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LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012 1 2 (6:07 p.m.)3 ~000~ 4 5 MR. SRAMEK: I'd like to welcome everybody here tonight to the West Side, Silverado Park, for the JPA for ICTF on Tuesday night, November 13th, 2012. I'd like to 7 do a roll call please, madam Secretary. 8 MADAM SECRETARY: Board Member Lytel. 10 MR. LYTLE: Here. 11 MADAM SECRETARY: Board Member Sramek? 12 MR. SRAMEK: Here. 13 MADAM SECRETARY: Board Member Knatz? 14 MS. KNATZ: Here. MADAM SECRETARY: Board Member Miscikowski? 15 16 MR. SRAMEK: Thank you, Madam Secretary. Just to 17 let you know, Susan Miscikowski took ill, so she won't be 18 here tonight. 19 I'd like to make an opening statement. Persons 20 in the audience may address this Board in connection with 21 any agenda item or during the public-comment period. 22 provided by the Brown Act, the Board has limited each 23 individual speaking time to three minutes. 24 desiring to speak during the public-comment period is 25 requested to complete a speaker card and submit it to the

1 | secretary prior to the start of the meeting. Okay?

So right now we'd like to do comments from the public on non-agenda items. Is there anybody who would like to make any comments on non-agenda items? Yes.

Mr. Cross, please give your full name.

MR. CROSS: My name is John Cross. I've got a quick question. I know you guys are joint powers,

Port of LA, Port of Long Beach. There's a rail line that runs behind my neighborhood, and the project that's being built -- being proposed by the BNFS rail yard is going to take out a rail bridge there, and that train runs behind my neighborhood and schools.

Now, since both of you jointly own that rail yard or rail line back there, how much information does the Port of Long Beach have on that rail yard or rail line back there behind Stevens and residential areas?

Does the Port of Long Beach have any information on that, Port of LA, because BNSF is supposed to be taking out the bridge over there?

MR. SRAMEK: Maybe Chris can answer that. That's not part of the agenda tonight.

MR. CROSS: You said, "non-agenda item."

MR. SRAMEK: Yeah. No, no, I don't know what we can answer on that.

MR. LYTLE: No, I don't have any information on

1 | that. We can get the information.

MR. SRAMEK: Chris, do you want to make comments?

MR. CANNON: Okay. John, I just want to make sure I understand your question. Are you referring to the bridge that crosses Willow, slash, Sepulveda right there?

MR. CROSE: Yes.

MR. CANNON: Okay. So that is a bridge that would be affected by the SCIG Project. They're going to have to remove the bridge and replace it with a widened bridge that's in the Environmental document. So are you referring to the fact that it is a historic bridge, is that my question?

MR. CROSS: (Inaudible) -- ask the

Port of Long Beach about that, since you jointly own that
bridge.

MR. CROSS: I can't -- it's in the document.

MS. CROSE: May I interrupt? Just so everybody in the audience is clear, this is a ICTF, JPA Board meeting. and I am aware there is another railroad project by the other railroad, BNSF. But that is not the subject of tonight's hearing. So if you have any questions about the BNSF project, that is a Port of Los Angeles and you could, you know, direct the question to the Port of Los Angeles, but not here.

MR. CROSS: But the Port of Los Angeles,

Port of Long Beach jointly own it.

MS. CROSE: I know, but this is not -- the subject matter here is ICTF, and the ICTF Project will be discussed later on tonight, but not the BNSF Project.

MR. CROSS: Okay. He said, "non-agenda items."

MR. SRAMEK: What I might suggest to you is that if you're really interested in that, you might want to come down to a Port of Long Beach Board of Harbor Commission meeting and ask it there, and we can either then address it there, what we know, if that's what you're asking, or we can see what kind of information we can get you, can or can't get you. Okay? Next.

MR. LOGAN: Hello, members of the Board. My name is Angelo Logan with East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice, and I wanted to raise an item for potentially a future agenda or for consideration in studying the expansion of the ICTF.

There has been some information that has been published regarding the Santa Teresa Yard, BP Yard, in New Mexico. And the way that it's been shared in newspaper articles and so forth is to allow for the capacity needs and expansion through the Ports of LA and Long Beach (inaudible) system in general. So I think that it's important to include a system-wide analysis of capacity needs within the goods-movement system, not just

in isolation, not just within ICTF, not just within the port complex, but looking at the system in whole.

So I would like to raise that project as potential area to analyze as meeting the needs for ICTF expansion. Thank you.

MR. SRAMEK: Okay. Thank you. Do you want to say anything? Do you want to address this in any way right now?

MR. THIESSEN: Chairman Sramek, there has been discussion about the Santa Teresa Railroad Facility in New Mexico. I think that's relevant to Item Number 11 on the agenda, and staff is going to be given a report on the preparation of the Environmental Document. And when we get to that on the agenda, I think it would be appropriate to have some discussion.

MR. SRAMEK: Thank you, Mr. Thiessen. Anybody else wish to make any comments on non-agenda items? Okay. We'll go to the approval of minutes. Everybody read the minutes?

MS. CROSE: I'll move it.

MR. LYTLE: Second.

MR. SRAMEK: Okay. We have a motion and a second. Anybody else wish to comment? Okay. Seeing none, we have a motion and a second. All in favor of the motion the say, "I."

