

## **Letter I264. Signatory – Michael Henry**

### Response to Comment I264-1

**From:** "Mike Henry" <henry.mike@att.net>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Mon, Feb 27, 2006 9:51 PM  
**Subject:** GBIS

Documents were left at my door this morning regarding a major sewer project that has the potential of severely disturbing my street. The comment period ends 2/27/06, the letter, dated 2/24/06, said. That's today.

I264-1

In short, and at the very least, I am very much opposed to any major project - such as this one - where there is totally insufficient time to learn the facts, analyze and offer comments. Also, in addition to inadequate public comment, it appears that impact studies were done on predecessor plans but not on current versions of the plan. I recognize the need to plan for and build infrastructure, but the process that appears to be used with this project calls into question the ability of the city to adequately inform and protect its citizens.

I264-2

So, on the basis of the process alone, I am opposed to the project as it may have a very serious impact on me, my wife - who is disabled - and my home. If I knew more, perhaps I could become more balanced in my views, but unfortunately, the absence of information and a reasonable process make it impossible to have any other opinion.

How do I determine the real impact on my street and home?

Sincerely,

Michael Henry

4234 Clybourn Ave.

Burbank, CA 91505

818.843.0756

In addition to notifying the City of Burbank, residents within 500 feet of the NEIS II and GBIS alignments in the City of Los Angeles were notified of the availability of the Draft EIR. Refer to Sections 1.2 and 1.3 of this Final EIR for a summary of the public review period and interim activities associated with the Draft EIR.

### Response to Comment I264-2

Comment noted. The commenter is referred to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR regarding the location and potential impacts associated with the staff recommended GBIS Alignment.

## Letter I265. Signatory – Mitchell A. Kamin

### Response to Comment I265-1

Mitchell A. Kamin  
111 N. Las Palmas Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90004  
(323) 549-5812

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

February 13, 2006

Dept. of Public Works  
Bureau of Sanitation  
WESD  
2714 Media Center Dr.  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

To Whom It May Concern:

I was shocked to learn that the Los Angeles Department of Public Works is currently considering Woodbridge Park for the site of a tunnel shaft and possible air treatment facility for an upcoming sewer improvement project.

I am the parent of a first grader at the Oakwood School and we chose the school, in part, because of Woodbridge Park. This tunnel shaft and air treatment facility would be extremely detrimental to our elementary school and the surrounding community. Not only would it close one of Studio City's prime open spaces for about four years, it would create safety problems due to increased construction traffic and environmental hazards in the form of air pollution and odors. Children from the school and the community love this park and this project would destroy it for them.

I265-1

There must be a more appropriate choice for this tunneling site than one of the area's most loved and used public spaces and I urge you most strenuously to find one. Please do not destroy Woodbridge Park.

Sincerely,



Mitchell A. Kamin

Cc: Hon. Wendy Greuel

March 5, 2006

Jawahar P. Shah, EIR Coordinator  
Bureau of Sanitation  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Dear Mr. Shah,

I268-1

as a long time homeowner I ask that the proposed sewer line thru any part of Burbank be stopped. But the so called Hybrid sewer plan the North or south alignment, there will not be of any benefit to the citizens of Burbank.  
Do not let L.A. City or County push us around.

Sincerely,

*Fred Mound*

Sincerely,

*Fred Mound*

signature

MR. & MRS. FRED MOUND

Print Name

4227 Toluca Lake Ln

Street Address

Burbank, Ca. 91505

City/State/Zip/

(over page)

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## Letter I268. Signatory – Fred Mound

### Response to Comment I268-1

Comment noted. As described in Section 1.3 of the Draft EIR, one of the objectives of the IRP is to meet projected wastewater system needs of the City of Los Angeles and contract agencies (i.e., City of Burbank); thereby maintaining infrastructure required for quality of life of all individuals within the City of Los Angeles and contract agencies, such as the City of Burbank. Specifically, the proposed GBIS sewer (both North and South alignments) would ultimately relieve the aged NOS sewer, which would reduce odors and potential spills in the area currently serviced by the NOS, including the Rancho Burbank area; therefore, the new sewer would be an improvement to the areas infrastructure. Therefore, the residents of the City of Burbank do benefit from the proposed GBIS. As described in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the City has combined the two GBIS alignments to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), has selected this alignment as preferred, and is recommending it for approval.

MONICA MUEHLHAUSE-HORN

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Sunday, February 26, 2006

Jawahar P. Shah  
EIR Coordinator, Bureau of Sanitation  
Wastewater Engineering Services Division  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

RE: Glendale Burbank Interceptor Sewer and Air Treatment Facility

Dear Mr. Shah,

I am writing this letter as a home owner in the Burbank Rancho to express my grave concern regarding the proposed North Alignment of the Glendale Burbank Interceptor Sewer, (GBIS) and Air Treatment Facility, (ATF).

As one of many horse owners who have the great pleasure of boarding my horse in my own back yard I would be greatly inconvenienced by the proposed sewer and treatment facility. I frequently exercise and graze my horse in the Pollywog. We also use it as access to the Griffith Park trails.

I269-1

Burbank houses some of the finest horses in the world. Many of these pure-bred horses are worth well over \$100,000. Not to mention that several of my riding partners happen to be attorneys. Should there be any accidents resulting from the dangerous construction of the proposed facilities it could be quite costly to the city.

If this project is truly necessary, the Southern Alignment would have less impact on people's health, homes, families, property values, horses and pets.

Kindest regards,

Monica Muehlhause-Horn  
2015 W. Parkside Ave.  
Burbank, CA 91506

2015 WEST PARKSIDE AVENUE ■ BURBANK, CA 91506 ■ 818-438-1070 PHONE  
smhmmh@aol.com

## Letter I269. Signatory – Monica Muehlhause-Horn

### Response to Comment I269-1

Comment noted. Refer to response to comments AJ1-4 and AJ1-6 regarding the Valley Heart Shaft Site. In addition, for a discussion of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), and which does not include a shaft site or ATF at Valley Heart, refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR.

From M Muehlhause-Horn to 3233426210 at 2/26/2006 8:36 PM 001,



### -Message

Re: Glendale Burbank Interceptor Sewer and Air Treatment Facility.

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Phone : 818 848 7068

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**Letter I270. Signatory – Ardyne  
Blackstone and Myrna Bixler**

**Response to Comment I270-1**

Comment noted. Refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for a discussion of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR).

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

IN REGARD TO THE SEWER PROJECT SCHEDULED TO GO THROUGH THIS AREA IN BURBANK, WE BEG OF YOU, PLEASE USE THE SOUTH ALIGNMENT, SOUTH OF THE L.A. RIVER.

I270-1

THERE ARE MANY RESIDENTS (MANY SENIORS) THAT HAVE LIVED IN THE AREA FOR MANY YEARS, AND WHOSE LIVES WOULD BE SEVERELY DISRUPTED.

THE NORTHERN ALIGNMENT WOULD AFFECT THE RESIDENTIAL AREA, THE SOUTHERN ALIGNMENT WOULD NOT.

PLEASE, PLEASE LISTEN TO THE RESIDENTS!!!

*Ardyne J. Blackstone  
Myrna S. Bixler*

*1414 Valley Heart Dr.  
Burbank 91506*

*phone # 818- 846-6957*

## **Letter I271. Signatory – Neil D. Elman**

### **Response to Comment I271-1**

**From:** Neil Elman <nelman@mac.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Wed, Feb 1, 2006 4:52 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

"In last month's Newsletter, an in-depth article was presented regarding the proposed use of Woodbridge Park as a site for a tunnel shaft and possible air treatment facility for an upcoming Department of Public Works sewer project.

The SCRA is opposed to using Woodbridge Park as the site for this project as are the Park Advisory Board and Councilmember Wendy Greuel.

I271-1 Instead of Woodbridge Park, the Caltrans North Hollywood Maintenance Yard, located on the eastern end of that block, is another site being considered. We support using that site.."

As a member of the SCRA I support the North Hollywood site and not the Woodbridge park site!!!

Thanks for your time,

Neil D. Elman

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

## **Letter I272. Signatory – Nelson Coates**

### Response to Comment I272-1

**From:** <DzynDoc@aol.com>  
**To:** <hommeje@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Tue, Feb 21, 2006 7:52 PM  
**Subject:** Please keep Woodbridge Park untouched

I272-1

Hello - as a resident of the Woodbridge Neighborhood, i am very concerned about the major interruption of the quality of life for the families of our neighborhood who utilize the park daily, as well as the quality of life in our neighborhood during the extensive and prolonged project. With other viable nearby sites, I strongly encourage the department to reconsider the use of the park , and utilize another site. Thank you -

Nelson Coates  
4225 Klump Ave  
Studio City, CA 91602-3010  
818.985.3553

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

# Letter I273. Signatory – Nichola Ellis

## Response to Comment I273-1

Refer to response to comment I15.

February 27, 2006

Fax: 323 342 6210

Mr. Jawahar P. Shah  
EIR Coordinator  
Bureau of Sanitation, WESD  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles CA 90065

Dear Mr. Shah

### INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLAN - GBIS

I273-1

The proposed north alignment of the Glendale-Burbank Integrated Sewer plans would have a severe negative impact on our neighborhood in the Burbank Rancho area. The proposed air filtration plant does not belong in a residential neighborhood.

Why is the Polliwog even being considered as the site for the Air Filtration Plant? The Burbank Rancho area is a well established sought after neighborhood in Burbank. Its unique lifestyle is just that – it is exceptional. This extraordinary neighborhood allows us to live in peace and harmony without the intrusion of the bustle and chaos of city life.

It is also home to many animals including horses, donkeys, goats, dogs, cats, chickens that makes it a one of a kind neighborhood.

This is the reason why I moved to this neighborhood – for its uniqueness. This is why all the residents have moved to this neighborhood for its special charm.

Burbank Rancho's exclusivity is reflected in its real estate – the house prices in general are nearly \$100,000 greater than other Burbank neighboring areas. Consequently those that live in Burbank Rancho have really invested in this quality of life style.

The proposed GBIS north alignment and the air filtration plant would have a direct harmful affect on this neighborhood and its unique lifestyle. It would spoil the peace and harmony; it would disrupt the out door activities; it would take away the Polliwog; it would jeopardize the welfare of the animals; and it would impact the real estate value.

Putting animals, particularly horses, at risk by continuously exposing them to high levels of noise from the proposed construction will violate and activate the animal rights organizations.

We have all invested considerably into attaining this quality of life. The GBIS north alignment was never disclosed until the last couple of months and I would not have moved to this area here under these conditions – let alone pay a premium price for the property.

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Email: nellisla@worldnet.att.net

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February 27, 2006

There is plenty of undeveloped land available on the south side of the river away from residential homes that would be more suitable for such commercial construction and disruption as outlined in your proposal.

Choosing the GBIS South Alignment along Forest Lawn at the Griffith Park Entrance in a non-residential area will not affect the quality of life for those that have invested considerably in Burbank that make the city what it is through our investment in the Burbank Rancho area.

