

HURRICANE PUMPS

Our MDR Community in Action

VNC Board: Sept. 17, 2024

What is VPP/VAPP?

▶ **VPP – Venice Pumping Plant**

- ▶ Gravity brings sewage to Hurricane St
- ▶ VPP pumps sewage to Dockweiler
- ▶ Built in 1957
- ▶ Five aging pumps
- ▶ **LA nerve center**

▶ **Phase One: Dual Force Main Project**

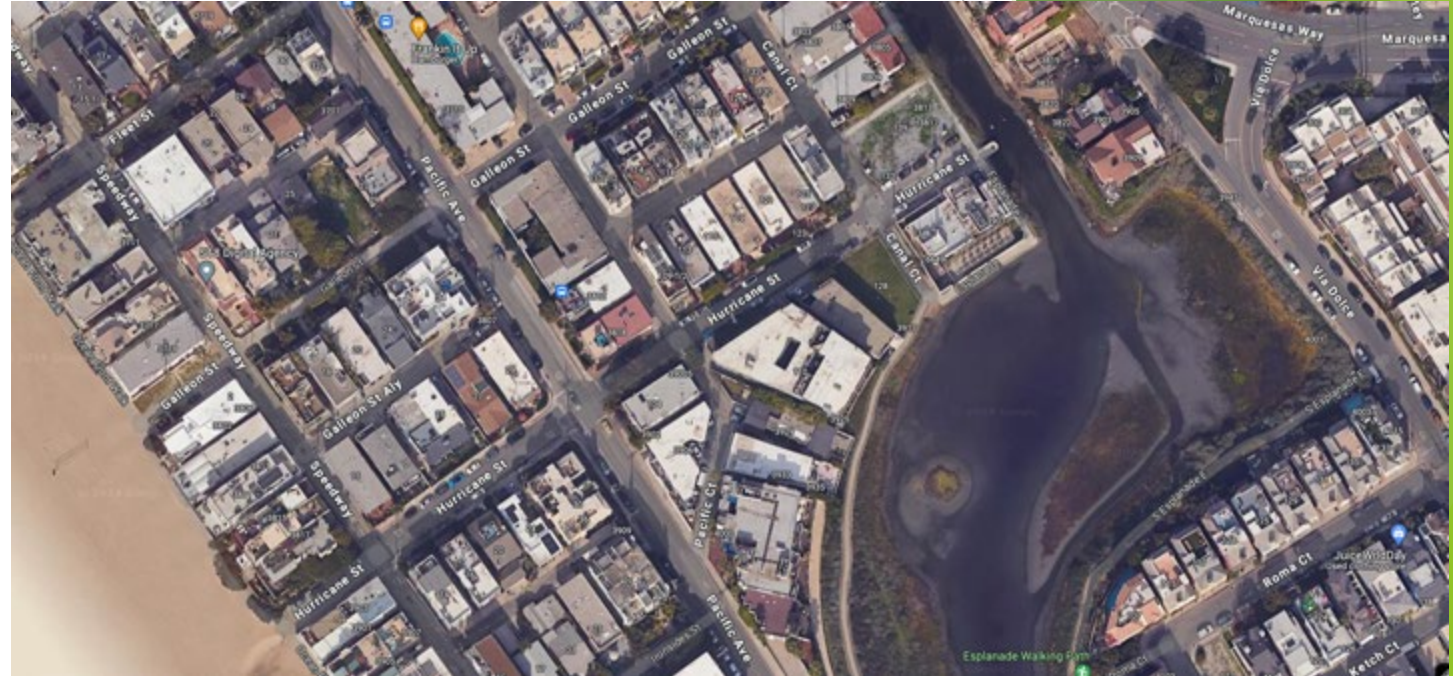
- ▶ New 54” pipe under Hurricane St.
- ▶ 2017-2023
- ▶ **Misery for residents**