- 1 MS. KNATZ: I.
- 2 MR. LYTLE: I.
- 3 MR. SRAMEK: I. Okay. Motion passes unanimously.
- 4 MS. KNATZ: Mr. Chairman, I notice it's, like, a
- 5 | verbatim transcript. It's got every "yeah" and "um" in
- 6 | it, and I'm just -- is that -- it seemed like a different
- 7 format. Is that how we always work?
- 8 MR. SRAMEK: Yeah. It surprised me.
- MS. KNATZ: Okay.
- 10 MR. SRAMEK: We're not going to do that every time,
- 11 | are we?
- 12 MS. KNATZ: It seems like a lot of unnecessary
- 13 work.
- MR. THIESSEN: Members of the Board, in the past we
- 15 | have provided a legal transcript of the proceedings here
- 16 tonight. We have received numerous comments from members
- 17 of the community, and in order to capture their comments,
- 18 | we provided that sort of service. We will not do that
- 19 | every week, and I do agree it is a little wordy, and we
- 20 | will annotate those in the future.
- 21 MR. SRAMEK: Okay. Thank you. Thanks for bringing
- 22 | that up.
- Okay. Item D is Election of Officers for 2012,
- 24 | 2013. Can I have the nominations?
- 25 MR. LYTLE: I would nominate Cindy Miscikowski for

- 1 | President, Chairman.
- 2 MS. KNATZ: And I would nominate Nick Sramek for
- 3 | Vice Chair.
- 4 MR. LYTLE: Okay. Second the motion. Can we do
- 5 | that all in one motion?
- 6 MR. SRAMEK: Okay. We have a motion and a second.
- 7 | Anybody in the audience want to make any comments on
- 8 that? Seeing none, we have a motion and a second. All
- 9 in favor of the motion say, "I."
- 10 MR. LYTLE: I.
- 11 MR. SRAMEK: Motion passes unanimously. Thank you.
- 12 Okay. Item E, Board Reports of Executive
- 13 Director.
- MR. THIESSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of
- 15 the Board, we have a number of items on the agenda
- 16 | tonight. The first item is a request to approve the
- 17 | acting General Counsel for the ICTF Joint Powers
- 18 | Authority.
- 19 You're probably aware that Mr. Thomas Russell
- 20 | has retired from his position at the Port of Los Angeles
- 21 | as General Counsel. Joy Crose is Acting
- 22 | Assistant General Counsel -- I'm sorry -- for the
- 23 | City of Los Angeles Harbor Division, and is serving as
- 24 Acting General Counsel now for the Port of Los Angeles.
- 25 Ms. Crose is here with us today.

Just as a way of background, Ms. Crose has worked on JPA legal matters for numerous years. She has done a very thorough job for the JPA. She is familiar with all aspects of the current Joint Powers Authority, the existing contracts, the JPA bylaws, and our ongoing EIR preparation. We're recommending that the Board appoint Ms. Crose as Acting General Counsel, and, also, the Board find that this activity is administrative and will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment, as such, is not a project as defined by CEOA Guideline Sections 15378.

MR. SRAMEK: Thank you.

First of all, I'd like to, just for the record, thank Tom Russell for years that he put in as our General Counsel here. So I really appreciate what he's done. I don't know if anyone sees him. I'd like to tell him that we appreciate (inaudible.)

MR. THIESSEN: If it pleases the Board, we could write Mr. Russell a thank-you letter for his service.

MR. SRAMEK: Yes. Thank you. Okay. Can I have a motion on appointing Ms. Crose?

MS. KNATZ: I'll move.

MR. LYTLE: Second.

MR. SRAMEK: Motion and a second. Comments from the public? Seeing none, I have a motion and a second. All

in favor of the motion say, "I."

2 MS. KNATZ: I.

3 MR. LYTLE: I.

MR. SRAMEK: I. Motion passes.

Okay. Mr. Thiessen, next, recommendation to move the meetings. Maybe you can explain a little bit about what this is about and why.

MR. THIESSEN: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The JPA bylaws dictate that the annual governing Board have a meeting on or about July 1st. It has been difficult to get a quorum during the summer months for all four JPA Board members. It has -- for whatever reason, one person would be traveling, another person on vacation. Furthermore, it is a little early in the season when we start receiving the financial reports from our auditors. So it has been the custom in the last few years to hold JPA meetings later in the summer, sometimes as late as September or October.

Consequently, it is the recommendation of the JPA staff that we change the bylaws accordingly to modify them and move the date of the annual governing board meeting to October instead of on or about July 1st. An amendment to the bylaws would be then prepared and provided for the JPA's consideration at a future meeting. This item is a recommendation to do that. We don't have

the bylaw minimum available tonight to vote on, but I wanted to put this before the JPA Board for their consideration and approval.

MR. SRAMEK: Okay. Did you want to also talk about the finances and when we get --

MR. THIESSEN: Yes. Thank you. As you know, there is, in the agenda tonight, subsequent items, requests for approvals for various financial documents including a proposed budget for subsequent years spending. The auditors of the Joint Powers Authority in recent years have been completing those activities sometimes in late July and sometimes into August, and even into September when there's documents that have been difficult to finalize and complete. Not have those documents completed in time for a meeting in July would be -- would cause a need to shift meeting a few months later.

So consequently, it would be, I think, better for the JPA to formally reset the board meetings in October, at least one meeting a year, and that would give the staff and the auditors ample time to get the financial documents together, review them, and schedule a meeting with the JPA Board that accommodates everybody's schedule.

MR. SRAMEK: All right. Thank you, Mr. Thiessen.

