emissions, is on an infill site, and will be designed to achieve LEED silver certification.

We note, however, that some of the criteria in AB 900—job creation, SCS consistency, and transportation efficiency—are not clearly defined in the statute. As a result, while we believe the project is consistent with these requirements based on our interpretation of AB 900, it is possible that different reviewers could reach different conclusions. Thus, we discuss our understanding of these criteria and their application to this project below.

Job Creation. One condition of eligibility for the alternative CEQA process under AB 900 is that the "project creates high-wage, highly skilled jobs that pay prevailing wages and living wages and provide construction jobs and permanent jobs for Californians." This provision contains some requirements that the proposed project clearly meets. For example, the project will create construction jobs and the applicant has committed to paying prevailing wages. There is uncertainty, however, regarding how to interpret the requirement that the project generate permanent jobs. The applicant indicates that it expects the project to create over 300 jobs. However, it is difficult to verify this projection or determine with any certainty how many of these jobs would have existed without the project—for instance, within the existing development at the site or at nearby businesses. For that reason, consistent with our office's past practice, we interpret the statute to mean that the project must provide space for new permanent jobs (rather than the jobs themselves). Under that interpretation, we find that the project meets AB 900's permanent job requirements by creating roughly 30,000 square feet of additional commercial space (above the 80,000 square feet of commercial space that currently exists on the site).

SCS. Another condition of eligibility for the alternative CEQA process is that the project be consistent with the SCS covering the relevant region. In this case, the applicable SCS is the Southern California Association of Government's Regional Transportation Plan/SCS (SCAG's RTP/SCS). Since AB 900 does not specify how to determine consistency with the policies identified in the SCS, we interpret the statute as requiring that the project provide a reasonable justification for its consistency. The SCAG's RTP/SCS emphasizes goals and policies that encourage energy efficiency and promote land use and growth patterns that facilitate transit and non-motorized transportation. This project proposes an energy efficient design, includes transportation demand (TDM) programs to reduce vehicle trips, concentrates growth in an urban setting, and is located in an area with relatively robust transit service—characteristics that we believe are in keeping with the goals and policies of SCAG's RTP/SCS.

Transportation Efficiency. An additional condition for CEQA streamlining under AB 900 is that the project meet a 10 percent greater standard for transportation efficiency, meaning that the average number of vehicle trips by employees and visitors must be 10 percent less than that of a comparable facility. Assembly Bill 900 does not specify what data to use in measuring whether a project meets this level of transportation efficiency improvement or define the type of projects

that should be the basis of comparison. Accordingly, consistent with our-office's past practice, we interpret this requirement to mean that the project must present a reasonable plan for achieving greater transportation efficiency than similar developments. The applicant indicates that, due to the project's location within a high-density and heavily developed area, the project is expected to benefit from high levels of "pass through traffic," which would reduce the vehicle trips it generates. Also, the applicant proposes various TDM programs, which are aimed at further reducing vehicle trips. Together, the applicant anticipates that these aspects of the project would enable it to reduce vehicle trips by roughly one-third compared to a mixed-use project in a suburban location without TDM. While not conclusive, we believe this represents a reasonable plan to reduce vehicle trips relative to other similar projects and thus aligns with AB 900's intent for greater transportation efficiency.

Conclusion

In view of the above, we think the 8150 Sunset Project aligns with the intent of AB 900 and therefore recommend you concur with the Governor's determination.

If you have any questions about this analysis, please contact Helen Kerstein of my staff at (916) 319-8364 or Helen.Kerstein@LAO.CA.GOV.

Sincerely,

Anthony Simbol

Deputy Legislative Analyst

cc: Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee



STATE OF CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE of PLANNING AND RESEARCH



April 8, 2014

Honorable Mark Leno, Chair Honorable Nancy Skinner, Vice-Chair Joint Legislative Budget Committee [add full address] Sacramento, CA 94249-0019

Re: 8150 Sunset, AB 900 Certified Project

Dear Senator Leno and Assemblywoman Skinner:

Governor Brown has determined that the 8150 Sunset Project in the City of Los Angeles is eligible for streamlined judicial review under the Jobs and Economic Improvement Act (AB 900), Public Resources Code section 21184. Pursuant to that provision, I am forwarding the Governor's determination to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff.

