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Roger Johnson
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Re: Waterview Street Landscaping Project

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We thought that it might be time to check in with you regarding LAWA's progress toward removing the palm trees associated with the Waterview Street Landscaping Project, as LAWA proposed to do, and for which a permit was issued by the California Coastal Commission, back in April. We believe that the trees represent an ongoing violation of the Coastal Act and we are concerned with the amount of time that the removal is taking. If LAWA is for some reason intentionally waiting to remove the trees, please let us know the logic for doing so, and inform us of the schedule for removal.

As Travis Longcore has discussed with you, we would be willing to consult to LAWA on the design and implementation of the revised landscaping plan. We have consulted to and/or have been contracted by several other jurisdictions within the El Segundo dune system to develop plans for revegetation with native plants. These jurisdictions include the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors, the City of Redondo Beach, and the City of Manhattan Beach. All of these jurisdictions are taking decisive steps toward only using local native plants in landscaping along the dunes and bluffs, and are including foodplant for the El Segundo blue butterfly in their plans.

We look forward to hearing about LAWA's plans for completion of the project.

Sincerely,

s/

Catherine Rich
Executive Officer