The emergency services have not been addressed in your proposal – Riverside Drive is one of the main thoroughfares to Saint Joseph's Hospital and the emergency services will be directly impacted by this which could create a life threatening situation if the services cannot get through in time.

In closing, we discovered in December 2005 that my dog has a tumor. We recently did a "hair" test through an independent laboratory and received the results on Friday which I am attaching to this letter. It clearly indicates he is exposed to high levels of toxins and in fact his Aluminum, Nickel, Titanium levels are so high they are off the chart! His levels are twice as high as the average dog tested by Cold River Vets (out of 500 patients).

As I mentioned at the January 4, 2006 Public Hearing at Van Nuys City Hall, Disney came across contaminated water when they built their building on Riverside & Buena Vista on the edge of the Polliwog. In view of this we have had an independent test conducted in the area and the initial results indicate that there are dangerous toxins present.

I have been walking my dog daily in the Polliwog since he was 10-months old and this seems highly logical that this could be the cause of his tumor.

I urge you to reconsider even thinking about disturbing the ground in the Polliwog area, which will seriously cause a major health issue in the area and become a far greater public matter for LA City.

I273-1

Sincerely  
  
Nichola Ellis  
Burbank Rancho Resident

c.c.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Honorable Brad Sherman, 27<sup>th</sup> District  
Senator Barbara Boxer  
Senator Diane Feinstein  
Assemblyman Dario Frommer  
Senator Jack Scott  
Department of Toxic Substance Control

Burbank City Council  
Bonnie Teaford - Deputy City Manager  
Rodney Andersen, Principal Civil Engineer  
Burbank Police Dept - Chief Thomas Hoefel  
Burbank Fire Dept - Fire Chief Tracy Pansini  
Animal Defense League  
ASPCA, LA

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Feb 20 2005

Jawahar Shah  
Tom LaBonge

I have been a Rancho Homeowner for over 32 years. My husband a Vietnam veteran, and myself moved here after getting married 33 years ago. I grew up in the Los Feliz area and went through grade school at Mother of Good Counsel with Tom's brother Tim. My sister Teri was in Tom's class. (Pam and Teri Simas) I tell you this to put a real person behind this letter.

I274-1 My husband Glenn and I moved here with our horses to raise our 3 children in a country like atmosphere. We now have 2 little grandchildren who also share the love of horses in our neighborhood.

We love taking our rides as a relief of stress from our hectic jobs. We go through Pollywog to get to Griffith Park. We use the pollywog area when access is shut off to the park. We have just been through the lengthy sound wall project that disrupted our rural life with construction.

Putting the sewer project through our neighborhood would change it drastically, and forever ruin the place we call home. All our resources for retirement are wrapped up into our home. This would change the value we have worked so hard to build up.

Please choose the Southern Alignment.

Pamela L Cooper  
520 So Sparks St  
Burbank Ca 91506

Choose the  
**SOUTH ALIGNMENT**.  
It's good for Burbank!

## Letter I274. Signatory – Pamela L. Cooper

### Response to Comment I274-1

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment AJ1-4 regarding the Valley Heart Shaft Site. In addition, for a discussion of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), and which does not include a shaft site or ATF at Valley Heart, refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR.

Patricia Burnett  
2014 West Riverside Drive  
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January 30, 2006

Jawahar Shah  
EIR Coordinator  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

RE: Proposed Water Treatment Facility, North Alignment

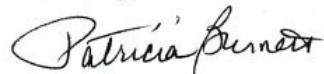
Dear Mr. Shah,

I am writing to express my alarm at the proposal for a water treatment facility installation in the area directly behind my home. I cannot begin to express how drastically this would affect the quality of my life not to mention the value of my property.

I275-1

I urge you to find an alternative to this proposal. I will not re-iterate all the arguments that show the disastrous effect this would have; I know you have heard them from many people and they are quite valid and worthy of your attention. I simply ask you to do the right thing and do not move ahead with this project in our neighborhood.

Sincerely,



## Letter I275. Signatory – Patricia Burnett

### Response to Comment I275-1

Comment noted. It should be noted that the proposed GBIS alignments propose air treatment facilities (not water treatment facility as noted by the commenter). Refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for a discussion of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR).

## Letter I278. Signatory – Patricia Carr and Rob Garbus

Jawahar P. Shah  
City Of Los Angeles  
Public Works Bureau of Sanitation  
Wastewater Engineering Services Division  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

### Response to Comment I278-1

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

February 3, 2006

Dear Mr. Shah,

I278-1

As a resident of Studio City, I oppose the proposed use of Woodbridge park for a possible tunnel shaft and air treatment facility. I have lived in the area for over ten years and I have two small children. Woodbridge Park is a tremendous asset to the community, and an important recreational area for my family. The recent upgrades to the park facilities have only made it more so. We should continue to improve the park as a park and recreation area, not diminish it with other uses.

Sincerely,

Patricia Carr and Rob Garbus  
4308 Ben Avenue  
Studio City, CA 91604



I593

## Letter I279. Signatory – Patricia Cresswell

### Response to Comment I279-1

John Phillips  
4212 McFarlane Ave.  
Burbank, CA.  
91505

Dear Jawahar P. Shah:

I279-1

I am a Burbank resident and I do not want a sewer running through my neighborhood here in Burbank/Toluca lake. There are two proposed routes in the EIR so I implore you to **DUMP THE HYBRID SEWER PLAN!!!**

Sincerely,



Patricia Cresswell

Comment noted. Refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for a discussion of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR).

## Letter I281. Signatory – Patrick and Amy Charrin

### Response to Comment I281-1

**From:** charrins@yahoo.com  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Wed, Jan 11, 2006 1:27 PM  
**Subject:** Woodbridge Park

Hello,

I am writing today to express my concern over the proposed Woodbridge Park Sewer System tunneling.

Please, please, use the more appropriate site at the Caltrans North Hollywood Maintenance Yard.

I281-1

I frequently enjoy the park as well as my wife and many friends with family.

The children and parents alike would greatly miss this unique meeting place.

You do have an option. Please take our concerns to heart and utilize the Caltrans option.

Thanking you in advance.

Patrick Charrin  
Amy Charrin  
5715 Satsuma Avenue  
North Hollywood, Ca. 91601  
818-509-3036

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Yahoo! Photos  
Ring in the New Year with Photo Calendars. Add photos, events, holidays, whatever.

## Letter I282. Signatory – Paul Kradin

### Response to Comment I282-1

**From:** "Paul Kradin" <paulkradin@sbcglobal.net>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Wed, Feb 1, 2006 5:25 PM  
**Subject:** Oppose the Use of Woodbridge Park

Jawahar P. Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
Wastewater Engineering Services Division  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Dear M. Shah:

I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed use of Woodbridge Park as the staging area for the pending sewer line maintenance project. As you are no doubt well aware at this point, Studio City already has a disproportionately small amount of green space for its residents to use, relative to the citywide average. Wodbridge park is frequently used by community residents for safe and enjoyable outdoor activities and converting it to a construction zone would impose a heavy burden on our area.

I282-1 Unlike a residential park, the CalTrans maintenance yard is not tied to specific location. Those trucks and other vehicles do not have to be located in Studio City in order to perform their function. CalTrans workers could be shifted to a new parking area for the duration of your project without diminishing their quality of life, impacting their homes, or creating local air quality problems in an area that was never intended to endure such impacts.

I frankly find it astonishing that the Department of Public Works could so readily and shamelessly propose to convert our park to an industrial use, knowing full well that a far more desirable option exists mere steps away. I suspect your reluctance to approach CalTrans has less to do with the suitability of the site than it does with the complexity of working inter-agency on a solution that benefits the public rather than penalizing it.

I282-2 Our residents' association is quite diligent, and quite successful, at protecting the high quality of life that has come to define Studio City. We would much rather work with you on a reasonable solution than become an organized opposition group to your plans. I sincerely hope the Department of Public Works puts ever available resource into finding a mutually beneficial solution to this problem.

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park. It should also be noted that the maintenance yard is not under the ownership or jurisdiction of the City of Los Angeles, but owned and operated by the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

### Response to Comment I282-2

Comment noted. Refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for a discussion of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR).

Letter I282. Signatory – Paul Kradin

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Sincerely,

Paul Kradin  
4333 Laurelgrove Ave  
Studio City, 91604  
818/985-9111  
Resident

**CC:** <SCRA@studiocityresidents.org>

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**Integrated Resources Plan**  
**Final Environmental Impact Report**

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## Letter I283. Signatory – Paul W. Stockwell

### Response to Comment I283-1

Paul and Pammela Stockwell  
1500 Morningside Drive  
Burbank, CA 91506

January 3, 2006

Jawahar P. Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
Wastewater Engineering Services Division  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

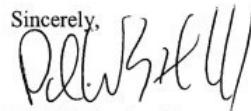
Re: **Draft EIR - L.A. City Sewer Improvement Project**

Dear Jawahar:

I283-1

I'm sure this is a complicated engineering project, but it makes no sense to me for the City of Los Angeles to consider the very disruptive "north alignment" (through the Burbank Rancho District and Toluca Lake) when the "south alignment" seems to disrupt no one. Yes, my wife and I live in the Burbank Rancho District. However, common sense suggests the "south alignment" is the better choice for the City of Los Angeles whether one lives nearby or not.

Sincerely,



Paul W. Stockwell

## Letter I284. Signatory – Mary Starr

### Response to Comment I284-1

**From:** Peggy L Starr <peggystarr@sbcglobal.net>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Mon, Mar 6, 2006 11:46 AM  
**Subject:** alignment modifications

Mary Leahy Starr  
4426 Sancola Ave.  
Toluca Lake, CA 91602  
818.508.0194  
Resident of Toluca Lake

I284-1

The proposed plan would significantly impact the lovely family community of Toluca Lake. The shops along Riverside Dr. that many people frequent would also find it difficult to maintain business. Since Riverside Dr. is used as an alternate route for the freeway, the noise and traffic and safety issues would be impossible for us and for our community to live with. Please find a route that doesn't affect Toluca Lake.

Thank you.

As described in Section 2 of the Draft EIR, a majority of the construction and operation of the proposed sewer infrastructure (including both NEIS II and GBIS alignments) would occur belowground from designated shaft sites. Section 3 of the DEIR analyzed in detail the potential impacts from the construction (i.e. shaft sites) and operation (i.e., ATFs) of the sewer on adjacent land uses, and where appropriate included project features and mitigation measures to reduce impacts. Refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for a discussion of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR). Comment noted.

## 12 Letter I285. Signatory – Peter Navrides

### Response to Comment I285-1

February 7, 2006

Jawahar Shah  
EIR Co-ordinator  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

#### **Re: North Alignment vs. South Alignment Draft EIR/GBIS Sewer Project**

Dear Jawahar Shah,

My name is Peter Navrides. I have lived in the Rancho area with my family for a long time. I go to John Burroughs High School in Burbank. I'm in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

I285-1

I don't want a sewage plant in our neighborhood at all. All the people who live around here use it for their horses and dogs. I always walk my 2 dogs there. When I was a kid I used to play there.