▶ **Phase Two: VAPP – Venice Auxiliary Pumping Plant**

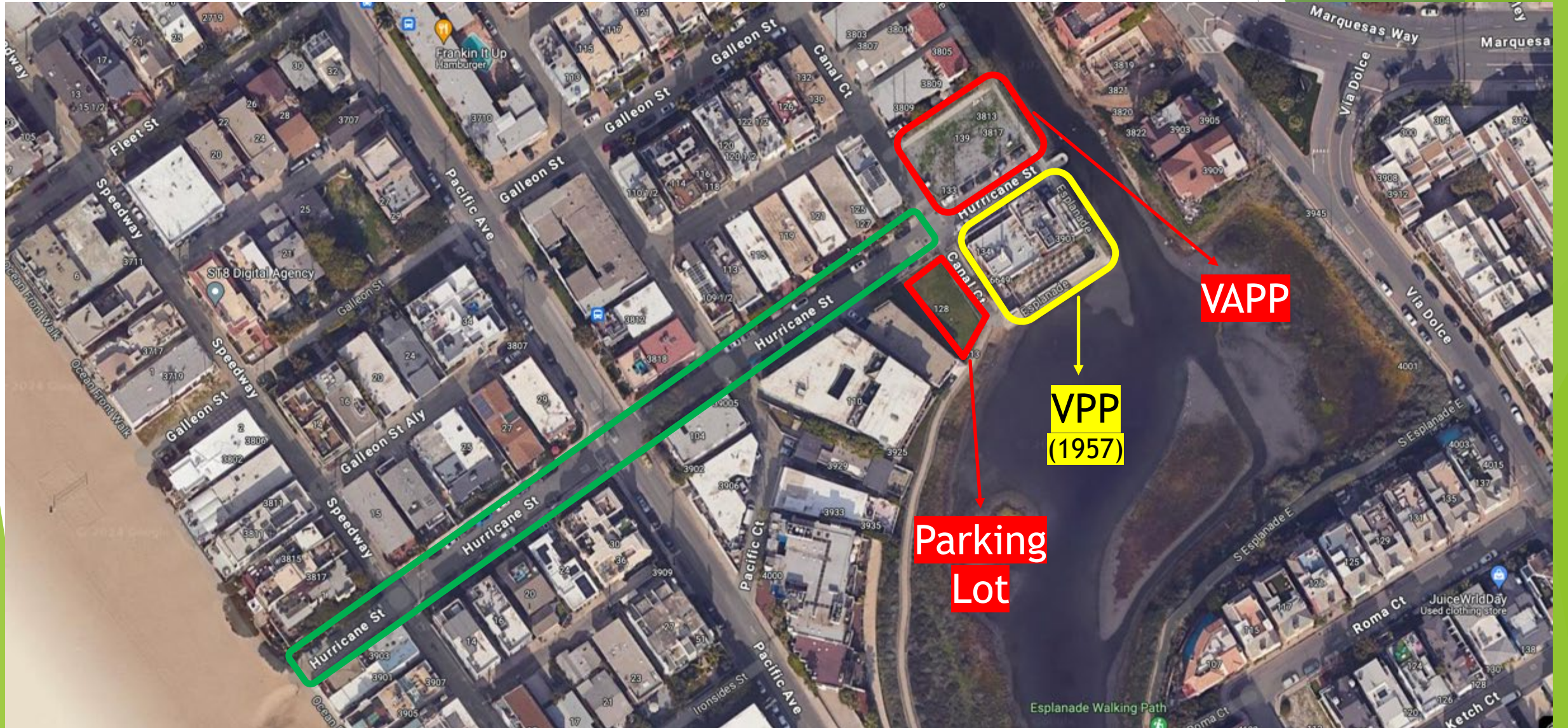
- ▶ New & improved replacement for VPP
- ▶ Tangentially presented to the community during Phase One meetings (2015)
- ▶ Public meeting in 2017 – “no changes since 2017” **Not true**
- ▶ VPP becomes redundant backup



MDR - 1960 vs 2024



MDR -2024



VNC Motion Timing - Why Now?

- ▶ Community fighting for fairness since 2017
- ▶ City approved
- ▶ Now at Coastal Commission
- ▶ Public Works arrogance
 - ▶ Required zoning changes from residential to public facilities
 - ▶ + General Plan amendment
 - ▶ City tried self-waiver
 - ▶ Coastal Commission said "NO"



What Are The Primary Issues? (VNC motion)

- ▶ Non-conformance to Venice LUP (4 issues)
- ▶ Does not meet public benefit standards
- ▶ EIR does not adhere to court-mandated ESHA protections
- ▶ **Violates LA CEQA noise threshold guidelines**
- ▶ Inadequate emergency access
- ▶ **Six-day vs five-day construction**
- ▶ **Lack of daytime parking for residents (25 cars)**
- ▶ **No real property protection from construction impact**
- ▶ Unnecessary public parking lot @ 128 Hurricane
 - ▶ **Acquired by eminent domain - \$2.5M**
- ▶ Inconsistent design with neighborhood properties
- ▶ Deficient maintenance plan (VPP & VAPP)

ESHA - Grand Canal



ESHA - Ballona Lagoon

Additional Impact - 3809 Esplanade/Gran Corso

- ▶ Initial design – 10' buffer
 - ▶ Required per public benefit standards
- ▶ Later, city owned the buffer
 - ▶ Modified design – no buffer
- ▶ Former residents tried to dialogue with LAPW (2019-21)
- ▶ Appeal filed (2022)
- ▶ Feb 2024 property purchased by current owner with inaccurate knowledge of safety/health risks VAPP construction posed.