Okay. If that's okay with the Board, can I

have a motion to amend the bylaws, please? 1 2 MR. LYTLE: So moved. 3 MS. KNATZ: Second. MR. SRAMEK: Okay. I have a motion and a second. 4 Anybody in the public wish to address that item? Okay. 5 6 Seeing none, we have a motion and a second. All in favor 7 of the motion say, "I." MR. SRAMEK: I. 8 MR. LYTLE: I. 10 MR. SRAMEK: Opposed? Okay. Motion passes 11 unanimously. Thank you. Now the financial audit. 12 Okay. 13 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. MR. THIESSEN: Yes. 14 The financial audit for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2011, is completed. The audit determined that 15 16 the fiscal year documents the financial positions, the change in the financial position, and then cash flows are 17 presented fairly and accurately. The operating revenues 18 19 for the fiscal year increased 4.8 percent to \$3,999,544. 20 The volume of the containers moved through that 21 fiscal year ending June 30th was up slightly, 4 percent, 22 to 416, just a little under 417,000 containers moved. 23 It's recommended the governing board receive and file the 24 Financial Audit Report for the fiscal year ending

June 30th, 2011.

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     audit. KPMG has been doing the audit for the JPA for
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     many years now. They also provide audit services to the
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          City of Long Beach, and they have been reviewing the
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     Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Sam Joumblot, available.
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MR. THIESSEN: Yes.

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Thank you, Chairman Sramek.

The Net Facility Revenue report and AUP is attached for your review and approval, and this is ending period November 1st, 2011. It's a little bit different than the Fiscal Year Report. This is an Annual Revenue report. The KPMG, again, has reviewed the ICTF's net revenue during the year, and this is a slightly different calendar year.

There were 409,448 gross container moves, generating gross revenues of \$12,283,440. This is a slight decrease, 1.2 percent from 2010, over this specific reporting period. The gate fees collected by the ICTF less the allowable deductions result in a net facility revenue of just under \$8 million, \$7,950,476. As prescribed in the JPA governing documents, these revenues are to be equally shared by both Joint Powers Authority and the Union Pacific Railroad. On November 1st, accordingly, Union Pacific transferred 50 percent of that amount, or \$3,975,238, to the ICTF investment accounting, representing that 50-percent share.

The final draft of the Net Facility Revenue report is attached. The auditors and the JPA staff are in full agreement of all issues. We're recommending the governing board receive and file the Net Facility Revenue report for the year ending November 1st, 2011.

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          MR. THIESSEN: Thank you, Chairperson Sramek.
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               We're recommending that the ICTF JPA governing
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     board approve and execute an amendment to the
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     increasing the maximum reimbursable amount from
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associated staff costs associated with that effort up to amount of \$4 million. The expenses are now estimated to cost almost \$5 million dollars. Additional \$989,000 is being estimated to complete the environmental work and the legal work due to delays, and additional efforts were unanticipated when this original Reimbursable Work Order

Accordingly, we're recommending the Board approve and direct the Executive Director to execute an amendment with that Reimbursable Work Order, increasing the amount, not to exceed the amount of \$5 million. This is anticipating to handle all costs associated with the preparation of the draft and the Final Environmental Document.

MR. SRAMEK: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Thiessen.

Okay. Questions? It's too easy on him. Okay.

Can I have a motion?

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MR. LYTLE: So moved.

MS. KNATZ: Second.

20 MR. SRAMEK: Okay. I have a motion and second.

Anybody in the public wish to make any comments on this

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include costs for accounting fees and that sort of thing.

1 | They're outlined in the proposed 2012-2013 budget. The

2 other large expenditure that is kind of a place holder

3 | that we've kept from previous years is this estimated

4 | \$1.9 million for the widening of Sepulveda Boulevard

5 between Alameda street and the entrance to the ICTF.

6 The City of Carson, for numerous years, kept this project

7 on their books, but they have not completed the

8 environmental reviews, and, as such, we're holding this

\$1.9 million as just a place holder in case that were to

10 be requested by the City of Carson.

So, accordingly, if you sum those totals up, the estimated expenditures for 2012-2013 budget is the amount of \$3,717,990, recommending that the Joint Powers Authority Board approve this as the budget

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MR. SRAMEK: Thank you, Mr. Thiessen. I actually have a question on that. Does anybody have any conversations with the City of Carson about changes on Sepulveda and what they're going to do with this? We're holding it every year. I'm just curious if --

MR. THIESSEN: I have not talked to them lately. We could do that and get back to the Board. Again, this -- every year we kind of hold this over.

MS. KNATZ: Does it go on forever?

MR. SRAMEK: Yeah, that's the question.

- MR. THIESSEN: We're holding it as a place holder,
 in case the project comes back to life. It seems to be
 on the back burner with the City of Carson, and I could
 get back to the JPA Board with an update on that.
 - MR. SRAMEK: That would be nice to just see if we should hold it forever --
- MS. KNATZ: Yeah.

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- 8 MR. SRAMEK: -- what they're thinking.
- 9 MR. GONZALEZ: Excuse me. I'm with the City of 10 Carson. I'd like to make some comments.
- MR. SRAMEK: Would you like to make some comments?