Why would you put a sewage plant there? You can put it somewhere else where it won't bother people. You should put it on the other side of the freeway. Take my advice. For a kid I'm pretty smart.

*Peter Navrides*

Peter Navrides  
1406 W. Valleyheart Drive  
Burbank, CA 91506

Cc:  
Councilmen: Rita Robinson  
Tom La Bonge  
Greig Smith  
Eric Garcetti  
Ed P. Reyes  
Councilwomen: Wendy Greuel  
Jan Perry  
Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor  
Rodney Andersen, P.E.  
Michael D. Antonovich

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment AJ1-4 regarding the Valley Heart Shaft Site. In addition, for a discussion of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), and which does not include a shaft site or ATF at Valley Heart, refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR.

February 9, 2006

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Mr. Jawahar Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, Ca. 90065

Dear Mr. Shah,

As a 25-year resident of the Burbank Rancho district, I have witnessed many changes in the area. What has remained constant, however, is the high quality of living in this unique neighborhood that affords families a safe environment in which to enjoy outdoor activities. Recreation involving horses is just one aspect of the privilege of living in the Rancho, by all means not the only one, but an important one. Over the years the flat public riding space available to horse owners has shrunk considerably, most notably with the construction of the Los Angeles Equestrian Center. Residents were promised public access to riding arenas at the time of building but this was quickly reneged. The proposed Valley Heart Shaft Site and Air Treatment Facility in the North Alignment plan of the Glendale-Burbank Interceptor Sewer Project would effectively remove one of the last available flat recreation spaces from residents and negatively impact air quality for immediate residents.

I286-1

Another change in the Rancho has been the dramatic increase in vehicular traffic, particularly in the last decade. The North Alignment plan of the GBIS would create a nightmare with the proposed required tunneling. While this may be relatively short-term, ongoing maintenance could present ongoing problems.

I join my fellow Rancho residents in urging you to support the South Alignment Plan for the GBIS.

Sincerely,



Petrine Day Mitchum  
1210 Chavez Street  
Burbank, Ca. 91506

Hand delivered  
By Dennis Taylor  
& Schindler Family  
2/24/06

## Letter I286. Signatory – Petrine Mitchum

### Response to Comment I286-1

Comment noted. Refer to response to comments AJ1-4 and AJ1-6 regarding the Valley Heart Shaft Site. In addition, for a discussion of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), and which does not include a shaft site or ATF at Valley Heart, refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR.

## Letter I287. Signatory – Phyllis Gottlieb

### Response to Comment I287-1

**From:** "Phyllis Gottlieb" <plgottlieb@msn.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Fri, Feb 24, 2006 5:23 PM  
**Subject:** Use of Woodbridge Park

Jawahar P. Shah

City of Los Angeles

Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation

Wastewater Engineering Services Division

2714 Media Center Drive

Los Angeles, CA 90065

Sir:

I understand that our city needs some major upgrades to our sewer facilities. But the idea of tearing up Woodbridge Park as a tunneling site for a sewer project beginning in 2010 and lasting four years is a really bad proposal. Surely there must be a better alternative.

I287-1

Woodbridge Park is a small neighborhood park, heavily used by the surrounding neighborhood. It serves parents and little kids, the school next door (that has a use agreement with Rec and Parks), lunch-time workers from the area, dog-walkers, joggers, and many others. It is located in the middle of homes, a school, a day-care facility, and a church. There are no other nearby neighborhood parks to which people can walk. Furthermore, the Parks Department recently spent quite a bit of taxpayer money to upgrade this park.

An alternative site that you might want to consider is the Cal Trans property several lots to the east of Woodbridge Park, adjacent to the 101 freeway. This agency has a considerable amount of unused land to the south of their in-use facility and has a much easier time working with another governmental agency than with private landusers.

Sincerely,

Phyllis L. Gottlieb  
3170 Antelo Road  
Los Angeles, CA 90077

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

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## Letter I288. Signatory – Rich and Carol Atlas

### Response to Comment I288-1

Rich and Carol Atlas  
1931 W. Parkside Avenue  
Burbank, CA 91506  
(818) 567-2462

December 22, 2005

Jawahar P. Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
Wastewater Engineering Services Division  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Re: GBIS Sewer Project

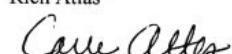
Dear Mr. Shah,

I288-1  
As residents of the Burbank Rancho neighborhood, we are most concerned about the above-referenced sewer project. We recognize the need for upgrading and expanding the system for the future but we would encourage you to use the South Alignment option rather than the North Alignment option. We understand the South Alignment option would run on the south side of the 134 freeway resulting in less disruption and potential adverse environmental impacts of our residential neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,

  
Rich Atlas

  
Carol Atlas

Comment noted. Refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for a discussion of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR).

## Letter I289. Signatory – Rich and Carol Atlas

### Response to Comment I289-1

Receipt of your comment letter (I288) is noted.

Rich and Carol Atlas  
1931 W. Parkside Avenue  
Burbank, CA 91506  
(818) 567-2462

January 15, 2006

Rita Robinson  
Director of Public Works  
City of Los Angeles  
233 South Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Re: GBIS Sewer Project

Dear Ms. Robinson,

I289-1

Attached is a copy of our December 22, 2005, letter which we sent to the attention of Mr. Jawahar Shah regarding the above-referenced sewer project. We are very concerned about this situation and request that you use the North Alignment option.

Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Rich Atlas

*Rich Atlas*

Carol Atlas

cc: Councilman Tom LaBonge – Public Works, Parks and the Ad Hoc River committees  
Greig Smith – Public Works, Parks and the Ad Hoc River committees  
Jan Perry – Public Works, Parks and the Ad Hoc River committees  
Eric Garcetti – Public Works, Parks and the Ad Hoc River committees  
Ed P. Reyes – Ad Hoc River committee  
Wendy Greuel – Ad Hoc River committee  
Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor, City of Los Angeles  
Michael D. Antonovich, Supervisor 5<sup>th</sup> District, City of Los Angeles  
Rodney Andersen, P.E., City of Burbank

*✓ CC Jawahar Shah*

## **Letter I292. Signatory – Richard Jones**

### Response to Comment I292-1

**From:** "Richard Jones" <rjones@sunbelt-mgmt.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Mon, Feb 6, 2006 10:38 AM  
**Subject:** Woodridge Park, North Hollywood

I292-1

We are strongly opposed to the use of Woodridge Park as a site for the upcoming Dept. of Public Works sewer project. A great deal of taxpayer money has been spent to upgrade this attractive park and it would only be further waste of City funds to construct the sewer project in the park.

The current Caltrans North Hollywood Maintenance Yard is an alternative, if the project must be located on Moorpark Road at all.

Thank you,

Richard Jones  
4520 Lemp Ave  
North Hollywood, CA 91602  
Resident

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

## Letter I294. Signatory – Richard Vincenzi

### Response to Comment I294-1

818/ 563-3966

RICHARD A. VICENZI  
1706 WEST RIVERSIDE DRIVE  
BURBANK, CA 91506

RVICENZI@YAHOO.COM

February 14, 2006

Jawahar Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Dear Jawahar Shah:

I am writing to express my concern over the Burbank/Glendale Interceptor Sewer proposed by the Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation, and specifically the proposed northern alignment. I live in the Rancho Equestrian neighborhood, in fact the Pollywog is adjacent to the property of my neighbor to the south. I have lived here for almost six years. Most of my neighbors have been here for a longer time.

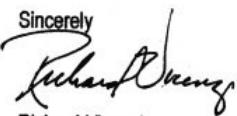
The proposed construction shaft and subsequent permanent ventilation shaft to be located on the current site of the Pollywog would permanently change the character of this neighborhood, as well as the quality of air and of life in general for the residents. The Pollywog is a constantly used public resource. It provides exercise area for the many residents to work and train their horses. It is a throughway for the riding and hiking paths along the Los Angeles River and across it to Griffith Park. It is a favorite place for residents to walk and play with their dogs. Losing the use of the Pollywog would be a significant loss for a significant number of residents. It has been an integral aspect of the sub-urban, equestrian nature of this neighborhood for decades.

I294-1

The projected time of construction for this sewer extension is three or more years. As I understand it, the Pollywog would be used as a point from which the material from the tunnel being dug would be removed and to which construction materials would be delivered. During that time, the traffic, dust, noise, and inconvenience engendered by the construction activity would be substantial. In addition, since both Bette Davis Park and Johnny Carson Park would be similarly affected at the same time, the nearby parklike areas for residents to use during the long construction period would be drastically reduced. Even more disturbing, the permanent ventilation system that would be put in place afterwards had been recognized in the Bureau's Environmental Impact Report as having a SIGNIFICANT permanent impact on air quality in the neighborhood.

Imposing this sacrifice of quality of life, access to open space, and healthful air conditions on the long standing residents of these neighborhoods is inexcusable when an alternative has been identified that is substantially within the public lands of Griffith Park, reasonable distances from any residences, and where the only people subjected to these conditions on a 24 hour basis are six feet underground. I strongly urge you to use the influence of your office in favor of the southern alignment alternative for the sewer extension route.

Sincerely



Richard Vicenzi  
Burbank, CA

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment AJ1-4 for a discussion of the proposed construction and operation of the GBIS North Alignment at Valley Heart/Pollywog. In addition, the City has combined the two GBIS alignments to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), has selected this alignment as preferred, and is recommending it for approval (see Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR), which does not include construction or operation of GBIS at Valley Heart/Pollywog.

## Letter I296. Signatory – Rita Villa

### Response to Comment I296-1

**From:** "Rita Villa" <ritav@whitehallfg.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Sat, Feb 25, 2006 4:49 PM  
**Subject:** Sewer System Improvement - Proposed Tunneling Site at Woodbridge Park

I296-1

After reviewing the IRP, I am opposed to the use of Woodbridge Park as a proposed staging area for tunneling, for a shaft site and as a possible air treatment facility site. There is very little open park space in the immediate area and this small park is very heavily used by young children. Additionally, the children of the Oakwood School share this recreation area with the neighborhood. It is a very bad plan to consider depriving the neighborhood of this valuable asset for any length of time at all. The result would only be a blight in this area where there is already a Caltrans Maintenance yard within a block of the park. Certainly, if this project must have its terminus in this area, the Caltrans Maintenance yard would be a better choice of location. However, it would be preferable to have the GBIS South Alignment terminate on the east side of SR-170 as I am very concerned about the health risks from the emissions of an air treatment facility being located so near to a school.

