



Meeting Date: July 24, 2007

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Prepared By: Christopher Williamson, AICP, Senior Planner *CW* Agenda Item No. I-8

Reviewed By: City Manager *[Signature]* Rupp City Attorney *[Signature]* Finance *SW* Other (Specify) *N/A*

**DATE:** July 12, 2007

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Susan L. Martin, AICP, Planning Manager *[Signature]*

**SUBJECT:** Landowner Conditional Consent to Decommission the Ormond Beach Fuel Oil Pipeline

**RECOMMENDATION**

That City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a letter granting Southern California Edison (SCE) permission to decommission the obsolete Ormond Beach fuel oil pipeline located on City-owned property.

**DISCUSSION**

The California Coastal Commission (Commission) has requested that SCE obtain permission from the City of Oxnard for decommissioning of an underground obsolete SCE fuel oil pipeline that extends under the City-owned never-developed Ormond Boulevard right-of-way and two other City-owned parcels (231-007-001 and 231-007-002) in the Ormond Beach area.

SCE proposes to decommission the obsolete, three-mile, 16-inch diameter fuel oil pipeline that begins in Port Hueneme and extends eastward beneath Surfside Drive to Ocean View Drive. After crossing the J Street drain, the pipeline enters the City of Oxnard and continues southeast beneath the right-of-way of the never-developed Ormond Boulevard, then under Coastal Conservancy land to a point just south of the Reliant power plant, where the pipeline then turns north and ends on the site of the former SCE fuel tank farm. The Commission has jurisdiction over most of the pipeline and is reviewing a permit that will authorize SCE's decommissioning work on and under City- and California Conservancy-owned land. The City has permitting jurisdiction only over the last 700-foot segment from Ormond Beach to the former fuel tank farm, and on June 4, 2007 the Development Services Director approved a Coastal Development Review Permit for the work located primarily on the power plant property.

The fuel oil pipeline was in use between 1972 and 2000 when SCE owned and operated the Ormond Beach power plant with its tank farm. When the Ormond Beach power plant converted

to natural gas, the pipeline and tank farm were no longer needed. In 2005, the portside segment of the pipeline within Port Hueneme was decommissioned and slurry-sealed in place. This project completes the decommissioning and the process will take approximately four months. SCE proposes to conduct soil sampling and remediation as needed, inspect and clean the pipeline with a remote device called a "pig", fill a portion of the pipeline with cement slurry, remove pipeline markers, and abandon the remaining pipeline in place. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service preferred that the pipeline not be removed through the tidal lagoon, which is periodically exposed at low tide, as the removal process would disturb sensitive habitats.