 Sure. I'd love to know, if you have any idea. If we're holding the money for you --
 - MR. GONZALEZ: For the record, I'm Zack Gonzalez, an associate planner from the Planning Division.
 - I know that the Engineering Division sent a letter last year for the Board staff identifying what the status was. I would recommend that the Board staff reference that letter for the record.
- MR. SRAMEK: Okay. Thank you.
- 21 MR. THIESSEN: We'll have to find that letter.
- MR. SRAMEK: Good. At least -- it would be nice to at least have reference to letters and see what the status is.
- The other question I have is, since we're

- 1 hopefully nearing the end of the EIR preparation, are we
- 2 | planning any future meetings when the EIR comes out or
- 3 anything, and is it covered in the budget?
- 4 MR THIESSEN: There are funds in the budget to
- 5 conduct enough meeting as necessary, for example, if we
- 6 release a draft EIR and need to have a public meeting.
- 7 Those costs are in the contingency budget.
- 8 MR. SRAMEK: Okay. Thank you. Any other questions?
- 9 Okay. Can I have a motion?
- 10 MS. KNATZ: Move it.
- 11 MR. LYTLE: Motion second.
- 12 MR. SRAMEK: Okay. We have a motion and a second.
- 13 | Anybody in the public wish to make any comments on our
- 14 | budget? Seeing none, I have a motion and a second. All
- 15 | in favor of the motion say, "I."
- 16 MS. KNATZ: I.
- 17 MR. LYTLE: I.
- 18 MR. SRAMEK: I. Motion passes unanimously. Thank
- 19 you.
- In fact, I don't know if we'll refer back to a
- 21 | couple of these items, but especially the Reimbursable
- 22 Work Order, when we get to the later items about
- 23 environment and others, I guess, eight, nine, and ten.
- 24 | So maybe you can refer back a little bit to the
- 25 Reimbursable Work Order and what all is going on. I'm

1 | not asking for it now, but I just wanted to mention that,

2 | you know, it all has to do with EIR preparation and

3 | finalization of it.

Okay. Number seven, distribution of funds,

Mr. Thiessen.

MR. THIESSEN: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

As is the custom each year, the net revenue distribution from Union Pacific Railroad is received and goes into the cash balance for the

Joint Powers Authority. The estimated revenue and distribution of funds would leave an approximately \$1.9 million balance, which is expected to be sufficient, in addition to our proposed budget, to handle any additional costs. This would leave approximately \$4 million available for distribution to the two Ports to be split at a 50/50 percent, and that would leave a carry-over budget of \$2.6 million for fiscal 2012-2013.

Based on the expected expenditures and budget that was just previously approved, leaving this balance seemed appropriate, and, therefore, we are recommending that the governing boards authorize distributions of \$4 million to the joint ventures of Port of Los Angeles and the Port of Long Beach in the amount of \$2 million each.

MR. SRAMEK: Thank you, Mr. Thiessen. Questions?

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     tie the next three items together, and say who is doing
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     what and why we're doing it. I think that will help
     everyone in the audience understand.
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          MS. KNATZ: Mr. Chairman, you know, it seemed to me
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     that Item 11 ought to go first before eight, nine, and
     ten, because, I guess, I'd like to understand what the
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     status is of the EIR before we approve all these
     contracts, especially how it relates to the railroads'
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          MS. KNATZ: Does that make sense?
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MR. SRAMEK: Okay. Let's do that. We'll go to

MR. LYTLE: That's fine.

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Item 11. We'll take it out of order, Item Number 11. We'll go to Item Number 11.

MR. THIESSEN: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Item Number 11 is a Progress/Status Report on preparation of the Environmental Impact Report of the proposed modernization project.

Before I turn to staff and ask them to give the Board an update, I would like to let the folks in the audience know, we do have a Spanish-English language translator available if there are members of the audience who require those services. I would also ask those who would like to speak on Item 11, please fill out a comment card. We have them in the back of the room. I have received three of those, and, perhaps, that could be done now if there's anybody in the audience who hasn't filled them out while the staff prepares a report, and then we may get some requests for additional speakers beyond the three that I have.

With that, just a little update, staff has been working diligently with the Union Pacific Railroad and their legal counsel, our legal counsel, and outside counsel. We have engaged a number of consulting firms, specifically Environ and E2 Manage Tech to assist us in preparation fo the Environmental Impact Report. That's been a very long and challenging effort. There's been a

lot of information requested by staff to the
Union Pacific Railroad, and they've been forthcoming with
that, but it's a very complicated and challenging

Maybe I can turn the microphone at this time over to Mr. Rick Cameron from JPA staff to give us an update. We also have other members in the audience who, if the Board needs more information, can call on.

MR. CAMERON: Thank you, Doug, Mr. Chair, Board Members.

As you recall last, at the last JPA Board meeting, November 2011, there was a major transition that the Board considered, and that was, transitioning AQMD out of a consulting role and having Environ kind of take over the efforts that AQMD and the AQMD's consultants had been working on previously. Since that Board meeting and the Board's action of moving forward with Environ taking the lead as a consultant for preparation of the document, at that time there was a lot of analysis that was still uncompleted for several months thereafter and into 2012, working with Environ, and their subs, and the JPA team as a whole.

We are able to get to a point of almost completing that analysis. A couple of events happening though, and I think that kind of is where we were with

project.

1 | regard to some of the delays that I want to highlight.

2 As you also know, there was the release of another

3 | proposed railroad nearby, and JPA staff at that time had

an opportunity to review some of those comments that had

5 come out in that Draft Environmental Document. I think

6 there was some significant comments related to questions

7 | questions about baseline, for instance, some of the

8 updates to modeling, some other significant updates to

9 data sources to be considered.

Because we have committed, this Board has committed, and JPA staff is committed with the Port of Los Angeles to ensure continuity and consistency amongst those final analysis of the Draft Documents related to proposed projects, they are individualized. As you know, we took a lot of time to really think about those comments and what it means for the proposed project before us, the ICTF project and the Draft EIR that we are working on.