As you must be aware, the Neighborhood Council, Studio City Residents Association, Oakwood School, Tunjunga merchants, Council Woman Wendy Greuel and the majority of the neighbors are opposed to the construction of this facility at Woodbridge Park. My name is Rita Villa. I am the president of the 11306 Moorpark Homeowners Association and I represent the 20 homeowners that own the property at that address in Studio City, CA. We are all opposed to the use of Woodbridge Park for this project. My address and phone number are: 4117 Farmdale Ave. Studio City, CA 91604; (818) 762-1161.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Rita Villa

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

February 10, 2006

Jawahar Shah  
EIR Co-ordinator  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

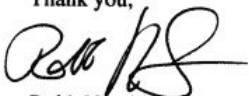
**Re: North Alignment vs. South Alignment Draft EIR/GBIS Sewer Project**

Dear Jawahar Shah,

My name is Robb Navrides. I have lived in the Rancho area with my family for the past 8 1/2 years. The main reason that we moved here was so that my wife and I could have our horses in our back yard and use the Griffith Park riding trails. We love our surroundings and utilize them daily. We use Pollywog to warm up and exercise our horses. Our neighbors also use Pollywog for the same reasons.

Please do not disturb Pollywog. It is an integral part of the Burbank Rancho district and building on it would ruin our neighborhood.

Thank you,



Robb Navrides  
1406 W. Valleyheart Drive  
Burbank, CA 91506

Cc:

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| Councilmen:                 | Rita Robinson<br>Tom La Bonge<br>Greig Smith<br>Eric Garcetti<br>Ed P. Reyes |
| Councilwomen:               | Wendy Greuel<br>Jan Perry  |
| Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor |  |
| Rodney Andersen, P.E.       |  |
| Michael D. Antonovich       |  |

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**Letter I297. Signatory – Robb Navrides**

Response to Comment I297-1

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment AJ1-4 for a discussion of the proposed construction and operation of the GBIS North Alignment at Valley Heart/Pollywog. In addition, the City has combined the two GBIS alignments to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), has selected this alignment as preferred, and is recommending it for approval (see Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR), which does not include construction or operation of GBIS at Valley Heart/Pollywog.

I297-1

Robert Dodds  
521 South Reese Place  
Burbank, CA 91506

February 9, 2006

Mr. Jawahar Shah  
EIR Co-ordinator  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Dear Mr. Shah,

I have read much of the EIR for the proposed Los Angeles sewer expansion. One of the alternatives places a large venting facility at the foot of my street, 2 blocks away from my home. Aside from all the environmental blight such a facility would bring to a unique and charming residential neighborhood, I would like to specifically address the underestimated impact on traffic in the area.

If this facility would be located on the proposed Polliwog Park site at the end of Reese Place, all the construction trucks would be traveling up and down Riverside Drive. Riverside Drive is a two lane street, with a bike lane which is also used by joggers and horses in this equestrian neighborhood. With Disney adding the Animation building and national headquarters for ABC Television, both on Riverside Drive, we now have the comings and goings of an extra 5000 people compared to ten years ago. Traffic at rush hour on Riverside is already stop and go. Add to this all the horse trailers coming and going to events at The Los Angeles Equestrian Center, (also on Riverside) and traffic is at a standstill. To keep drivers on Riverside from darting up side streets in the Rancho neighborhood, the City of Burbank put speed bumps throughout the small streets. There are no viable alternate routes but Riverside. Add to this 100 double trailer dump trucks per day going up and down Beachwood and Reese to get to Riverside, (the only streets which access Polliwog) for however long it takes to construct the facility and our charming neighborhood will be unbearable, and a dangerous traffic hazard to joggers, bikers, horses, carriages, burros (yes there are several here) horse trailers and the people who live here.

How can Los Angeles possibly mitigate this traffic situation, which occurs almost completely in Burbank?

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## Letter I298. Signatory – Robert Dodds

### Response to Comment I298-1

Refer to response to comments AJ1-4 and AJ1-6 regarding the potential environmental effects of the proposed shaft site and ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog. Section 3.17.3.2 of the Draft EIR detailed the potential traffic impacts associated with construction at the Valley Heart Shaft Site. Refer to response to comments AJ1-20 through AJ1-22 regarding the potential impacts associated with construction traffic in the vicinity of the proposed shaft site at Valley Heart/Pollywog and Section 2 of this Final EIR for any revisions to the traffic section of the Draft EIR (Section 3.17). In addition, the City has combined the two GBIS alignments to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), has selected this alignment as preferred, and is recommending it for approval. As described in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the staff recommended GBIS Alignment does not include a shaft site or ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog. Comment noted.

I298-1

Sincerely,

Robert Dodds

**From:** "Robert Olson & Gail Reisman" <reismanolson@earthlink.net>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Wed, Mar 1, 2006 10:47 PM  
**Subject:** Draft EIR Comments

I299-1

We are writing to express our firm and determined opposition to Los Angeles City Councilman Tom LaBonge's last-minute attempt to "compromise" by moving unwarranted and inappropriate impacts of the Los Angeles City sewer project from one Burbank neighborhood to another. What seems consistent with Mr. LaBonge's proposals is that they seek to impose on Burbank residential neighborhoods the expenses, inconvenience, and adverse impacts of a project for the benefit of the City of Los Angeles.

Councilman LaBonge wants it to be the responsibility and burden of Burbank residents to bear the brunt of the City of Los Angeles' waste treatment facilities. His main purpose appears to be to avoid upsetting residents and interests in his own Los Angeles City constituency.

His new proposed "hybrid" plan could not be more misguided. The centerpiece of that plan is drilling a long tunnel under a long established and well recognized residential neighborhood. He proposes, in effect, to sacrifice the Burbank side of the Toluca Lake neighborhood to foster the City of Los Angeles's interests.

Contrary to his February 21, 2006, email, his proposal does not "minimiz[e] impact [on] the residents." It simply singles out a group of residents - those residing in Burbank - to bear the brunt of the Los Angeles project.

The Los Angeles City's "hybrid" plan proposes tunneling under either Rose or Clybourn Streets. Both are residential streets lined with homes on either side. The City of Los Angeles doesn't want to tunnel under its own residential streets, e.g., Forman (to connect to Riverside) or Valley Spring. Why not? Because the residents there would be affected by the same significant adverse impacts that Los Angeles has itself identified and now seeks to inflict on Burbank homeowners and residents. Apparently in Mr. LaBonge's calculations, Burbank homeowners and residents do not count as much as Los Angeles homeowners and residents (who happen to be his political constituents).

The City of Los Angeles says that it has "considered" tunneling under its own Los Angeles River easement, but that it is loathe to do so because the possibility of rock might require surface work and the potential for structural support issues for the riverbed. But those same issues exist

## Letter I299. Signatory – Robert Olson and Gail Reisman

### Response to Comment I299-1

Comment noted. As described in Section 1.3 of the Draft EIR, one of the objectives of the IRP is to meet projected wastewater system needs of the City of Los Angeles and contract agencies (i.e., City of Burbank); thereby maintaining infrastructure required for quality of life of all individuals within the City of Los Angeles and contract agencies, such as the City of Burbank. Specifically, the proposed GBIS sewer (either North or South alignments) would ultimately relieve the aged NOS sewer, which would reduce odors and potential spills in the area currently serviced by the NOS, including the Rancho Burbank area; therefore, the new sewer would be an improvement to the areas infrastructure. Therefore, the residents of the City of Burbank do benefit from the proposed GBIS. As described in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the City has combined the two GBIS alignments to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), have selected this alignment as preferred, and is recommending it for approval. Response to comment AJ1-1 also discusses the process and rationale for the staff recommended GBIS Alignment discussed in this Final EIR. Refer to response to comments AJ1-10 and AJ31-4 regarding your settlement concerns.

Response to Comment I299-2

Regarding a Los Angeles River alignment, refer to response to comment AJ31-2.

Response to Comment I299-3

Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR describes in detail the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, including a discussion of Rose Street. Proposed construction along Riverside Drive would be confined to specific locations (for drop and diversion structures) and maintenance holes (one approximately every 2,500 feet along the alignment). As addressed in Section 3.17.3.3 of the Draft EIR, construction traffic impacts would be mitigated through the preparation and approval of site-specific construction traffic management plans (TRA-MM-1 and TRA-MM-2). To reiterate, refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for a detailed discussion of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which is a combination of the two alignments in an attempt to reduce concerns about potential impacts.

I299-1

While rejecting tunneling under the Los Angeles River right of way, the City of Los Angeles does not appear to have considered the obvious alternative. Running its 8 foot diameter pipe above ground - in the river channel itself or suspended on the side.

I299-2

Mr. LaBonge is also apparently unaware of the successful traffic mitigation measures on the Burbank side of Toluca Lake. With those measures Rose is essentially the only way into the neighborhood. Extended construction on Rose will prevent any access into a number of homes. Likewise, extended construction on Clybourn will create a traffic nightmare in attempting to get out of the neighborhood.

In addition, the plan's call for drilling and surface work down Riverside will likely destroy the existing businesses there.

Most important, the long term impact of the proposed project is inappropriate and decidedly adverse for a residential neighborhood. These include specifically odor, contaminants, vents, and all hour manholes for access (the use of which could well create traffic nightmares given the Toluca Lake traffic mitigation measures). (If one has any doubt as to what we are talking about, just go to the Forman and Valley Spring intersection in Mr. LaBonge's district.)

Response to Comment I299-4

Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR discusses the GBIS alignment that the City of Los Angeles is recommending for approval. Response to comment AJ1-1 also discusses the process and rationale for the staff recommended GBIS Alignment discussed in this Final EIR. Regarding a Los Angeles River alignment, refer to response to comment AJ31-2.

As described in Section 1.3 of the Draft EIR, one of the objectives of the IRP is to meet projected wastewater system needs of the City of Los Angeles and contract agencies (i.e., City of Burbank); thereby maintaining infrastructure required for quality of life. Specifically, the proposed GBIS sewer (either North or South alignment) would ultimately relieve the aged NOS sewer, which would reduce odors and potential spills in the area currently serviced by the NOS, including the Rancho Burbank and Toluca Lake areas. As one of the most important considerations for the new sewer is the proximity to the existing NOS and users, the City proposed the GBIS North and South Alignments.

I299-3

Mr. LaBonge's proposal is hardly a "win-win for all." It is an attempt to move the adverse impacts of the City of Los Angeles's plan from his own constituents (who understandably don't like bearing the impact of development throughout the rest of the Valley) and to foist it on Burbank residents.

Burbank should decidedly reject being railroaded by the supposed "hybrid" plan. What is best for the City of Los Angeles and for Mr. LaBonge's relations with his own constituents is clearly not what is best for Burbank and its residents. It would be entirely irresponsible for Burbank to allow the admittedly potentially significant impacts to destroy a long established, indeed, historic neighborhood.

Thank you.

Robert Olson & Gail Reisman

4235 Warner Blvd.

Burbank, CA 91505

I299-4

In addition to the above, the Draft EIR nowhere analyzes alternatives to or alternative routes for the GBIS (the LaBonge connector). The GBIS is a part of each "alternative" proposed. There is no alternative to a GBIS analyzed.

No analysis is performed of alternative routes or methods.

No analysis is provided for alternatives to drilling under residential neighborhoods and structures.

No analysis (as opposed to simple unsupported assertion) is provided for an alternative of drilling under the L.A. River right of way.

