

City of Whittier

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to law, the City Council of the City of Whittier, will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at the Radisson Hotel Ballroom, 7320 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier, California, to consider Conditional Use Permit CUP09-004 and certification of an Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse (SCH) 2010011049). This is a de novo hearing being conducted pursuant to Whittier Municipal Code Chapter 2.60.

The project consists of wells, oil processing, a natural gas plant, oil and natural gas pipelines, and oil truck loading facilities, to be located within portions of the 1,290-acre City owned Whittier Main Field, now part of the Authority Habitat Preserve. The oil and gas production and processing facilities will be physically located at one consolidated site within the Whittier Main Oil Field. The Project proposes that access to the site would be from both Catalina Avenue and Penn Street, as discussed in detail in the Environmental Impact Report for the project. The site would contain well cellars, well test stations, liquid and natural gas separating equipment as well as housing the oil processing facility and natural gas plant. The total pad area required for the oil and gas production and processing at the site is up to 7.0 acres. A crude oil pipeline and a natural gas pipeline would be installed within Colima Road, sections of which separately fall within City and County unincorporated areas, to transport crude oil and natural gas to markets. The proposed project is located on City owned land within the Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority area, generally located north of Mar Vista Street and west of Colima Road, in the City of Whittier (Applicant: Matrix Oil Corporation).

An Environmental Initial Study has been completed and it has been determined that the proposed project would have a significant impact on the environment. Consequently an Environmental Impact Report was conducted and was available for public review and comment from June 6, 2011 through July 21, 2011. A Mitigation Monitoring Plan has also been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The City Council will consider and act upon the Planning Commission's determinations regarding: 1) certification of the Environmental Impact Report, which includes a Statement of Findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations; and an associated Mitigation Monitoring Plan; and, 2) Conditional Use Permit CUP09-004.

If you challenge any part of the proposed project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised during the public hearing.

Any person with an interest in this matter is invited to attend said hearing and testify on all matters related thereto.

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