Revised property line - no buffer

Initial property line – 10' buffer



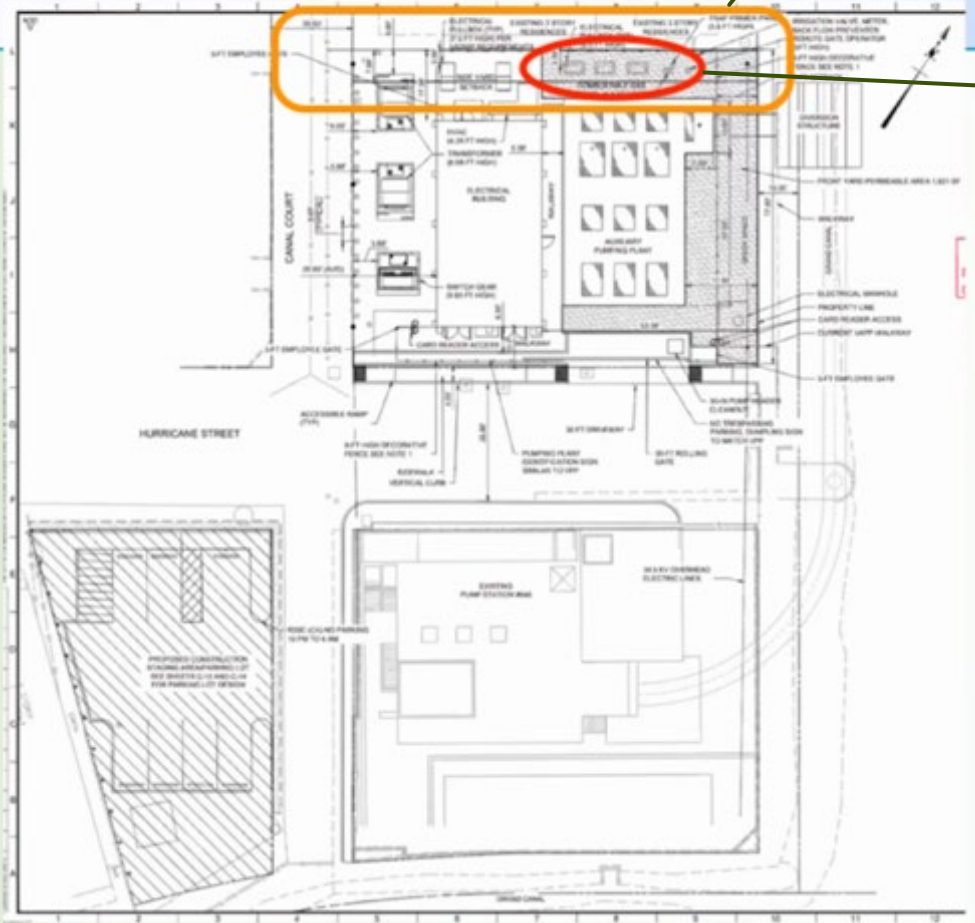
3809 Gran Corso Parking/Egress Area

- ▶ June 2024 Car window shattered by Public Works workers during VAPP site lot clean up.
- ▶ Claim filed with City of LA/no compensation of damage issued to date.
- ▶ How will potential VAPP construction damages be addressed? The same?

No Buffer To Adjacent Residence

Zero property line to residence

Project Site Map



Electrical Equipment

EIR: Environmental Impact

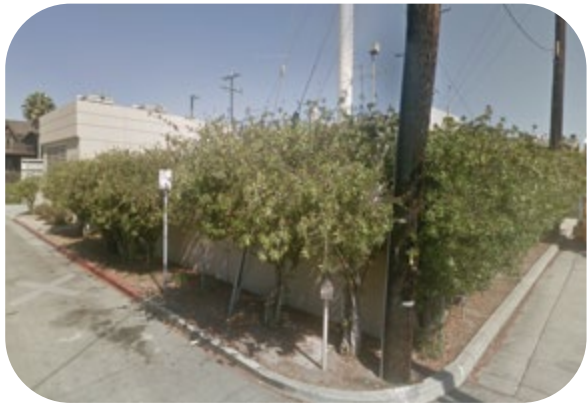
- ▶ Grand Canal & Ballona Lagoon - U.S. Essential Fisheries Habitat Area
- ▶ Loss of *special status species or habitat*
- ▶ Loss or reduction of a *locally designated natural habitat or plant community*
- ▶ *“Alteration of an existing wetland habitat”*
- ▶ *“Significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous chemicals into the environment”*
- ▶ A court judgement has ruled the ESHA in the Grand Canal Lagoon must be protected –no heavy machines allowed in a previously considered “restoration.”