No analysis is provided for an alternative placing the GBIS in the bed of or alongside the L.A. River (a non-drilling option).

Response to Comment I299-5

No other options for construction of the GBIS are considered.

Other routes -- under Universal studios, under Lakside Country Club -- are not considered.

As discussed in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the potential impacts of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment are adequately addressed. Comment noted.

I299-4

Other routes -- under Universal studios, under Lakside Country Club -- are not considered.

I299-5

The Draft EIR fails to note how many residences are affected -- there are some 50 or so single family residences lining each of Rose, Clybourn and Foreman/Valley Spring, but additional multifamily residences along Rose and on Riverside Drive.

The Draft EIR is therefore fatally flawed and inadequate.

**cc:** <malvord@mail.ci.burbank.ca.us>

## Letter I301. Signatory – Robert Rosenbaum

**From:** robert rosenbaum <robbmr@pacbell.net>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Fri, Jan 27, 2006 2:56 PM  
**Subject:** Re: the water reclamation project.

To Jawahar P. Shah: I have been asked to forward my letter to you in which I've asked several questions re. the Tillman Water Reclamation Project, and the investment to carry reclaimed water from the plant to underground storage enroute to recycling this reclaimed water and utilizing it in watering parks, golf courses etc..

I understand that there are plans to reactivate this project and would like to learn more about the process.

I am attempting to attach my Letter, but if you are unable to read/receive it please notify me and I'll restate or resend it in another form..Thank you...Robb Rosenbaum

Response to Comment I301-1

From: robert rosenbaum <[robbmr@pacbell.net](mailto:robbmr@pacbell.net)>  
Date: December 6, 2005 3:20:48 PM PST  
To: Councilman Smith Greig <[SMITH@Council.LACITY.ORG](mailto:SMITH@Council.LACITY.ORG)>  
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Dear Councilman,

I understand there are many priorities on your list before you might consider reenlisting this one, but as a 'taxpaying citizen' in NR. of 40 years standing, and after having driven from here to Van Nuys for 35 years to work, the last years spent traversing / avoiding the Sherman Way obstructions due to the pipes being laid from Tillman Water Reclamation in Balboa Pk. to Sylmar, I wondered

what happened to this 'Important' project, subsequent to Joel Wach's politically slamming the project...

As of today's conversation with DWP Water Quality Dept. I learn that the Project has remained Blocked since Wach's campaign for reelection, and the millions of \$\$\$ spent in planning, building the Tillman Plant, and laying out large pipes to carry the water to its underground storage are going to waste despite ALL evidence that at the very least this water could be used to 1.

water all parks,golf courses, fill swimming pools, refill underground water tables, 2. and with Scientifically supported evidence as to its purity, might even be used as 'tap water' in our residences..

Since you have undertaken support of 'otherwise' unpopular causes at times, I'm wondering if you and your aides might review the original plan/intent of the Tillman Water Reclamation Project...which apparently has lay stagnant/morbid only due to its

'political' unpopularity, and not 'grounded' on any scientific evidence. Among relevant issues is whether this 'reclaimed', purified water can be/will be used to expand the LA River, and could be incorporated into a 'water use park' in the San Fernando Valley.

One example might be to reestablish the Chatsworth Reservoir for public use for boating,fishing etc. with water reclaimed ,filtrated at the Tillman..

I'm quite certain that you/your aides will find that Reclaimed, filtrated water is 99.8% as pure as water now coming into our homes.

Possibly I should sign this "Can of Worms"..but I'll stick with my

logo,  
Yours truly,  
Robb Rosenbaum<993-5563>

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It is assumed that the commenter refers to the LADWP East Valley Water Reclamation Project (EVWRP). Although the groundwater replenishment aspect of the EVWRP was suspended, the project facilities serves as the foundation of the nonpotable recycled water distribution system to the east San Fernando Valley where customers such as the Hansen Dam Recreation area and the Valley Generating Station can be served. The IRP does include recycled water program-level components that would assist in water reuse throughout the City of Los Angeles. Section 2.2.2.2 of the Draft EIR describes the potential for both nonpotable and groundwater replenishment uses of recycled water. None of the project components include the direct potable use of recycled water.

I301-1

## **Letter I302. Signatory – Robert Rutherford**

### **Response to Comment I302-1**

Comment noted.

**From:** "Robert Rutherford" <rutherford.robert@gmail.com>  
**To:** <hommeje@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** 2/26/2006 1:17:43 AM  
**Subject:** don't use Woodbridge Park for sewage plant

I302-1 [ don't use Woodbridge Park for sewage plant.  
that is all.

## **Letter I303. Signatory – Robert Smoldt**

### Response to Comment I303-1

**From:** <RCSZION@aol.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Thu, Feb 2, 2006 11:40 PM  
**Subject:** WOODBRIDGE PARK

Robert Smoldt  
4422 Bakman Ave  
Studio City CA 99602  
661-645-0956

I303-1

I am opposed to using Woodbridge park as a tunnel for a sewer project! The Cal-Trans lot, is an under used area, that is a blight on the community. Today, "The Daily News" featured an article on Los Angeles and its Parks. The parks, and city, received high marks. Let's not start a precedent by taking our last remaining open space, a place we can "escape " from the city for un-necessary projects, when un-used space is available.

Thank You,

Robert Smoldt  
Detective, LA County Sheriff's Department  
Santa Clarita Station

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

## Letter I304. Signatory – Robert Taylor

### Response to Comment I304-1

**From:** Robert Taylor <bob1024@earthlink.net>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Sun, Mar 12, 2006 10:43 PM  
**Subject:** LA County Sewer in Burbank Clearinghouse #2004071091

City of Los Angeles

As a resident of the city of Burbank, I am very concerned about City of Los Angeles's plans to modify the alignment for the Glendale Burbank Interceptor Sewer (GBIS). I understand that plan includes an option to direct the sewer to lie underneath Rose Street on which I am a homeowner.

I304-1 While providing no benefit to my home and residence, the proposal only serves to cloud the value of my property now and for years to come.

I am strongly opposed to this proposal and look forward a response from the City of Los Angeles that the City is abandoning plans to direct the sewer through Burbank and most importantly, under Rose Street.

Robert Taylor  
201 S. Rose  
Burbank, California 91505  
(818) 845-4145  
Homeowner

Comment noted. As described in Section 1.3 of the Draft EIR, one of the objectives of the IRP is to meet projected wastewater system needs of the City of Los Angeles and contract agencies (i.e., City of Burbank); thereby maintaining infrastructure required for quality of life of all individuals within the City of Los Angeles and contract agencies, such as the City of Burbank. Specifically, the proposed GBIS sewer (either North or South alignments) would ultimately relieve the aged NOS sewer, which would reduce odors and potential spills in the area currently serviced by the NOS, including the Rancho Burbank area; therefore, the new sewer would be an improvement to the areas infrastructure. Therefore, the residents of the City of Burbank do benefit from the proposed GBIS. As described in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the City has combined the two GBIS alignments to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), have selected this alignment as preferred, and is recommending it for approval. Response to comment AJ1-1 also discusses the process and rationale for the staff recommended GBIS Alignment discussed in this Final EIR.

## **Letter I305. Signatory – Robert York**

### Response to Comment I305-1

**From:** Robert York <robertyork@earthlink.net>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Wed, Feb 22, 2006 8:09 PM  
**Subject:** Woodbridge Park

My info is:

Robert York  
11331 Brill Drive  
Suite B  
Studio City, CA 91604  
818/761-7330

I305-1 [ Seriously, what are you people thinking re: closing the park. And of all things putting in sewer equipment, etc. Good luck with that toxic tort liability next to a school. You'll be sued in no time.

Its a great little park for a lot of kids, mine included. Move the stuff somewhere else. Leave the Park and the neighborhood alone.

Peace,  
Robert York

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

## Letter I308. Signatory – Rommie Davis

### Response to Comment I308-1

Feb. 2, 2006

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

Jawahar P. Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Public works, Bureau of Sanitation  
Wastewater Engineering Services Divivsion  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, Ca 90065

RE: Use of Woodbridge Park as a site for a tunnel shaft and possible air treatment facility for an upcoming Department of Public Works sewer project.

I308-1

I am opposed to using Woodbridge Park as the site for this project as are the Park Advisory Board and Councilmember Wendy Greuel.

Instead of Woodbridge Park, the Caltrans North Hollywood Maintenance Yard, located on the eastern end of the block, is another site and I support using that site.

Thank You,



Rommie Davis

## Letter I309. Signatory – Ronald Berges

### Response to Comment I309-1

Comment noted. Refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for a discussion of the GBIS alignment that the City of Los Angeles is recommending for approval.

#### MR. & MRS. RONALD A. BERGES

10414 Woodbridge St.  
Toluca Lake, CA 91602  
Phone/FAX: 818.766.8842  
berges@mindspring.com

February 20, 2006

Jawahar P. Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
Wastewater Engineering Services Div.  
2714 Media Center Dr.  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Re: Opposition to GBIS South Alignment

Dear Mr. Shah,

Greetings. I am a resident of Toluca Lake in the City of Los Angeles. I strongly oppose the South Alignment alternative which would modify the sewers in our neighborhood and would negatively impact our community.

I309-1

I urge the City of Los Angeles to reject the South Alignment proposal and continue searching for a viable alternative.

Sincerely,



Ronald A. Berges

RAB/

CC: Councilman Tom LaBonge

## **Letter I310. Signatory – Rose Kauper**

### Response to Comment I310-1

**From:** Rosemarie Kauper <rose@homeopathyway.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Wed, Feb 15, 2006 8:00 AM  
**Subject:** Woodbridge Park

To Whom It May Concern:

I am greatly saddened to hear that Woodbridge Park is being threatened by the consideration of a air treatment facility for an upcoming sewer improvement project.

Please understand that our children have very few parks left to play in. Our communities seem to be losing the 'Free Zones' where we can still gather as families. The creation of this project would not only affect the people of the park, but it would also cause possible harm to the children at the Oakwood School as well as the people in the surrounding community.

I310-1

I am sure the residents and students in Beverly Hills didn't think that the oil derrick on Pico Blvd next to Beverly Hills High would affect them and cause the now Highly increased cases of cancer. Even though this situation is slightly different, if this project at Woodbridge Park continues, we as a community could suffer the same health risks.

Please consider our health and happiness.