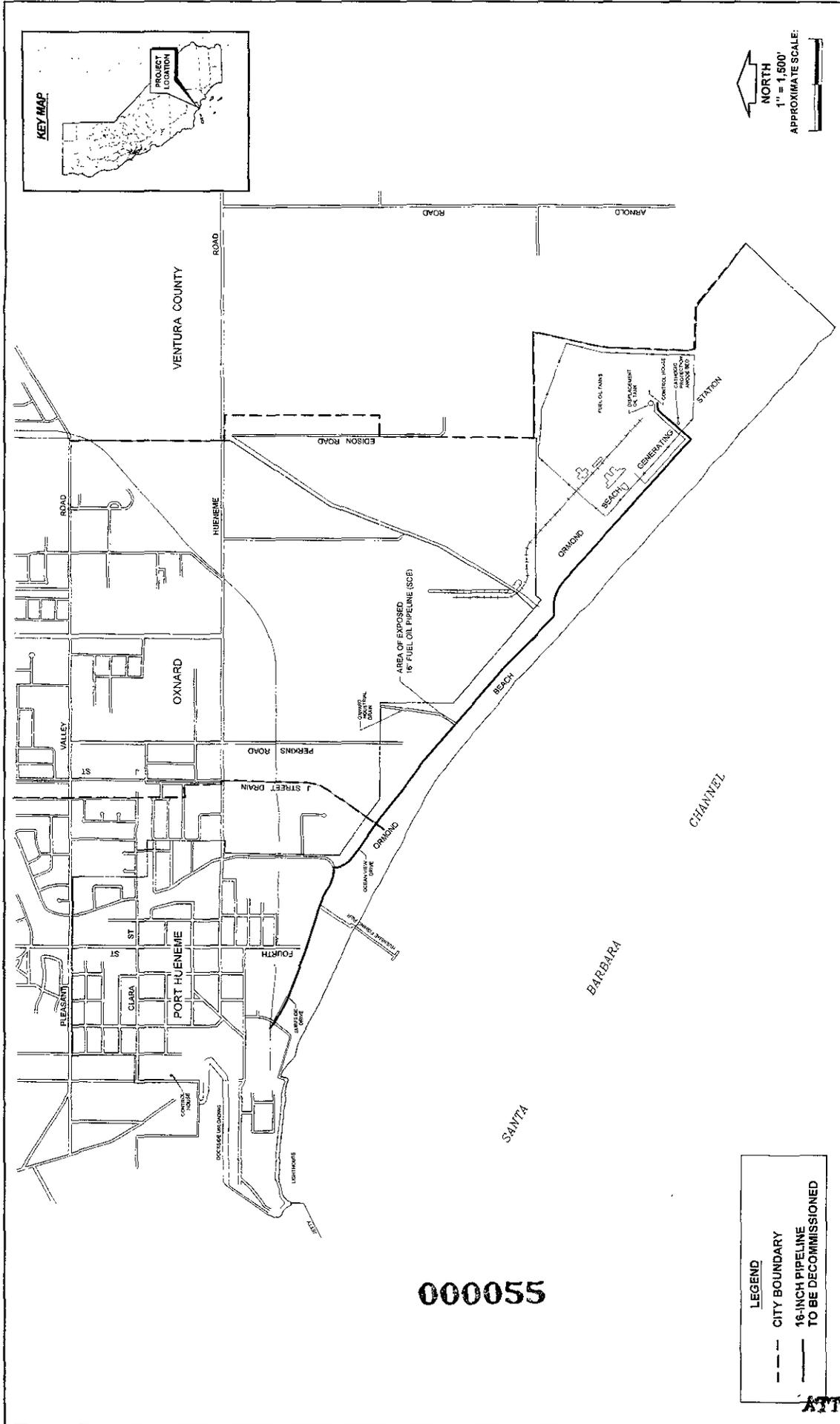
At its June 28, 2007 meeting, the Water Task Force directed staff to recommend removal of the pipeline from the City's coastal property and oppose the abandon-in-place alternative within the lagoon (i.e. wetlands restoration) area, and recommend pipeline removal from under the City's coastal property adjacent to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. These statements are included in the conditional consent letter (Attachment 2).

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The project will have no financial impact.

Attachments: 1 – Pipeline Location Map  
2 - Conditional Consent Letter

Note: Attachment 2 has been provided to the City Council. Copies are available for review at the Circulation Desk in the Library after 6:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the Council meeting and at the City Clerk's Office after 8:00 a.m. on Monday, July 23, 2007.



REGIONAL AND PROJECT LOCATIONS  
FIGURE 1-1



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City Manager

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July 24, 2007

Ms. Diana Livia, Analyst  
Energy and Ocean Resources Unit  
California Coastal Commission  
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000  
San Francisco, CA 94105

**RE: Conditional Consent of the City of Oxnard as Property Owner for Southern California Edison (SCE) Port Hueneme to Ormond Beach Pipeline Decommissioning**

Dear Ms. Livia:

The California Coastal Commission (Commission) has requested that SCE obtain permission from the City of Oxnard as an impacted property owner for decommissioning of an underground, obsolete, SCE fuel-oil pipeline that extends under the City-owned Ormond Boulevard right-of-way and two other City-owned parcels (231-007-001 and 231-007-002) in the Ormond Beach area.

The City Council of the City Of Oxnard has directed me to communicate to the California Coastal Commission that the City opposes the proposed abandonment-in-place within the Ormond Beach lagoon area and recommends that the pipeline be removed from under the City's coastal property adjacent to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Under those conditions, permission would be extended to SCE and/or SCE contractors and subcontractors to decommission the Ormond Beach fuel oil pipeline subject to California Coastal Commission and City of Oxnard permits and/or conditions, as applicable.

If you have any questions regarding this grant of permission, please contact Christopher Williamson, Senior Planner, at (805) 385-8156.

Sincerely,

Edmund F. Sotelo  
City Manager

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