Sincerely,

Ken Alex Director

Executive Department

State of California

GOVERNOR'S CERTIFICATION GRANTING STREAMLINING FOR THE 8150 SUNSET BLVD. PROJECT IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the Jobs and Economic Improvement Act of 2011, Public Resources Code Sections 21178 et seq., make the following determinations:

The 8150 Sunset Blvd. Project, a \$200 million dollar mixed use residential/commercial redevelopment on a 2.56 acre site in Hollywood, will create new jobs, reduce energy usage and use clean energy, and promote infill development. A copy of the Project's Application, which contains information supporting this certification, is attached as Exhibit 1. All materials associated with this application are available online at http://opr.ca.gov/s_californiajobs.php.

- 1. Project Applicant: AG-SCH 8150 Sunset Boulevard Owner, L.P.
- 2. Project Description: A mixed use commercial/residential project located at 8150 Sunset Blvd., in Los Angeles, consisting of 249 apartment units (28 affordable housing) and 111,339 square feet of commercial retail and restaurant space in two buildings of 16 stories. The project will redevelop a 2.56 acre site on the Sunset Strip in Hollywood, and include a 9134 square foot public space and a 34,050 square foot central public plaza. Parking will be on site.
- 3. Lead Agency: City of Los Angeles
- 4. The project meets the criteria set forth in Public Resources Code section 21180(b)(1). It is
 - a. A mixed use residential/commercial project;
 - b. Designed to be eligible for LEED Silver certification;
 - Designed to achieve a 10-percent greater standard for transportation efficiency than for comparable projects (see Ex. 2); and
 - d. Located on an in-fill site.
- The project is consistent with the Sustainable Communities Strategy for the Southern California region. (See Ex. 3.)
- The size and scope of the project clearly establish that the project entails a minimum investment of \$100 million in California through the time of completion of construction.
- The project applicant has provided information establishing that the prevailing and living wage requirements of Public Resources Code section 21183(b) will be satisfied. (See Ex. 1, pages 11-12.)
- 8. The project applicant has provided information establishing that the project will not result in any net additional greenhouse gas emissions, and the Deputy Executive Officer of the Air Resources Board has made the determination that the project does not result in any net additional greenhouse gas emissions. (See Application, and CARB Determination, dated March 27, 2014, attached as Ex. 4.)

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9. The project applicant has provided documentation reflecting a binding agreement establishing the requirements set forth in Public Resources Code sections 21183(d), (e), and (f). (See Exhibit 5.) For this project, the applicant must ensure that the proposed travel demand management strategy (as set forth in the Project Application) is incorporated into the project or identified as mitigation for the project, and that the management strategy will be monitored and adjusted to ensure a ten percent reduction in motor vehicle trips.

Therefore, I hereby certify that the 8150 Sunset Blvd. Project is an eligible project under the Jobs and Economic improvement Act of 2011, Public Resources Code Sections 21178 et seq.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR. Governor of California

April 8, 2014



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Edmund G. Brown Jr. Governor

Matthew Rodriquez Secretary for Environmental Protection

March 27, 2014

Mr. Ken Alex, Director Office of Planning and Research Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. State Capitol, First Floor Sacramento, California, 95814

Dear Mr. Alex:

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 900, the Governor may certify certain projects for streamlining under the California Environmental Quality Act if certain conditions are met. One condition for the Governor's certification is that a project does not result in any net additional emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG), including GHG emissions from employee transportation, as determined by the Air Resources Board (ARB).

On January 29, 2014, the applicant's representative for the project known as the 8150 Sunset Boulevard Mixed Use Project (Sunset Blvd. Project) submitted to ARB information regarding the GHG emission estimates for its proposed project in Los Angeles, California, ARB staff conducted an analysis of the baseline and project related emissions and concluded that the Sunset Blvd. Project will not result in any net additional GHG emissions relative to the baseline.

I have enclosed an ARB Executive Order documenting our determination. ARB staff's evaluation of the Sunset Blvd. Project is included in Attachment A and the documentation submitted by the applicant's representative is included in Attachment B.

