

June 26, 2006

Mr. Ken Strelo
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**RE: TRANS BAY CABLE PROJECT
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

Dear Mr. Strelo:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Trans Bay Cable Project. The proposed Standard Oil site is located near the City of Antioch and as such there are some concerns with this project. Specifically, they are as follows.

1. Page 1-18 of the Executive Summary states that Pittsburg West Tenth Street Alternative 1 and Pittsburg Mirant sites both avoid various potentially significant impacts (such as water quality due to dredging and potential onshore biological impacts associated with cable installation) that would be associated with the proposed Standard Oil site. Also, the Pittsburg West Tenth Street Alternative 1 and Pittsburg Mirant alternative sites are considered to be environmentally superior to the proposed Standard Oil Converter Station site which is the proposed location. Based on the information in the document, there is less dredging for the above two alternatives as they are located further to the west. Also, vehicular access to both the Alternative 1 and the Mirant site are more direct route than the proposed location which may result in less congestion on Highway 4. The two alternatives seem to be preferable also due to their location in a Heavy Industrial designation more appropriate for the proposed use. 14-1

2. The proposed Standard Oil location is close to the western property line for the City of Antioch. As such, there may be several impacts which would require mitigation.
 - Water Quality – There needs to be sufficient mitigation to make sure that dredging activities do not interfere with or degrade the City of Antioch water intake on the Delta. Please provide quantifiable verification of this in the document. 14-2
 - Noise – The City of Antioch maximum exterior noise level is 60 CNEL for stationary noise sources. The project should be mitigated to the extent that noise generated from the project does not exceed this within the City limits.

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- Truck Routes - The proposed project does not identify truck routes that may be within the Antioch city limits. All truck routes to the Pittsburg site should be accessed from and through the City of Pittsburg.
- Air Quality – The prevailing winds flow from west to east. Construction impacts must be mitigated to ensure that dust generated by construction and operation of the project does not carry off the site.
- Lighting – All lighting should be mitigated for spillover effects and designed to minimize regional “nighttime sky” glare impacts.

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As noted above, there may be some issues that need to be substantiated to support the assertions made in the DEIR, and additional or revised mitigations may be required to address potential impacts. The above mentioned items should be addressed prior to certification of this document. Also, please notify the City of Antioch on any public hearings regarding this project.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (925) 779-6120 or contact me at noshinsky@ci.antioch.ca.us.

Sincerely,

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