We, at that point, made some recommendations and consulted with the project Applicant, Union Pacific, at the time, that we actually do updates consistent with what the Port of Los Angeles was going to be doing with the draft Environmental Document for the SCIG Project.

And that took a little time to really get an understanding of what we're talking about, because they

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are two individual projects. There are differences. We needed to collect a (inaudible) with the Applicant to proceed with making a lot of changes.

What that meant was, we had to go back and tear apart the engine and start from scratch. That's what we've been doing really since early June, and part of that initial effort over the summer has been a working with UP on data collection. A lot of the updated information needed related to those changes, as well as confirming, ground truthing some of that information, and handing it over to Environ for them to get started on the re-analysis.

And that's really where we are today. We're in the process right now of updating the Draft Environmental Document with all those changes we've decided were important for a variety of reasons. I'll conclude right there. I'd be happy to answer any other questions.

Kind of moving foward, kind of in conclusion, the goal schedule that we have to date is that we're hoping to have a draft for public review in the spring.

We're hoping for late February, March time frame. That's what the current schedule looks like. With that being said, we still have to go through putting together an admin draft. We haven't completed those analyses, and so

I kind of set spring as a goal at this point, so.

MS. KNATZ: Do you have all the data from the railroad that you need to complete the EIR?

MR. CAMERON: I would say, we have about 95% of it at this point in time. But with that being said, we are also continuing to look at some of the date set before we go through the comprehensive modeling effort.

As you know, Board Member, doing these analysis with (inaudible) analysis, with the models, once you've pressed the green button, it takes a lot to go back and redo it. We really are in the process right now of, one, making sure we have the right information and waiting for some additional information to conclude that as well.

MS. KNATZ: And so I'm confused about how our schedule relates to this letter, and events overtaking us, and analysis being stale.

MR. CAMERON: We're still looking at the letter as well. And in terms of -- that relates back to some of the construction schedule. We just received it yesterday, as did the Board and JPA staff. We haven't had a chance for the JPA team to really sit down and understand what that really means in terms of changes, and whether that's going to be a significant delay or not.

MR. THIESSEN: I think you're -- Chairwoman Knatz, I

think you're referring to the letter we received from
Union Pacific Railroad yesterday, regarding the schedule
of the facility.

MS. KNATZ: Yes, right.

MR. THIESSEN: Yeah. Each of the Board Members should have a copy of that. There is a statement in there indicating that construction of the railroad could commence approximately 2017 -- I'm sorry, the expansion or modernization of the facility. The staff is still reviewing that and trying to understand what that means. We need to sit down with Union Pacific Railroad and understand that.

Like any project, if you receive approvals, there is still a number of years necessary to complete designs. It also includes negotiating a lease amendment. There's numerous things, entitlements, that need to occur. Sometimes they take years and years. So at this stage, it's a little unsure how that would impact the overall schedule. But, suffice to say, the team is prepared to move forward and finalize the Draft EIR and release it at this time.

MS. KNATZ: I didn't know what the current schedule is as a comparison, so.

MR. CAMERON: The current -- notwithstanding if we hadn't received this schedule, the current schedule is a

- 1 goal of releasable draft document, late February, early
- 2 | March time frame. That's the current schedule we have
- 3 today.
- 4 MS. KNATZ: Did we have a schedule that included
- 5 start of construction?
- 6 MR. CAMERON: Well, that's all built within the
- 7 overall project description that we've been using for our
- 8 | purposes of analysis to date.
- 9 MS. KNATZ: What was that date? I don't know what
- 10 | that date is.
- MR. CAMERON: I don't have it in front of me, but I
- 12 | believe it was 2014.
- 13 MS. KNATZ: Okay.
- MR. CAMERON: And, as you know, that is for the
- 15 | first step, first phase of them to proceed with any type
- 16 of construction.
- MS. KNATZ: Okay. Well, I'm pleased to know that I
- 18 | have 95% of the information. And the other percent is
- 19 | coming in, do we know when?
- 20 MR. CAMERON: We're continuing to work with UP on
- 21 | that information.
- MS. KNATZ: Okay. And do we know when it's coming
- 23 | in?
- MR. CAMERON: I can't answer that right now
- 25 | directly.

MS. KNATZ: Because I know that you guys can deliver EIRs. I've learned that the Applicant can control -- controls their destiny and the schedule. So I would just like to know when you're, you know -- you keep giving us a different schedule, and if we knew when you get all the information, then you'd be able to come up with a reasonable schedule.

MR. CAMERON: I completely understand what you're saying, and I think my summary tried to highlight the fact that at the last JPA Board meeting, we were hoping to release a draft document April or May time frame. I don't recall offhand if that's what that schedule was.

Obviously there's been a lot of significance changes. We had to go back and regroup on this, and including UP, the Applicant. They're very aware of that.

And it takes a lot of time to go back and collect data and make sure it's the type of data that we're looking for, ground truth it. We're taking that extra time moving foward to provide the schedule. It has been to release in the coming spring time, the draft document. So that's going to provide the schedule, since we've made the bigger decisions to change base line years, things of that nature.

MR. SRAMEK: Good enough?

MS. KNATZ: Yeah.