A Concerned Parent of an Oakwood student,

Rose Kauper

3662 Ventura Cyn.  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423  
(818) 907-6029

## Letter I312. Signatory – Roxanne Billman

### Response to Comment I312-1

**From:** "Roxanne Billman" <abcclosets@earthlink.net>  
**To:** <hommeje@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** 1/20/2006 5:02:19 PM  
**Subject:** Unhappy Riverside Rancho Resident

I312-1

I want to tell whoever is the right board or individuals in a decision making capacity to (with all due respect) go back to the drawing board. To impact a residential and equestrian neighborhood, as the Burbank Rancho or Glendale Rancho with the plan of locating in our "Pollywog" area a treatment facility is highly undesirable and unacceptable. As you probably have heard from many of our neighbors, this possible plan ruins a very cherished and used Pollywog for equestrians and other animal lovers, who use this area heavily every day, as well as Bette Davis Park which will be problematic if used for this construction. It is not good for any of us, therefore there has to be a better plan. Besides the daily treasures of this equestrian area, it will also drastically affect the property values. If you are trying to make an improvement, do so without disastrous affects on our trails and neighborhoods. A blundering plan is worse than no plan. Every true need has a "good" solution. Good for all concerned!!! I am praying for all of us; a wrong idea can never be justified. As I said earlier the negative impact deserves "going back to the drawing board", just because you may not know the truly good solution, does not mean that it does not exist.  
Thank you very much for your heartfelt attention!

Roxanne Billman  
abcclosets@earthlink.net  
Why Wait? Move to EarthLink.

As described in Section 1.3 of the Draft EIR, one of the objectives of the IRP is to meet projected wastewater system needs of the City of Los Angeles and contract agencies (i.e., City of Burbank); thereby maintaining infrastructure required for quality of life. Specifically, the proposed GBIS sewer (either North or South alignments) would ultimately relieve the aged NOS sewer, which would reduce odors and potential spills in the area currently serviced by the NOS, including the Rancho Burbank area; therefore, the new sewer would be an improvement to the areas infrastructure. Refer to response to comment AJ1-4 regarding the potential environmental effects of the proposed shaft site and ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog. In addition, as described in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the GBIS alignment that the City of Los Angeles is recommending for approval does not include a shaft site or ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog.

## Letter I314. Signatory – Ruben Procopio

### Response to Comment I314-1

**From:** Ruben Procopio <rprocopio@mac.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Mon, Feb 27, 2006 8:20 AM  
**Subject:** LA/BURBANK SEWER PROJECT

To whom this may concern,

I am a property owner in the very area you are considering to build the new sewer facility, in fact down the street. My family and I (second generation) have lived in Burbank most of our lives, this news comes as a shock and I would like to formally express our opposition to the whole idea of building a sewer plant running through this area.

Many of the concerns include the construction inconvenience, the negative impact on horse activities, long term permanent detrimental impact on health risks, air quality, traffic, damage to quality of life and property values, as well the unique experience of the Rancho neighborhood character will be compromised and taken away. The impact on property values, followed by damage to local businesses which support the local equestrian lifestyle, could run into the hundreds of millions of dollars. Including subjecting homeowners and equestrians to several years of construction related inconveniences, traffic hazards and noise, leaving us without public fields to exercise horses or walk dogs, no equestrian access from the West Burbank Rancho, noxious odors close to (million dollar plus) homes, increased environmental exposure health concerns, diminished quality of life without recreational areas and with industrial maintenance shafts in two locations.

As a property owner I strongly urge you to please reconsider your proposal and take into consideration our concerns to do this facility somewhere else.

Thank you,

Ruben Procopio  
Burbank Rancho Resident

Regarding a response to your concerns over the GBIS North Alignment, refer to response to the City of Burbank comments – AJ1, AJ13, AJ22, AJ30, AJ31, AJ32, and AJ36. In addition, the City has combined the two GBIS alignments to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), has selected this alignment as preferred, and is recommending it for approval (see Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR), which does not include construction or operation of GBIS at Valley Heart/Pollywog. Comment noted.

I314-1

## Letter I315. Signatory – S.A. Harmer

### Response to Comment I315-1

**From:** <jbsaharmer@prodigy.net>  
**To:** <jxshah@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Tue, Mar 7, 2006 12:04 PM  
**Subject:** FW: IRP-DIER  
  
**Subject:** IRP-DIER

I315-1

Regarding the proposed alteration in plans for a "hybrid" connection, I can only comment that any plans to disturb an established residential neighborhood should be reviewed as the last possible measure. I have attended meetings and receive information in the mail regarding this project and continue to experience vast amounts of confusion as to why this line cannot be tunneled below the existing concrete river bed or existing highways. This being "Earthquake country" why plant the line to a depth that will require considerable effort to inspect, maintain & repair? Until LA engineers can provide a plan that residents can visualize with test results available it will be difficult to gain support from any neighborhood. The theory of this project leaves to much mystery & doubt. LA projects often have the appearance of poor research, planning & supervision. A project of this magnitude requires that all variables be taken into serious consideration before the financial status exceeds functional ability. An error on this project will probably be cause for a "Bigger stink" than the new school that was found unsafe for utilization after it was completed. You must seek non-residential areas for this IRP line. Thank you for your consideration, S.A.  
Harmer, Burbank, CA

Comment noted. Section 3.9 of the Draft EIR describes in detail the potential for impacts to geology and soils, including seismic hazards (and related issues, such as subsidence, liquefaction, and tsunamis). In summary, the analysis in the Draft EIR determined that even with mitigation, the potential for breakage, although deemed remote, of the pipeline for either NEIS II or GBIS alignments, remained potentially significant after mitigation (Section 3.9.3.3). As described in Section 3.9.3.2 of the Draft EIR (starting page 3.9-35), although both GBIS alignments would cross the Benedict Canyon fault, which is considered inactive, installation of the sewer across the fault would not cause or accelerate the potential for fault rupture geologic hazard.

# Letter I316. Signatory – Salli Newman

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### Integrated Resources Plan (IRP)

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Van Nuys City Hall (Marvin Braude Building), Wednesday, January 4, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.

#### Comment Sheet

First Name: Salli Last Name: Newman

Organization that you represent: RANCHO NEIGHBORHOOD

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See attached letter

Signature: S. Newman Date: 2-20-06

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Response to Comment I316-1

**SALLI NEWMAN**

1524 Riverside Drive, Burbank, CA 91506  
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February 20, 2006

Jawahar P. Shah  
EIR Coordinator  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

**RE: GBIS NORTH ALIGNMENT**

Dear Mr. Saha:

This letter serves to cast my vote *against* the proposed GBIS North Alignment – a plan that would completely compromise and devastate the beautiful, serene Rancho Burbank “residential” neighborhood with a facility that belongs *only* in an “industrial” area.

An Air Treatment Facility in the Rancho Burbank neighborhood would be a travesty, on a lot of levels. It would adversely affect property values – which is a huge problem and a monumental concern. It would negatively alter the beautiful and peaceful nature of this unique “residential” neighborhood: parks would be lost; horse trails and exercise areas would be eliminated; the visual aesthetics of the neighborhood would be greatly compromised and in some places, completely gone; and the noise pollution would be unbearable. The increased sewage smells would insidiously encroach on our senses, every moment of the day and night – something no one wants to live with. And the health and safety of the residents in the area would be in peril.

I316-1

Not only is Rancho Burbank is a unique and special area that should be preserved – it’s also a “residential” neighborhood, one where no “industrial” facility, such as an Air Treatment Facility, should ever be constructed.

Surely there must be another solution – an alternate route, an alternate site, one that would not encroach upon and devastate our “residential” neighborhood. I urge you and your colleagues to find a solution that does not include ruining the Rancho Burbank neighborhood. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Salli Newman  
Rancho Burbank Resident

Comment noted. As described in Section 1.3 of the Draft EIR, one of the objectives of the IRP is to meet projected wastewater system needs of the City of Los Angeles and contract agencies (i.e., City of Burbank); thereby maintaining infrastructure required for quality of life. Specifically, the proposed GBIS sewer (either North or South alignments) would ultimately relieve the aged NOS sewer, which would reduce odors and potential spills in the area currently serviced by the NOS, including the Rancho Burbank area; therefore, the new sewer would be an improvement to the areas infrastructure. Persistent odor problems, as is experienced in the Rancho Burbank area, are addressed by installing ATFs near the source of the odor problems. As detailed in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the staff recommended GBIS Alignment does not include the Valley Heart Shaft Site.

## Letter I317. Signatory – Sarah Werner

### Response to Comment I317-1

**From:** "Sarah Werner" <sarah.werner@tvbyfox.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Thu, Feb 2, 2006 9:37 AM  
**Subject:** Woodbridge Park

I317-1

I strongly object to using Woodbridge Park to dig a tunnel shaft and possible air vent for a sewer project. Why would you even think of that when there's a perfectly good dirt lot belonging to Cal Trans only a short distance away? There is precious little green space left in Los Angeles, especially green space that we can all enjoy and I urge you not to destroy it.

I agree with Wendy Gruel and SCRA that you find an alternative.

Thank you. Sarah Werner

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

## Letter I319. Signatory – Sarah Nicotero

### Response to Comment I319-1

**From:** <WHARTONALI@aol.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Thu, Feb 2, 2006 3:00 PM  
**Subject:** re: studio city Residents Assoc.

To whom it may concern,

I319-1 Please do not select Woodbridge Park as a site for a tunnel shaft and possible air treatment facility. This park is too valuable to be ruined.

Please use the alternate site at the Caltrans North Hollywood Maintenance Yard.

Sara Nicotero  
4339 Bakman Ave  
Studio City, CA  
91602

818 763-6576

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

## Letter I320. Signatory – Sharon Rombeau

### Response to Comment I320-1

As shown in Figure 2-10 of the Draft EIR, both of the proposed GBIS alignments would go under Toluca Lake community. The GBIS South Alignment would go under Valley Spring Lane and the GBIS North Alignment would be under Riverside Drive. As described in Section 2 of the Draft EIR, a majority of the construction and operation of the proposed sewer infrastructure (both GBIS alignments) would occur belowground from designated shaft sites; therefore, most of the impacts would be localized at the aboveground sites. As detailed in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the City has combined the two GBIS alignments to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), has selected this alignment as preferred, and is recommending it for approval. Comment noted.

February 20, 2006

Mr. Jawahar P. Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
Wastewater Engineering Services Division  
2714 Media Center Dr.  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

To Mr. Shah,

I wish to express my concern over the IRP Plan. I believe that the City of Los Angeles should find an alternative route other than the GBIS South and North Alignments. These routes would have an adverse impact on the Toluca Lake neighborhood and surrounding areas which is not necessary. I understand that the existing LA River south of the river right-of-way to Woodbridge Park is a viable alternative and would not affect the Toluca Lake neighborhood. I ask that you use this route and not the others.

I320-1

Cordially,

  
Sharon Rombeau  
10537 Whipple St.  
Toluca Lake, CA 91602  
818-760-0860

## Letter I321. Signatory – Shea McGovern

February 19, 2006

Jawahar P. Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
Wastewater Engineering Services Division  
Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

RE: Glendale-Burbank Integrated Sewer portion of the Integrated Resources Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR).

Dear Mr. Shah:

My name is Shea – and I am 5-years old. Please don't build your sewer treatment plant at the end of my street! My Mommy and Daddy tell me it will stink so bad and be so big I won't be able to play and watch the horsies anymore.



