

BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT BEGINS EIR PROCESS FOR PROPOSED HEALTHY LIVING CAMPUS MASTER PLAN; PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR JULY

Scoping process offers opportunity for public to comment regarding environmental effects from modernizing 11-acre Redondo Beach property

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REDONDO BEACH, Calif. (June 28, 2019) -- More than two years of meetings and workshops with residents, community leaders and business owners; city leadership and staff; and finance, design and architecture experts have led Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) to the next stage of the organization's proposed Healthy Living Campus Master Plan: the Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

BCHD is preparing an EIR as the Lead Agency as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), with Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc., serving as EIR consultants for the project. The state-mandated EIR, which is expected to be completed in early 2020, will inform the public and project decision-makers about significant environmental effects at the Redondo Beach site and identify possible ways to minimize or avoid those effects.

The EIR process begins with a 30-day period for "public scoping," the opportunity for responsible agencies and the public to comment on the scope and content of the EIR. The EIR preparers will consider this information in developing the public draft EIR. Three formal public scoping meetings will be conducted in July that are open to all members of the public. Each meeting will run from 6 to 8 p.m. and have an "open house" format, with a brief presentation from 6:45 to 7:15 p.m.

Scoping meeting dates and locations (meetings are scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m.):

- Monday, July 15 Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center, 1935 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Redondo Beach
- Wednesday, July 17 Joslyn Community Center, 1601 N. Valley Dr., Manhattan Beach
- Monday, July 22 Hermosa Beach City Council Chambers, 1315 Valley Dr., Hermosa Beach

A scoping meeting specifically scheduled to accommodate working hours of public agency representatives is planned for Monday, July 15 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Beach Cities Room (Lower Level) at 514 N. Prospect Ave., Redondo Beach.

The 30-day public review period for submitting comments on the scope of the Draft EIR began June 27 and all comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. July 29, 2019. In addition to accepting verbal and written comments at the scoping meetings, public comments related to the EIR can be sent to Nick Meisinger, Environmental Planner, Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc., 9210 Sky Park Court, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92123, or via email to EIR@bchd.org. Emailed comments should

reference BCHD Healthy Living Campus Master Plan EIR in the subject line and include your name, address, and concern(s).

The proposed Healthy Living Campus Master Plan, which encompasses the current 11-acre BCHD site in Redondo Beach that extends from Diamond Street to Beryl Street and from Prospect Avenue to Flagler Lane, includes Residential Care for the Elderly, a Child Development Center, Center for Health & Fitness, Community Wellness Pavilion and subterranean parking.

To learn more about the Healthy Living Campus EIR, go to <u>www.bchdcampus.org/eir</u>.

About Beach Cities Health District

Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) is among the leading preventive health agencies in the nation and has served the communities of Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach since 1955. As a public agency, it offers an extensive range of dynamic health and wellness programs, with innovative services and facilities to promote health and prevent diseases in every lifespan. BCHD also operates AdventurePlex, a health and fitness facility where kids play their way to good health, and the Center for Health & Fitness, a comprehensive fitness center that is the only Medical Fitness Association-certified facility in California. Visit <u>www.bchd.org</u> or call (310) 374-3426 for more information.

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