MR. THIESSEN: Mr. Chairman, if there are no other questions for JPA staff --

MR. CAMERON: Earlier on one of the other agenda items, I think there was a deferral for staff to, I guess, respond to the question about the Santa Teresa. I think, just for the record, last year's JPA Board meeting, just prior to that, actually during the testimony, Miss Andrea Urika, (phonetic,) had also presented the Santa Teresa as well as provided JPA staff with a lot of information. She subsequently has re-provided that information, and that is part of -- JPA staff is using that right now as part of consideration of what we're preparing right now in the Draft Environmental Document for the proposed project.

So I wanted to respond back. One, it's been received not once, but twice, just to kind of round up the question that you have and that was posed earlier.

MR. SRAMEK: Okay. Thank you. I think that helps. I actually have a question. And, Ms. Crose, I want to make sure I'm not doing anything I shouldn't be doing.

Since the letter is now a public letter from
Union Pacific, I'd like to see if I can invite
Union Pacific if you'd like to make comments. You don't
have to make any comments on the letter or not. I'm just
inviting Union Pacific, too. Okay. The letter is pretty

self-explanatory. I don't know if you wanted to mention
the letter or not or wait until the people see it and
know it's public domain. You don't have to.

MR. THIESSEN: Mr. Chairman, just so the audience is aware, we received a letter yesterday from
Union Pacific Railroad commenting about the
Santa Teresa Facility. The Santa Teresa Rail Project is in New Mexico just outside of El Paso, Texas. It is a new facility on the Sunset Route between Los Angeles,
Long Beach, to Texas, and it's a major improvement to their network.

The JPA Board members received a copy of that letter this evening as an information-only memo. It's not in the agenda for this evening, because the Board wasn't being asked to vote on it. It's an informational only memo. Attached also to that memo is some information about the Santa Teresa Project from the UP's website, and the letter from UP giving them a relatively brief description of the use and purpose of that facility for Mr. Barry Michaels from the Union Pacific Railroad.

MR. SRAMEK: Okay. Thank you. You don't have to.

I'm just inviting you if you want to make any comments

about the letter.

MR. MOORE: The letter speaks for itself. I got a request last week about the Santa Teresa and ICTF, and

that's why we're -- two items in that letter, "A," is
reinforming the Board of what that project is. I'd be
happy to answer any questions about the Santa Teresa
letter, which is a totally separate project. And, of
course, the construction date. You'd think this
afternoon the ICTF may be giving our best educated guess

MS. KNATZ: I just wanted to make sure --

now after ten years of talking about it.

MR. SRAMEK: That's why I invited him up.

MS. KNATZ: -- you still are, you know, want us to pursue and finish the EIR now, because we've got a number of action items that relate to that. You're going to provide the information, and you're the Applicant, so.

MR. MOORE: Absolutely. There's confusion about Santa Teresa's impact. We initially said there's multiple ways of running down to the Grove, LA, Long Beach. That includes on dock. That includes ICTF. That includes this concept out there. All of those things that have to happen, or not at all. Together, they're all together.

And there's -- just so you understand, Santa

Teresa has three components to it. It has the largest

component, the most controversial, in New Mexico, has

been the fueling facility, which is moved over to

El Paso. We need to be able to fuel our trains and move

them efficiently. That's the largest (inaudible.) The second component is to build another ramp to replace the one that's in El Paso and New Mexico.

And the third and final and smallest component is the block (inaudible) yard where some of the traffic coming from LA and Long Beach could be reassigned out there and the classification yard to different destinations. Absolutely, ICTF have the need to modernize and (inaudible) ICTF is all part of our plan. We encourage this Board to do whatever they do to get the EIR report so we know how we can construct the modernization phase when the time comes.

MS. KNATZ: Okay. I was under the impression that the reason the staff weren't able to keep the EIR on schedule was because they were waiting on data from the railroad. That's why I wanted to hear you say you're going to provide that data so that the EIR can get finished, because he's got -- they can do it, but they need the stuff to get it done, so.

MR. MOORE: Okay.

MS. KNATZ: I didn't know whether this changed your schedule, when you're going to provide that information. Sounds like it's not, and it's forthcoming.

MR. SRAMEK: Okay.

MR. MOORE: Any other questions?

1 MR. SRAMEK: That's great. That helps a little bit.
2 Is that it from the staff?

MR. CAMERON: I mean, I know what Dr. Knatz is saying, and I appreciate that, and I would just reinforce the fact that it has been a process between UP and the JPA team. As you know, once we get into looking at data sets and things like that, we think we got it, and then there's questions that we go back and we want confirmed. And, if anything, I'd rather have that than just assume we got it right, and then we go off and uncover problems down the road.

So in defense of UP, to actually have it would have been very good. Obviously, we'd love to have all of it. There are some tough questions, and questions we've ask them as well, and they're working diligently. They understand what this means for the schedule as well.

We're all working hard on it.

MR. SRAMEK: Okay.

MR. THIESSEN: Thank you, Mr. Cameron, Members of the Board, you should have at least four speaker cards that we've received. Before you get started with that, we have a little bit lighter than normal turnout for our JPA Board meeting tonight. Some people were wondering if that was because the Lakers game is on TV.

I did want to emphasize, we did a very

extensive outreach for tonight's meeting, and I have a

copy of the document I can forward to you. There was

different web postings, e-mail blasts, newspaper

publications. So we think the word got out to the

citizens, and, of course, all the documents that were on

the Board agenda are posted on the JPA website and

available for citizen review. So we have, as I mentioned

earlier, a translator available if anybody in the audience needs one.

Mr. Chairman, you have four speaker cards before you.

MR. SRAMEK: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Thiessen. We will now go to public comments. Wally baker?