Cc: Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor  
Michael D. Antonovich  
Rodney Andersen, P.E.  
Rita Robinson  
Councilman Tom La Bonge  
Councilman Greig Smith  
Councilwoman Jan Perry  
Councilman Eric Garcetti  
Councilwoman Wendy Greuel

Shea McGovern  
530 S. Reese Pl.  
Burbank, CA 91506

 SHEA

### Response to Comment I321-1

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment AJ1-4 regarding the potential environmental effects of the proposed shaft site and ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog. In addition, as described in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the GBIS alignment that the City of Los Angeles is recommending for approval does not include a shaft site or ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog.

## Letter I322. Signatory – Stephanie Whittle

### Response to Comment I322-1

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment AJ1-4 regarding the potential environmental effects of the proposed shaft site and ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog. In addition, as described in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the GBIS alignment that the City of Los Angeles is recommending for approval does not include a shaft site or ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog.

I322-1

To whom it may concern,

As a longtime Rancho resident, I want to remind people that zoning for horses is one quality that makes our neighborhood unique. Our area has a special charm because residents are able to own horses. They use the trails in Griffith Park as well as the open area known as Pollywog to exercise and train their horses. The proposed North Alignment sewer project would take away this space. This is significant because some aspects of training cannot be accomplished with trail rides; ring exercises are important for those horse owners who choose to enter shows. Our area was designated a horse area long before this sewer project was mandated by the state. The North Alignment would also devalue our property. The alternative South Alignment meets the requirements and would allow the Burbank Rancho to retain its unique character.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Whittle  
Burbank native and Rancho resident  
1416 Morningside Dr.  
Burbank, CA 91506  
818-512-1859

## **Letter I323. Signatory – Susan Genco**

### **Response to Comment I323-1**

**From:** "Genco, Susan (WBR)" <Susan.Genco@wbr.com>  
**To:** "'IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org'" <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Tue, Feb 14, 2006 6:36 PM  
**Subject:** Please Save Woodbridge Park

To Whom It May Concern:

I was shocked to learn that the Los Angeles Department of Public Works is currently considering Woodbridge Park for the site of a tunnel shaft and possible air treatment facility for an upcoming sewer improvement project.

I323-1

I am the parent of a first grader at the Oakwood School and we chose the school, in part, because of Woodbridge Park. This tunnel shaft and air treatment facility would be extremely detrimental to our elementary school and the surrounding community. Not only would it close one of Studio City's prime open spaces for about four years, it would create safety problems due to increased construction traffic and environmental hazards in the form of air pollution and odors. Children from the school and the community love this park and this project would destroy it for them.

There must be a more appropriate choice for this tunneling site than one of the area's most loved and used public spaces and I urge you most strenuously to find one. Please do not destroy Woodbridge Park.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Susan Genco  
111 N. Las Palmas  
Los Angeles, CA 90004  
818 953-3221

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

## **Letter I325. Signatory – Susan M. Shaw**

### Response to Comment I325-1

**From:** Suzy Shaw <suzy@bomprecords.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@lan.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Mon, Feb 20, 2006 12:08 PM  
**Subject:** Regarding the South Alignment

From

Susan M Shaw  
4130 McFarlane  
Burbank CA 91505

818 953 5186

Toluca Lake Homeowners Association.

I325-1 [ We urge the city of Los Angeles to reject the South Alignment and explore an alternate route!

Thank you,

Susan M shaw

As detailed in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the City has combined the two GBIS alignments to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), has selected this alignment as preferred, and is recommending it for approval. Comment noted.

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IMPORTANT !!! NOTE MY NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!!  
< suzy@bomprecords.com >

**cc:** <clive@clivepearse.com>

## **Letter I327. Signatory – Taylor Williams**

### Response to Comment I327-1

**From:** Taylor Williams <jtaylorw@comcast.net>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Thu, Feb 2, 2006 3:01 PM  
**Subject:** Woodbridge park

I327-1 [ Please leave the park alone. It was just expanded and we go there everyday  
w/ our 2 year old  
Thank you,  
Taylor Williams  
3746 Reklaw DR  
Studio City, CA 91604  
818-762-5466  
No Organization, just a concerned parent

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

## **Letter I328. Signatory – Timothy and Tabitha De La Torre**

### **Response to Comment I328-1**

**From:** Tabitha D <tabitha@birddesign.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Thu, Feb 23, 2006 1:57 PM  
**Subject:** Woodbridge Park

To Whom this may Concern,

The Los Angeles Department of Public Works is currently considering Woodbridge Park for the site of a tunnel shaft and possible air treatment facility for an upcoming sewer improvement project.

This would be extremely detrimental to our children's elementary school--which is not only providing them with an unbelievable education but is also a very special place--and the surrounding community. Not only would it close one of the city's prime open spaces for several four years, it would create safety problems due to increased construction traffic and environmental hazards in the form of air pollution and odors.

I328-1  
We STRONGLY OPPOSE the building of this site at the Woodbridge Park location in North Hollywood, and will be joining efforts of our children's elementary school, Oakwood, as well as a group composed of Councilmember Wendy Greuel's office, the Studio City Residents Association, the Studio City Neighborhood Council, the Park Beautification Board, and the Tujunga Merchants Association.

Please consider another site for this project and help protect OUR CHILDREN, our school and our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Timothy & Tabitha De La Torre  
3783 Effingham Place  
Los Angeles, CA 90027  
323.664.8884

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

## **Letter I329. Signatory – Toby Northcote-Smith**

### Response to Comment I329-1

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

**From:** "Tobyns" <tobyns@sbcglobal.net>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>, <hommeje@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Wed, Feb 1, 2006 11:07 PM  
**Subject:** DON'T DIG UP WOODBRIDGE PARK

My Name is Toby Northcote-Smith.

I live in 4078 Kraft ave, studio city 91604.

My kids play at Woodbridge park on a weekly basis. They love it.

I329-1 I can not believe the city would dig up such a great resource in such a family neighborhood.

PLEASE do reconsider your decision, I know that this type of planning is difficult yet as a tax payer I implore you to find an alternate location.

Sincerely,

Toby Northcote-Smith

**cc:** <cindyns@sbcglobal.net>

## Letter I330. Signatory – Todd Copeland

### Response to Comment I330-1

**From:** "Todd Copeland" <todd@acsspecs.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Sun, Feb 19, 2006 11:41 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Sewer construction

Mr. Shah:

I330-1 As I have now attended 2 meetings with respect to this new sewer / water pipe construction, I believe there has not been nearly enough due diligence to the physical impact that this project would effect. I also believe that not enough discussion has been explored with regards to utilizing the Los Angeles river rather than either the North or South alignment. As a resident in Toluca Lake, I can say without question should the south alignment be chosen the community will actively pursue legal action against this construction. There needs to much greater public scrutiny to this construction before anything begins. I would also like to be copied on all matters with this plan by using this email address. Please heed our words as we greatly value our neighborhood!!!

Kind regards,

Todd Copeland

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A review of Section 3 of the Draft EIR would find that the potential environmental impacts (by resource) have been adequately detailed and analyzed for both GBIS alignments. Refer to the responses to the City of Burbank's comment letters (AJ1, AJ13, AJ22, AJ30, AJ31, AJ32, and AJ36) for additional information and discussion. Regarding the specifics of a Los Angeles River alignment, refer to response to comment AJ31-2. As detailed in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the City has combined the two GBIS alignments to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), has selected this alignment as preferred, and is recommending it for approval. Comment noted.

## **Letter I331. Signatory – Todd Kehrli**

### **Response to Comment I331-1**

**From:** Todd Kehrli <todd@mkr-group.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Mon, Feb 20, 2006 9:12 PM  
**Subject:** IRP comments

I331-1

As a homeowner in Toluca Lake I would like to voice my opposition to the GBIS South Alignment and the GBIS North Alignment. There is a less invasive alternative for the homeowners, which is to use the existing L.A. River south of the river right of way as a route to Woodbridge Park. This alternative would have the least effect on homeowners, which should be of importance to the City of Los Angeles. Also, any proposed encroachment on Woodbridge Park should not be tolerated. This park has been a safe haven for thousands of children and their parents for many years and any alternative, such as the Caltrans parking lot option, should be seriously explored.

Sincerely,

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Homeowner - Toluca Lake Homeowners Association

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Regarding a Los Angeles River alignment, refer to response to comment AJ31-2. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park. As detailed in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the City has combined the two GBIS alignments to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), has selected this alignment as preferred, and is recommending it for approval. Comment noted.

## Letter I332. Signatory – Tyler Krohn

### Response to Comment I332-1

**From:** Tyler Krohn <tkrohn@usc.edu>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Fri, Feb 17, 2006 8:01 PM  
**Subject:** SPARE WOODBRIDGE PARK

To Whom This Concerns:

I have recently learned of a plan to construct extensive sewage facilities under and around Woodbridge Park in Studio City at Moorpark St. and Elmer St. I am writing to profess my profound disapproval with this proposed plan. Woodbridge park is a staple of this community. Unlike many parks in the city of LA, Woodbridge park is well-kept and constantly used by the residents of Studio City. It is a center piece, a gathering place for the families and children of this neighborhood. I live on the other corner of Moorpark St. and Elmer St. and fear for the safety of myself and my family should your proposed project be built. I am a pediatrician and must also voice a professional concern for the health of the residents around Woodbridge park, especially our most prized residents, our children. With asthma and immunocompromised states on the rise, and with studies linking pollutants and sewage to increased illness, disease, and immune system failures I must protest and recommend that you find another venue for your project, one that is not located as closely to a school, playground, and home with young families and developing children. Know that we will fight this proposal and that we will win!

I332-1

Thank you for your consideration,

Tyler Krohn

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Studio City, CA 91602

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

## **Letter I333. Signatory – Vicki and Jay Stern**

### Response to Comment I333-1

**From:** <Mad4cat@aol.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Wed, Feb 8, 2006 8:41 PM  
**Subject:** Woodbridge Park

This is to voice my very strong opposition to closing Woodbridge Park for a tunnel shaft project. There are very few safe, open spaces for our children to enjoy in this city and Woodbridge Park is exactly that. It is a cherished family oriented neighborhood that the tunneling project would virtually destroy.

I333-1

In addition, the park is directly next door to the Oakwood Elementary School and the noise and the admittedly above- accepted-levels-of pollution would be detrimental to all children at the school and to all who live in that neighborhood. Also, how is that the City spends several thousand dollars (or is it several hundred thousand dollars?) on a beautification project for a park and then contemplates shutting that same park down for 4 years to drill and tunnel and ultimately ruin the park?

Please choose another location for the tunneling project. Woodbridge park is too valuable an asset to Studio City to destroy it.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Vicki & Jay Stern  
4018 Mary Ellen Avenue  
Studio City, CA. 91604  
(Also an Oakwood School Family)

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

## Letter I334. Signatory – Victoria and Garrett Castillo

February 17, 2006

### Response to Comment I334-1

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

To Whom It May Concern:

I334-1

This letter is to voice my opposition to using Woodbridge Park in Studio City as the site for sewer tunneling. This is a residential neighborhood and this park is a much loved and much used area that has just undergone renovations with taxpayer money to the tune of \$200,000.00 dollars. The sewer tunneling would destroy those recent renovations. Furthermore, it would impact the neighborhood in a drastic and unfavorable way by having multiple trucks and large equipment for up to four years. There are many, many children in the area and this would not only eliminate their neighborhood park but also increase noise and air pollution and make safety an issue for many of the older children who walk themselves to the park.

