

8 PUBLIC AND AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

8.1 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The City of Encinitas (City) initiated a public involvement program for the Beacon's Beach Access Project (project) through the City's Citizen Participation Program, as required by Municipal Code Chapter 23.06. The City prepared a Citizen Participation Plan in May 2003. A series of meetings were held in the spring and early summer of 2003 with public agencies, organizations, and homeowners, as summarized in Table 8-1. A Final Citizen Participation Plan Report was prepared in July 2003. The comments, suggestions, and concerns expressed in the meetings were considered and evaluated by the City, which lead to the development of the project and alternatives analyzed in this Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Table 8.1-1: Citizen Participation Program Meetings

Organization	Meeting Date
California Coastal Commission	May 2003
California Department of Parks and Recreation	May 2003
Homeowners	June 2003
Surfrider Association and Swami's Surfing Association	June 2003
Public Workshop	June 2003

8.2 SCOPING PROCESS

A Notice of Preparation was prepared and distributed for public review on April 8, 2004 (see Appendix C). A total of six letters were received during the 30-day public review period (see Appendix C). Three letters were received from the following agencies:

- California Department of Conservation, Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources
- California Department of Parks and Recreation
- California Native American Heritage Commission

Three letters were received from private citizens:

- John G. Wigmore
- William Sean Bohan
- Stephen I. Ostrow

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15082 (c)(1), a public scoping meeting was held at the City on June 14 to solicit input for development of the EIR. Following a presentation describing the project and alternatives, four speakers presented comments on the project. These comments included concern over the reduction in parking

spaces, traffic flow, attraction of additional beach users, seawall tie-in location in relation to adjacent properties, trespassing on adjacent properties, and lifeguard tower placement.

The City evaluated the comments received regarding the Notice of Preparation and during the public scoping meeting. The comments germane to the scope of the EIR and project have been considered and incorporated into the preparation of this EIR.

8.3 AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

As a Trustee Agency and landowner, the California Department of Parks and Recreation has been consulted and briefed on the project throughout the public involvement process. Input from the California Department of Parks and Recreation on project design led to the formulation of the project and alternatives. The California Coastal Commission has also been consulted. These agencies will provide review and comment during the Draft EIR review period, and their comments will be addressed during preparation of the Final EIR.