MR. BAKER: Thank you, very much. Good evening. My name is Wally Baker. I'm president of Jobs First Alliance, and for the last couple years, we have worked on Beat the Canal and other competitive issues not just in the port, but in the community and with government and business and labor. And, of course, I just wanted to say something tonight about how important this ICTF facility is, how important it is to move forward.

I really appreciate the comments I'm hearing, because it sounds like you want to get this thing through the process, too. And we know the whole process does take time, but moving the EIR as fast as possible is very

- 1 | important, and we certainly know that this project, as is
- 2 | proposed, will ultimately lead to better health, more
- 3 | jobs, and improve our port and fit into not just Union
- 4 | Pacific's big complex, but into the Port of LA, Long
- 5 Beach, and the entire region of its movements.
- 6 So this project, ICTF, is very critical, and we
- 7 ask you to keep moving it forward as fast as you can.
- 8 Thank you very much.
- 9 MR. SRAMEK: Thank you, Mr. Baker. Okay.
- 10 | Tommy Faavae. Boy, you're looking good, Tommy.
- 11 MR. FAAVAE: I try to dress nice.
- 12 MR. SRAMEK: You think we're going to have some
- 13 | problems here tonight?
- 14 MR. FAAVAE: Maybe. Tommy Faavae. Thank you,
- 15 | Board Members, for giving me the opportunity to speak in
- 16 | front of you tonight. I just wanted to say that I
- 17 | wholeheartedly support ICTF's modernization project soon
- 18 | to come up, and we look forward to both Ports working
- 19 together.
- 20 Railroad infrastructure is really needed in
- 21 | both Ports. And when it comes to the modernization
- 22 | project, it will create good construction jobs, it would
- 23 | create good harmony in these type of projects, and I feel
- 24 | that this should be moved forward aggressively,
- 25 | hopefully, so all of our IBW Local 11, including the

building trades, wholeheartedly support the ICTF
modernization project. Thank you.

MR. SRAMEK: Thank you, Tommy. Okay. Next is John Cross.

MR. CROSS: Yes. My name is John Cross. I'm the current president of the West Long Beach Neighborhood Association. We have our meetings here the fourth Thursday of each month. This is my community, and we're adamantly opposed to the expansion of the ICTF terminal.

We have lived next door to this terminal since 1986 when it was built. And since 1986, the scope of the operation has changed dramatically. And we are suffering from it. At night you cannot sleep because you hear the beep, beep, beep. You hear the trains slamming together, and they're blowing their horns more than ever now. And it's not only that, health of our community.

They say it's going to be a clean rail yard.

They've more than doubled the capacity of the trucks

going in and out of the facility. Even if they're clean

trucks, that's still a lot of pollution going in there,

in our neighborhoods, and in our community.

Right across this street here, the senior housing, Gold Star Manor, right behind that is low income housing, HUD housing. Just down the street Stevens Middle School. Just up the street is

Hudson School. That does not count all the residents
that live there. I'm less than a quarter of a mile from
ICTF terminal. The rail yards have not been good
neighbors since they laid their first spike in the

Director Knatz, you're right. They control. You're the one that should be controlling. You should demand from them what you want. That's what scares the hell out of us. What's going to happen ten years from now when you guys are not here? You'll be retired or doing something else, and a new director comes on. They've got a 30-or-40-year lease.

And if the projected growth that you guys are expecting from the Port don't come, do you think it's going to make any changes coming along? No. They'll just step back and say, "Okay. We'll shut down. What are you going to do with it?" You're not going to shut them down. Once they're up and operational, they're not going to shut down.

That's why we stress on the SKIG Project, as well as this one. Do not let this one expand. Make them clean it up. It's the dirtiest rail yard in the country. No matter what conditional uses you put on them, they're not going to follow them 10 years down the road, 15 years down the road, because they have a 50-year contract.

ground.

1 | They're not going to follow what you put in there,

because nobody is going to enforce it. They'll say,

3 | "interstate commerce."

Now, I want to see all these union guys working, but where (inaudible) the port wherever, they're going to get it. And this program, Beat the Canal, you're not going to beat the canal because the Chinese government's going to control the canal. You'll say, "all discretionary (inaudible) in that canal." Put that in the record. I know it's on the record now. I'll check with you in 10 years, and we'll see.

MR. SRAMEK: Thank you, Mr. Cross. Next is Tony Rivera.

MR. RIVERA: Good evening. My name is Tony from the West Side Counsel. We just opposed to this project. And one of the situations that we have is kind of weird, because Carson should be sitting representing at this Board here. It should be, somehow, because they have a lot at stake on this from day one. It's a bummer that they're not involved.

The second thing is, this projects on the rail, we have -- West Side, we're going to be inundated with traffic. This project and the other project, we are basically anticipating to get shut down. One of the things I would like to see on the EIR is the domestic

move. It's been an increase in domestic move. I think
Union Pacific declared in some of these reports.

We need to see for a fact how much local, not international moves, harbor to the rail, and the rail to the harbor. I'm talking about the local moves. I see a lot of trucks that goes from the UP all the way to city of Industry or other locations, and that's going to tell us different numbers. We need to have the truth so we can work.

We like the rail, but at this point we don't want to be -- we don't like it, because the way they're coming in, and past record. They need to clean up. They need to do work with the neighborhood. They really need to get healthy, and they need to get it done.

In regards to the other projects, this is going to be a nightmare for all the Long Beach businesses, like the way it's been for years -- the flooding on Sepulveda and with the 47. You think they care? No, the cars have to go another way. The residents pay the price. And I don't know if it does because of their yards. Their yard is big. The water that concentrates goes. I don't know if that's the problem, but they don't do anything. They don't do anything to try to mitigate next to the yard. That's the problem.