Additionally, the Oakwood school which is attended by many neighborhood children as well uses the park daily for their outdoor recreation and classes. The noise would also make instruction inside the school more challenging. As a citizen, I oppose the use of a residential neighborhood for this tunneling especially since there is an alternate site, the Caltrans

I334-1

North Hollywood Maintenance Yard which will not affect the neighborhood nearly as drastically and will be much less damaging to the youngest residents of Studio City by leaving their play space and their living space in tact. Many neighbors are aware and opposed to this use of our park and this letter is a direct request to use the alternative site and leave Woodbridge Park for the use and enjoyment of the residents and school children.

Letter I334. Signatory – Victoria and Garrett Castillo

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Thank you!

*Victoria and S Castillo*

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## **Letter I335. Signatory – Vincent Grant and Judith Hoag**

### Response to Comment I335-1

**From:** Vincent Grant <funhouse4@sbcglobal.net>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Mon, Feb 13, 2006 10:55 AM  
**Subject:** Save Woodbridge Park

To Whom it may concern,

I335-1  
It has come to the attention of my neighbors and me that a multi-year project that would undo the recent upgrades at Woodbridge [park is in the planning stages. For those of us on Bakman Ave. and others near by let me say that we strongly object to the plan, particularly when an alternative location is available just blocks away under the 101 Frwy. Our children still use the park as do hundreds (if not thousands) each week. This a clear quality of life issue and I hope the City Of L.A. will do the right thing and SAVE WOODBRIDGE PARK!! Thank you for your consideration.

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818-760-8413  
Studio City Residents Asso.

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

## Letter I336. Signatory – Virginia Saliba

### Response to Comment I336-1

**From:** <Gr8explr@aol.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Sun, Feb 26, 2006 6:07 PM  
**Subject:** GBIS

February 26, 2006

Integrated Resources Plan (IRP)  
Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Comments Regarding the GBIS

From: Virginia Saliba (Burbank Rancho Homeowner)  
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E-mail address: Gr8explr@aol.com  
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RE: The GBIS

I am a resident of Burbank and have lived in the Rancho area for twenty-two years. Our home is parallel to and between Riverside Drive and Alameda. Our nearest cross street is Reese Place.

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The Northern alignment would severely impact a residential area, one of a very few that allows and coexists with horses. The LA Equestrian Center and many businesses associated with horses are in our neighborhood. The planned air treatment facility would go into an area (Pollywog) used for working horses as well as a place where neighborhood children play, dogs are walked, joggers run— in essence a rural park that the residents maintain.

This area already has so much pollution because of the LA River and the 134 freeway. The river gives off pollutants from the run-off water, which has also worked its way into the sandy soil, and the freeway puts out air and noise pollution and vibration. The area between Riverside Drive and the LA River, the area of the planned sewer and air treatment facility, is known for a high incidence of many forms of cancer.

The GBIS will only increase these problems.

Your equipment and tunneling will bring in more diesel pollution, dust from the movement of dirt, health problems from the contaminants in the dirt that will be released into the air for all to breath, vibration, increased traffic and accidents.

The vibration from the tunneling for the pipes and shafts will terrify the animals and, considering you are working so close to houses and in many cases right under them, it won't do much for the emotional and physical health of the people. If you have ever lived or worked on a street on which jackhammers were being used, maybe you can remember the feeling. Surely tunneling, heavy

Comment noted. Refer to the responses to the City of Burbank's comment letters (AJ1, AJ13, AJ22, AJ30, AJ31, AJ32, and AJ36) for additional information and discussion. As detailed in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the City has combined the two GBIS alignments to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), has selected this alignment as preferred, and is recommending it for approval.

equipment and big trucks would be much worse. Structural damages to our homes are also a major concern.

We barely have room for all of the car traffic on Riverside Drive. This plan will add a dangerous flow of trucks to our winding, single lane street. Riverside is also used for ambulance transportation to St Joseph's Hospital just a few blocks up.

Just as the Northern alignment is bad for Burbank Rancho, I also learned that portions of the Southern alignment will negatively affect people in Toluca Lake. From your maps the Lake appears to be very close to the proposed digging.

This too is a very dense, residential area. Their soil is also sandy and has years of pollution from the river and 134 freeway.

I am not only concerned about the months or years of construction but also about the final structures left behind-- the air treatment facility and proposed air shafts. I mentioned concerns about the air treatment facility earlier. At one of the two public meetings I attended, I asked about the airshafts and was told that none are currently in operation, that the technology is new and the first will be built, I believe, in East Los Angeles. I was assured that these new airshafts do not give off foul odors. Until one is actually in operation, how can you be sure that odors will not be a problem, especially during summer temperatures? The river already gives off odors. In the public meeting packets you provided a handout "Report Sewer Odors" "311". Is this preparing us for the future?

Given all the pollution problems currently involved (even before this project starts), the tremendous negative impact on the neighborhood and businesses, and including what the EIR identifies as "Significant" impacts, I am requesting that an alternative to these two routes be found.

Consider the open space on the other side of the LA River, which is not densely populated, and in some cases working along side the LA River. These methods have to be cheaper than digging under people's homes and businesses. Someone mentioned installing the sewer lines under the LA River. An official said the access for repairs would make that difficult. Wouldn't working closer to the river, on property the city already owns and has access, be simpler and cheaper? Won't it be harder to get under peoples homes for repairs?

I believe the purpose of the IRP is to improve our use of wastewater, increasing recycling capabilities, by considering all the components involved in planning and water treatment. Can this be done without hurting the very people that use the lines? I respectfully request your review of the GBIS alignments.

I336-1

Virginia Saliba

cc: Rodney Andersen, Principal Civil Engineer, City of Burbank

## Letter I337. Signatory – Wendi Farricielli

### Response to Comment I337-1

**From:** <Wendibright@aol.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Fri, Feb 24, 2006 12:37 PM  
**Subject:** Woodbridge Park

I337-1

My name is Wendi Farricielli and I am a mother of a two and a half year old. We live in Sherman Oaks, but drive a ways to go to Woodbridge Park in Studio City. It is such a fabulous park and so many of my friends choose that park over many others. It would be such a disappointment to lose that park and it would really upset all the children who love it.

Thanks so much.

Wendi Farricielli  
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Sherman Oaks, CA 91423  
818-981-7447

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

## **Letter I338. Signatory – William Dunlap**

**From:** Bill Dunlap <w-dunlap@sbcglobal.net>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Fri, Feb 24, 2006 1:37 PM  
**Subject:** Objection DIER

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Los Angeles, CA 90010

by and for Plaintiffs.  
cc/Burbank HA

Response to Comment I338-1

Although the Draft EIR analysis found that there would be potential impacts after mitigation, as set forth in Section 15003(f) of the CEQA Guidelines, the decisionmakers will consider protection to the environment within the reasonable scope of the statutory language. If after considering this Final EIR, the decisionmakers find that the benefits of the project outweigh the unavoidable adverse environmental effects, a Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations will be required.

Response to Comment I338-2

Refer to response to comments AJ1-2 for further discussion of the potential risks from PCE and TCE.

Response to Comment I338-3

The commenter makes an assumption that air conditioning condenser water is associated with heavy metals. This is not necessarily the case. Refer to the test results provided by the City of Burbank (comment AJ22). As a note, the staff recommended GBIS Alignment would not use the Pollywog site (a.k.a. Valley Heart Shaft Site) as a construction site or location for an ATF. Air quality calculations can be found in Section 3.4 of the Draft EIR. Section 3.4 of the Draft EIR also detailed the potential air quality, odor and air toxics impacts from the construction and operation of the project-level components and Project Alternatives. Refer to response to comments AJ1-5 through AJ1-7 for additional discussion of air quality associated with the ATFs.

Response to Comment I338-4

Regarding the commenters reference to a cancer cluster, no evidence has been provided that would indicate the existence of such a cluster or any connection with a source in the Rancho Burbank/Pollywog area. Refer to response to comment AJ1-4 regarding the potential for environmental effects (such as from contaminated soil) of the proposed shaft site and ATF at Valley

Mr. Jawahar P. Shah  
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Re: Draft EIR IRP SCH No. 2004071091  
Our Client: Burbank Rancho Homeowners Association

Feb. 23, 2006

Dear Sir:

This letter is being sent to you on behalf of our client[s], pursuant to the guidelines delineated by the CEQA authority and per the directives as defined in Title 14. We respectfully submit the enclosed brief statement of environmental objection to the planned/alternative construction path in the above referenced project. This construction design at issue here is currently described as "GBIS North Alignment". In our opinion, 'the environmental effects of a [this] project will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly' [PRC § 21083 (a) (3)]. We strongly object to any further consideration of this alignment under any mitigation scenario.

Our group, EWW, have reviewed comprehensive mapping showing the current TCE/PCE pools of VOC contamination in and near the Burbank area. Further, we have been briefed on the various current objections lodged by the City of Burbank by letter communication of Feb 03, 2006 relative to volatilizing this localized existing VOC tainted water [the position is supported by the current dangers to the ambient air identified in Mates II]. We, on strictly an environmental air exposure concentration issue, see no differences in either the North or South alignment based on this assertion.

Our concern is founded upon the air conditioning condenser water, and other chemicals disposed onto and into the "Pollywog site" [Valley Heart/Reese/Parish/Riverside Dr. vacant land]. These releases of various heavy metals and other toxicants, via water flows onto the subject property and the collection in the soils below this intended construction site of same, pose serious health risks. The PM 10 alone as an air component is a health danger during construction activities, but the existence on this site and in the soil of ANY contamination as a part of this particulate, is an unacceptable health danger in that they will be released into the ambient air via any mechanical disturbance.

Please be clear, there already exists, in our opinion, a cancer cluster in our clients neighborhood. The aforementioned soil contaminants are known carcinogens and reproductive toxicants. The absence of testing on this vacant land and the perception by our clients and others of a "too hasty" rush to build is alarming.

In the absence of any [IMMEDIATE] meaningful recognition by the City of Los Angeles, and/or its designated representative, of the enclosed health impacts (HAZ-2), we will seek remedy via the Courts.

Very Truly Yours,

*Original signed*  
William Dunlap

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Heart/Pollywog. Additionally, as described in Section 3.10 of the Draft EIR (page 3.10-11), an environmental hazards records search was performed. The search identified 44 of the 89 potential sources of contamination within the GBIS corridor have either soil or groundwater contamination. The Pollywog site was not one of the sites. In addition, detailed soil sampling of specific locations considered for the GBIS alignments will be performed once an alignment and specific aboveground construction locations are approved by the decisionmakers. Comment noted.

Response to Comment I338-5

Comment noted. As detailed in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the City has combined the two GBIS alignments to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), has selected this alignment as preferred, and is recommending it for approval.