Construction Noise

- ▶ EIR: *“Cumulative noise and vibration impacts during construction would also be significant and unavoidable.”*
- ▶ EIR: *“Exceeds any of the construction noise criteria provided by the L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide.”*
 - ▶ *“Ambient noise levels at Receptor 2 by more than 5 dB CNEL, a potentially significant impact”*
- ▶ Impact to Residents
 - ▶ Work from home
 - ▶ Quality-of-life
 - ▶ Mental/physical issues
- ▶ This project will impact residents of the Silver Strand as well.

VPP Maintenance Report Card

How can Public Works be trusted to maintain the VAPP based on their track record?



2012



2024



2024

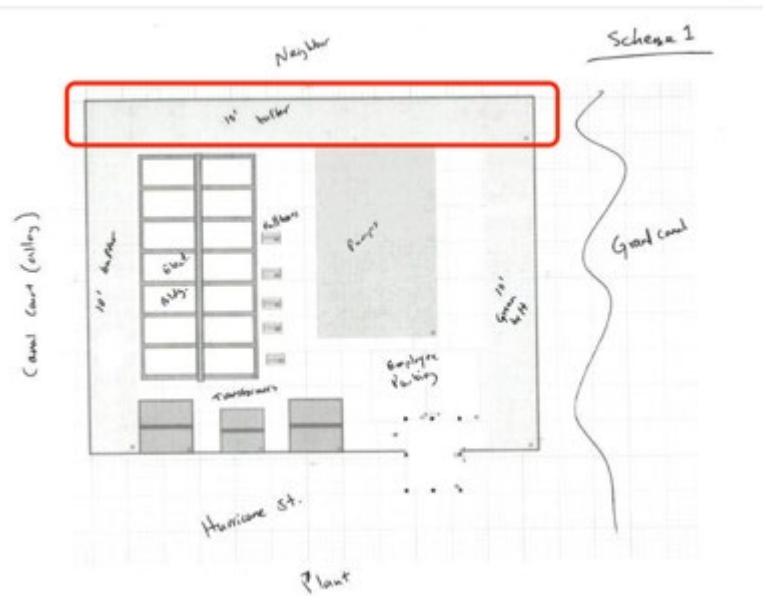
Proposed Solutions

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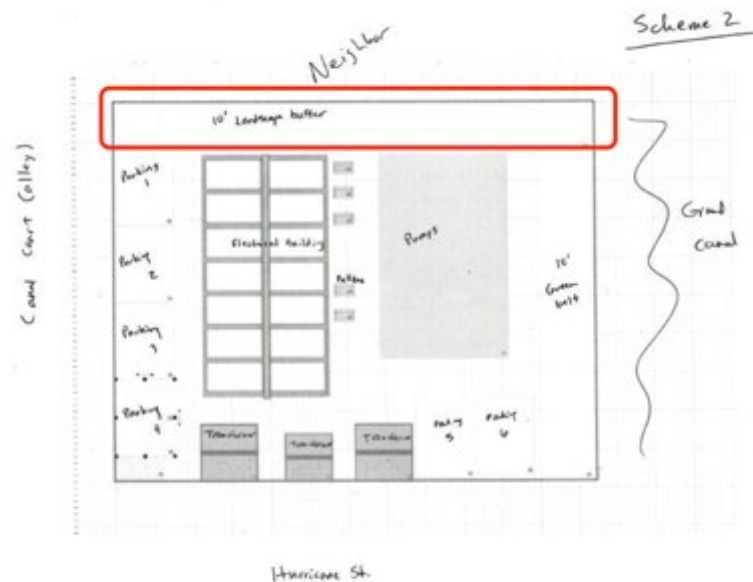
Required: 10' Buffer

- 10' buffer REQUIRED per public benefit standards
 - Compliance does not meet the purpose of the performance standards as required by LAMC 14.00.A.6 and 14.00.B.5.
 - The cited performance standards apply to projects on a major or secondary highway, not a residential street

Scenario - Rejected



Scenario 2 - Rejected



Proposed: Neighborhood Impact

- ▶ **Five-day/week construction**
 - ▶ No Saturday work except for emergency with prior approval + notice
 - ▶ Note: a city report produced 7 months after the EIR proposed five-day construction. This is not the current plan.
- ▶ **More limited hours for loud noise work**
 - ▶ Note: the same city report proposed 9a-3p for heavy equipment. This is also not in the current plan.
- ▶ **Effective property protection from dirt, dust, damage**
- ▶ **Parking alternative for residents without garages**
- ▶ **Off-site workspace**
- ▶ **3rd party approved emergency access plan**
- ▶ **Meaningful project design input.**

The VAPP Project - Summary

The community acknowledges the VAPP is a necessary infrastructure project.

We continue to seek a meaningful, results-oriented dialogue with Public Works to identify reasonable solutions to these issues.

This motion supports these efforts.

Thank you

The Marina Peninsula community, especially the residents of Hurricane St and adjacent blocks, thanks you for your thoughtful consideration of these important issues.

“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”

– Benjamin Franklin