So that tells you that they're not

- 1 | neighborhood-oriented. And we're concerned about the
- 2 | business. They're going to shut every bit of business
- 3 | that exists on the West Side. We would like to see more
- 4 | proactive work, traffic to be concentrated with the
- 5 projects, and tell us what's going to get you to know the
- 6 project, and how it's going to be, and maybe we have to
- 7 | move. Let the rail run the whole place. Thank you.
- 8 MR. SRAMEK: Thank you, Mr. Rivera. Is there
- 9 anybody else who entered a comment card who would like to
- 10 | make a comment on this item? Seeing none. Are there any
- 11 other comments up here?
- 12 MR. LYTLE: So moved.
- 13 MR. SRAMEK: Second. All in favor of the motion
- 14 | say, "I."
- 15 MS. KNATZ: I.
- 16 MR SRAMEK: I.
- 17 MR. LYTLE: I.
- 18 MR. SRAMEK: Okay. Motion passes.
- 19 Okay. Go back to Items Eight, Nine, and 10.
- 20 Mr. Thiessen, kind of put that all in context, the three
- 21 | items.
- MR. THIESSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll try to
- 23 | wrap them together. We do need to vote each
- 24 | individually, but I will just give an overview on all
- 25 | three. Eight, Nine, 10, are agreements necessary for the

1 JPA staff to continue work on the Environmental Document.

2 There are three agreements.

Item Number Eight is for a third party independent EIR review. Item Number Nine is a proposal to amend the contract with Environ International. Environ performing the bulk of the preparation of the Draft Environmental Document. And then Item Number 10 is a proposed amendment to a contract with E2 Manage Tech.

E2 Manage Tech is providing project management services for JPA staff, everything from review of and managing the administrative invoicing work, providing project management and technical input on the preparation of the document, and helping the JPA to produce all the documents even before you here tonight.

So the first item, Item Number Eight, is a little bit unusual. You may remember at last year's JPA Board meeting. There was a discussion and a question about independent third party review of the Environmental document. Some of the members of the JPA Board raised a question about the consultants working on this project who also happen to be working on other Port of Los Angeles projects.

And there was a desire to have a third party, totally independent consultant, who could perform quality review and oversight in assistance to the JPA staff. The

1 | firm that was selected is Ascent Environmental, Inc.

Ascent passed three criteria to convince the JPA staff

3 they were the appropriate team for this effort.

First of all, they possessed the necessary technical expertise to provide us third party independent review. Also, they currently do not work for either of the Ports, or the railroad, or any of the other consulting firms on this project, so they're totally independent. They're going to look at this from the outside, and not have any previous bias or any potential conflicts of interest.

Ascent Environmental is located in Sacramento, California. They participated in a request for expressions of interest for this project back in September. The review identified three potential firms who could do this. The JPA staff reviewed those three firms, and the technical firm selected Ascent Environmental to perform this third party independent review.

This particular contract was entered into the in the amount of \$100,000, which is within the JPA Board Executive Director authority. A copy of their agreement is attached to this item. This is a recommendation. The JPA Board received and filed this contract with Ascent. Mr. Cameron and other members of the JPA staff are

- available if you have any other additional questions
 about this independent third party.
- 2 about this independent third party.
- 4 questions? I thought that, you know, gives everybody an

MR. SRAMEK: I thought that was great. Any

- 5 idea of, you know, if we ought to bring in a totally
- 6 independent company to oversee the EIR and really do a
- 7 double check on it. So, appreciate that. Any other
- 8 questions?

- 9 Anybody in the audience wish to comment on
- 10 | Item Number Eight? Okay. Seeing none, can I have a
- 11 motion?
- 12 MR. LYTLE: So moved.
- 13 MS. KNATZ: Second.
- 14 MR. SRAMEK: A motion and a second. All in favor of
- 15 | the motion say, "I."
- 16 MR. LYTLE: I.
- 17 MR. SRAMEK: I. Motion passes unanimously. Thank
- 18 | you. Item Number 9?
- 19 | MS. KNATZ: I'll move it.
- 20 MR. LYTLE: Second.
- 21 MR. SRAMEK: I have a motion and a second. Anybody
- 22 | in the audience wish to comment on Item Number Nine,
- 23 | Environ doing the EIR preparation? Seeing none, can I
- 24 | have a motion and a second? And all in favor of the
- 25 | motion say, "I."

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         MS. KNATZ:
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         MR. LYTLE: I.
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         MR. SRAMEK: I. Motion passes unanimously. Thank
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    you.
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               Item Number 10?
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         MS. KNATZ: Move it.
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         MR. LYTLE: Second.
         MR. SRAMEK: Okay. We have a motion and a second
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     for E2 Manage Tech for project management support.
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    Anyone in the audience wish to comment? Seeing none, can
     I have a motion and a second? All in favor of the motion
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     say, "I."
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         MR. LYTLE: I.
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         MS. KNATZ: I.
         MR. SRAMEK: It's still early. It seems like it's
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     late. Okay.
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               Motion passes unanimously. Thank you. Okay.
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     Any other comments by the Board members? Okay.
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         MS. KNATZ: Adjourn.
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         MS. SRAMEK: We have a motion to adjourn.
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         MR. LYTLE: We are so adjourned.
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               (Hearing is concluded at 7:11 p.m.)
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