

JSDP: NEWSLETTER: Updated October 24, 2011

VCWPD made a presentation at Surfside III on Saturday, October 22, 2011.

There were about 35 involved homeowners from Surfside III.

The following people will attend the October 22, 2011 Surfside III meeting from the Ventura County Watershed Protection District:

Norma Camacho, District Director

Peter Sheydayi, Deputy Director

Kirk Norman, Project Engineer

Angela Bonfiglio Allen, Environmental Planner

Kathy Long, Supervisor, District 3 Ventura County was also in attendance.

The agenda follows:

J Street Drain Surfside III Meeting

Saturday, October 22, 2011 – 10:00 a.m.

Topics for Discussion

1. Beach Elevation Management Plan (NEW) vs. Emergency Action Plan (OLD)
 - a. Lagoon and J St Drain are the Same; "Backwater" = Lagoon
2. Surfside III Side Drains
 - a. Near South Corner of Building 6
 - b. Parking Area between Buildings 6 and 7
 - c. Between Buildings 7 and 17
3. Safety of SSIII Buildings Adjacent to J Street Drain during Construction – New Mitigation
4. Tree Replacement
5. Fence Replacement
 - a. October 4, 2011 Meeting with Oxnard Waste Water Treatment Plant Manager
 - b. Masonry Wall
 - c. Taller Chain Link Fence with Green Nylon Screen – SSIII Side or OWWTP Side?
6. Halaco Groundwater
 - a. District Coordinating Directly with USEPA Halaco Project Manager on Sharing Unpublished Groundwater Data (Anticipated Release by December 2012)
 - b. Constituent of Concern is a Metal (Aluminum)
 - c. Sheetpile Barrier vs. Injected Groundwater Barrier
- d. Low Risk to SSIII Residents if they Drink or Bathe in the Water Only

To see the slide presentation, click on: [VCWPD Presentation To Surfside III](#)

MOST-IMPORTANT ISSUE: BACKWATER / STAGNANT WATER/ MOSQUITOS.

THIS IS A PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM!

November 02, 2009 – Draft DEIR

How Can You Participate?

The public review period for this [EIR](#) is November 2, 2009 to December 16, 2009. During this time, anyone may comment on the EIR by writing to:

Ventura County Watershed Protection District
Attention: Angela Bonfiglio Allen
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009-1610

A public meeting to present the project and the CEQA process will be held during the public review period. This meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Port Hueneme City Council Chamber located at 250 North Ventura Road in Port Hueneme.

An Environmental Report Review Committee (ERRC) public meeting will be held in the Multi Purpose Room of the Ventura County Hall of Administration on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 1:30 PM. This meeting will evaluate the technical adequacy of the EIR. Public comment and participation is encouraged.

Please click on EIR above to see the Environmental Impact Report. Be aware that it is a large 24 Mbyte file. You may see the entire announcement by clicking on [Announcement](#).

August 22, 2009 – Fax To Supervisor Kathy Long

[Kathy Long Fax](#)

August 09, 2009 - J STREET DRAIN PROJECT – SUMMARY

ALL OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF SURFSIDE III need to be aware of a large Ventura County Public Works Project – already designed and planned - by the Ventura County Watershed Protection District (VCWPD) that will have a very significant negative effect on our community, our lives, and probably, on our financial status.

To protect the residents of Oxnard and Port Hueneme living in the Oxnard Flood Plain area near the J Street Drain (the canal that forms the eastern boundary of our property) from a “100 YEAR FLOOD EVENT”, the VCWPD has planned a major expansion of the canal.

This will entail a large construction project that was planned in 2005 and is anticipated to start in January of 2010. The townhouse properties and condo buildings that border on the canal will be directly affected. And, if all damage to SSIII property is not compensated, then all members of the Association will be affected by the cost of remediation.

Unfortunately, we were not informed about the public meetings concerning this project that were held in January, 2008. Therefore, we had no opportunity to study the possible plan alternatives; discuss or input our comments regarding the plans; present any opposition; or propose any alterations to the plans, based on our environmental and financial interests that will be critically-affected.

At this point, we are concerned about the following effects on our property:

- removal of existing fence, trees and shrubbery that provide screening from the unsightly views, noise, and odors of the Water Treatment Facility across the canal – which is required by the eight-foot work-area needed for the canal-expansion construction;
- dust, noise, parking issues, and other inconveniences caused by the construction activities;
- expenses to repair and replace damage to trees, vegetation, fence, walkways, planters, parking covers, electrical and water lines, etc.

THE EVEN-MORE-IMPORTANT CONCERN IS:

WHY – WHEN OUR ECONOMY IS IN RECESSION; OUR STATE IS BANKRUPT; OUR COUNTY IS CUTTING VITAL SERVICES AND WE ARE IN THE WORST DROUGHT IN HISTORY – ARE MILLIONS OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS BEING SPENT TO PROTECT US FROM A VERY-UNLIKELY 100 YEAR FLOOD EVENT???

As the VCWPD had failed to notify us of the public meetings, we were unable to participate in the initial planning process – which has now proceeded to the Final Planning phase. So, unless we are able to mobilize very-strong support against the project, we probably won't be able to stop it. Therefore, we have requested the VCWPD to work with us on a fair Restoration Plan to mitigate the environmental damage - and to provide reasonable compensation for any other losses to our community resulting from this project.

Your support in dealing with this situation will be sincerely appreciated!!!

Marion Kelemen, JSD Project Chair
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Following is a list of the information/actions that we have requested from the VCWPD:

- * UPDATE TO JSDP WEBSITE which will show a current record of the processes and procedures that have already been completed, and present a schedule of the actions that will be taking place in the future.
- * DETAILED SURVEY of the proposed eight-foot-wide construction work-area (showing all trees, vegetation, and other structures to be removed) and a site-plan of SSIII property after construction is completed.
- * DRAFT OF PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT.
- * DATE/TIME/PLACE OF NEXT PUBLIC MEETING.
- * DATE/TIME/ CONTACT INFORMATION OF COASTAL COMMISSION HEARING ON THIS PROJECT.