

**10/9/18 AGENDA, ITEM 6a - THE GREENBELT INFILTRATION PROJECT
SUPPLEMENTAL EMAILS (7) SUBMITTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM 10/2/18 TO 10/8/18**

From: Scott [<mailto:scott7s046@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2018 4:23 PM
To: Mayor Jeff Duclos <jduclos@hermosabch.org>; Mayor Pro Tem Stacey Armato <sarmato@hermosabch.org>; Councilmember Mary Campbell <mcampbell@hermosabch.org>; Councilmember Hany Fangary <hfangary@hermosabch.org>; Councilmember Justin Massey <jmassey@hermosabch.org>
Cc: Suja Lowenthal <suja@hermosabch.org>
Subject: Water Infiltration Project

Dear Honorable Mayor Duclos and Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council,

I'm writing you today to share my concerns and questions regarding the proposed water infiltration project initially proposed for the city's greenbelt and now possibly South Park.

I would like to know why this project is being combined with a dune restoration project in which half the trees may be removed as "invasive" species. Is that part of this project design strictly necessary for construction of the infiltration component? Who and why recommended this addition to the project?

Also, has there been a report prepared by a qualified biologist regarding special-status species required in BIO-2 through BIO-5 of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting document? If so, can you please share this document? And who will have oversight of these issues during pre-construction and construction?

Oil extraction and water purification both serve a human purpose, but that doesn't mean that our community wants nor needs to put these industries in our backyards, particularly when there exist alternative locations. Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

James Scott
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From: lisa schreiber naber [<mailto:lisa@boardalicious.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2018 4:47 PM

To: Councilmember Justin Massey <jmassey@hermosabch.org>; Councilmember Hany Fangary <hfangary@hermosabch.org>; Councilmember Mary Campbell <mcampbell@hermosabch.org>; Mayor Pro Tem Stacey Armato <sarmato@hermosabch.org>; Mayor Jeff Duclos <jduclos@hermosabch.org>

Cc: lisa schreiber naber <lisa@boardalicious.com>

Subject: Water Infiltration Project

Dear Hermosa Beach Council Members:

As a 20 year resident of Hermosa Beach, I am writing to ask the City of HB to not allow the Water Infiltration Project to be installed in our beautiful city or anywhere close to a residential area.

The unknown implications of the proposed site locations in HB will compromise the beautiful qualities of our city, destroy wildlife & their ecosystems, and if that isn't enough, property values will steeply decline.

Our minuscule city should not have to carry the burden of the larger neighboring cities especially since Hermosa Beach only contributes approximately 14% of the water that flows through the Herondo Storm Drain.

There are way better locations and solutions to consider then what is currently being proposed.

I implore you to chose another city and stay far away from residential areas.

Sincerely,

Lisa Schreiber Naber
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From: Allan Mason [<mailto:silvermason@verizon.net>]

Sent: Friday, October 05, 2018 12:35 PM

To: City Council <citycouncil@hermosabch.org>

Subject: Infiltration project

Dear City Council,

I am writing to oppose the placement of the proposed water infiltration project anywhere in Hermosa. It is too large a burden for this city and the residents affected. Please find another location!! Thank you

Allan Mason

From: Beth Rohrer [<mailto:bethrohrer24@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2018 5:06 PM
To: City Council <citycouncil@hermosabch.org>
Subject: No to current proposed Water Infiltration Plant

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the Water Infiltration Plant as currently proposed.

Based on everything I have read so far, there are too many risks to our community and will overly burden the surrounding neighborhood. There are serious risks involving liquefaction, noise pollution, air pollution, and contamination of the ground soil with toxins. In addition to the long-term risks of soil contamination and other hazards, there are the short-term negative effects to the residents during the construction process including noise, dirt, vibration, and heavy traffic congestion.

Our community's groundwater levels are too high to safely build this infiltration project on the Greenbelt and the size of the project is too massive for any location within Hermosa. The critical groundwater measurements may be off by over 7 feet according to the provided analysis. A safe and accurate design is needed for infiltration, but the company that has been contracted, TetraTech, is not trustworthy based on their employee's past convictions for falsifying soil contamination reports. The safety and the structural integrity of the homes located only 10 feet from this massive water treatment and infiltration project cannot be ignored.