If you have any questions regarding ARB's evaluation or determination, please contact Mr. Kurt Karperos, Chief, Air Quality Planning and Science Division at (916) 322-5350 or kkapero@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Corev

Executive Officer

Enclosures

Mr. Kurt Karperos, Chief CC:

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Ms. Heidi Rous Vice President/Director PCR Services Corporation 80 South Lake Avenue, Suite 570 Pasadena, California 91101

Dear Ms. Rous:

This is in response to your letter dated January 29, 2014, requesting consideration of a methodology for evaluating the construction-related greenhouse gas emissions for the proposed development project known as 8150 Sunset Boulevard.

The Air Resources Board (ARB) staff has reviewed the methodology suggested in your letter and agree that it is appropriate for determining whether the project would result in net additional greenhouse gas emissions during the construction phase. This approach would compare the project's construction emissions to the baseline condition, on an annual basis.

ARB has received your official application for AB900 review for the 8150 Sunset Boulevard Mixed Use Project, also dated January 29, 2014, and we will proceed with our technical review of your application using this approach for construction-related greenhouse gas emissions.

Sincerely,

Kurt Karperos, Chief

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Scott Morgan Governor's Office of Planning and Research

Jonathan Taylor, Chief Transportation Planning Branch

Joshua Cunningham, Manager Transportation Systems Planning Section

State of California AIR RESOURCES BOARD

EXECUTIVE ORDER G-14-023

Relating to Determination of Any Net Additional Greenhouse Gas Emissions
Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21183, subd. (c)

For 8150 Sunset Boulevard Mixed Use Project, Los Angeles, CA

WHEREAS, in September 2011, Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill 900, "Jobs and Economic Improvement through Environmental Leadership Act" (AB 900);

WHEREAS, in accordance with the AB 900, the Governor may certify certain projects for streamlining under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) if certain conditions are met;

WHEREAS, in accordance with California Public Resources Code section 21183, subdivision (c), one condition for the Governor's certification is that the project does not result in any net additional emission of greenhouse gases (GHGs), including GHG emissions from construction and operation of the project, as determined by the Air Resources Board (ARB);

WHEREAS, the Governor's Guidelines for applications for the CEQA streamlining require, for purposes of ARB's determination on GHGs, that an applicant submit electronically to ARB a proposed methodology for quantifying a project's net additional GHGs and documentation that the project does not result in any net additional GHGs;

WHEREAS, PRC Services Corporation (PRC), on behalf of the project applicant, submitted GHG documentation to ARB on the proposed 8150 Sunset Boulevard Mixed Use Project (Project) on January 29, 2014;

WHEREAS, the Application for Environmental Leadership Development Project (Application) for the Project submitted by PRC included the Project's estimated GHG emissions for the full occupancy baseline and estimated GHG emissions for the Project's operational and construction emissions;

WHEREAS, ARB staff conducted a technical evaluation of the GHG emission estimates submitted by PRC in the Application, and confirmed that the Application appropriately estimates the baseline and future emissions using appropriate data and methodology;

WHEREAS, based on ARB staff's evaluation, the Project will result in lower total GHG emissions from project construction and operations in 2015 and all future years than the full occupancy baseline GHG emissions;

WHEREAS, ARB's review, evaluation, and assessment of the Project's GHG emissions is for the limited purpose of the Governor's findings and certification under AB 900; ARB's determination is not in lieu of any findings or determinations required to be made by the lead agency or a responsible agency pursuant to any other requirement under state or federal law, including CEQA; the lead agency remains responsible for full compliance with CEQA for this project;

NOW, THEREFORE, based on ARB staff's evaluation of the Project's full occupancy baseline and future operational emissions (Attachment 1) and review of the application submitted by PRC (Attachment 2), I determine that the 8150 Sunset Boulevard Mixed Use Project will not result in any net additional greenhouse gas emissions pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21183(c).

Executed at Sacramento, California this 27 day of March 2014.

Richard W. Corey

Attachments

- 1. ARB Staff Evaluation
- 2. Project Application