During the October 9 meeting, I ask that you consider and answer the following questions:

1. Will any additional geotechnical evaluation consider the effect on adjacent structures/buildings? When will these reports be made available to the public?
2. Based on the LADBS (2017) infiltration features may not be applicable for sites where seismically induced settlements are greater than 1.5 inches. According to the results presented in Table 6 of the Geosyntec Report, seismically induced settlements at boreholes B-3 and B-5 are much greater than 1.5 inches. How will this be mitigated?
3. What seismic studies have been performed?

I strongly believe that it is a mistake to risk polluting and incurring long-term damage to one environment for the sake of cleaning up another environment. A smaller infiltration plant must be considered for Hermosa Beach, and we need to work with surrounding cities in order for them to join in the efforts of cleaning the runoff water which is originating in their communities.

Sincerely,
Beth Rohrer
1055 8th Pl.
Hermosa Beach

From: Matt Rohrer [<mailto:mattandbethrohrer@me.com>]
Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2018 7:02 PM
To: City Council <citycouncil@hermosabch.org>
Subject: No Green Belt Water Infiltration Project

Good Afternoon Hermosa Beach City Council,

I am writing this letter in staunch opposition to Green Belt Water Infiltration Project. I have attempted to learn as much as possible about this project and I am completely dismayed that it is even being considered in our small beach town.

I have several areas of concern:

Why is Hermosa assuming the burden to receive runoff water from Torrance and Redondo Beach?

Why was a project of this scope and size selected for such a small town?

If that same area could not support traffic and construction related impacts from the E&B Oil project, how can it now support a project of even bigger proportions? What is the impact of the construction vibration on the homes in such close proximity?

What will happen to the toxic soil under the toxic water trap?

How will this huge influx of toxic water affect the foundations of nearby homes? What studies have been performed analyzing the impact on these surrounding homes?

What will be done to mitigate construction noise, vibration, pollutants, and traffic on the local community?

The company the city council has selected recently had employees convicted of fraud for lying about radioactive soil samples. These allegations have been supported by The Department of the Navy, The Environmental Protection Agency, and Public Employee for Environmental Protection. Both the Navy and the EPA found that 97% of the soil samples were falsified. Why would you ever select this kind of company?

I actually have many more concerns but for the sake of brevity I will save those for a different time.

I cannot even begin to fathom why the city council would purposely poison our soil and potentially our water table. I see no valid reason for the city council to force its citizens to live on or near a toxic dumping ground. And most horribly, I can see no reason why the city council would want our children to play on top of a toxic dump.

Hermosa Beach should be responsible for our share of the runoff, but should not poison a community in the process. I ask that you vote no to the project as currently proposed, and discuss other options with the nearby cities that contribute the vast majority of the pollution.

Please include my letter as part of the official record attached to the staff report.

Sincerely,
Matt Rohrer
1055 8th Pl.
Hermosa Beach

From: Yu Li Ford [<mailto:honeyhamjam@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2018 9:16 PM
To: City Council <citycouncil@hermosabch.org>
Subject: Opposed to water infiltration project in Hermosa

Hello,

As a resident of Hermosa Beach, I would like to express my opposition for the water infiltration project. I understand that it is an important project but dearly wish that an alternate location will be selected.

I am concerned about the impact this project will have on this highly trafficked and much-loved area. We (and our young kids) would be heartbroken not to have access to South Park and parts of the Green Belt for the years it would take to complete this project. I am also concerned about pollutants in the soil, street closures, traffic congestion and construction noise.

Hopefully this project will have less of a negative impact in a different location.

Thank you for caring.

Warmly,
Yu-Li Ford

From: jrlukes [<mailto:lukejr@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 10:09 AM
To: City Council <citycouncil@hermosabch.org>
Subject: Water Filtration Project

Dear City Council

We live at 446 Monterey Blvd #B1 and we are opposed to the Water Project.

This is too huge a project for our densely populated community.

I truly doubt any of us can understand all of the negative impacts on our community--noise, traffic issues, soil contamination, loss of our beautiful park for extended period. THIS WOULD BE HORRIBLE FOR OUR COMMUNITY!

This should be opposed by ALL our City Council members!!

John Lukes

*****Important:** Include Please include the letter as part of the official record, attached to staff report.

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