Southern California Gas Company La Goleta Storage Field Enhancement Project

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARING

June 25, 2013

Hearing Overview

- Planning Commission Action Summary
- Existing Gas Storage Facility
- Proposed Project Description
- EIR Issue Summary
- Corrections
- Staff Recommendations

June 5 Planning Commission Action

- Planning Commission recommended that the Board:
 - Make required findings
 - Certify the EIR
 - Approve the Proposed Ordinance Amendments
 - Conditionally approve the Project

Project Location



Existing Gas Storage Facility

- Site actively developed since 1929
- Gas injection began in 1941 with 5 wells
- Now 21 wells
- Underground gas storage reservoir
- Gas Dehydration equipment
- Gas Compressors
- Gas Liquids Loading Station
- Piping

Compressor Building



Radio Towers and Flare





Project Description

Expand gas storage capacity within SoCal Gas property

- From 21.5 BCF to 24.5 26.5 BCF
- 4 new gas wells (2 exploration, 2 development)
- 1 new dehydration unit
- 2,800 feet of new 6-inch, buried pipeline
- 3 phases (I, IA, and II)
- Coastal Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Total Project Buildout



As Recommended by the Planning Commission

Coastal Zoning Ordinance Amendment Public Utility Zone District

Section 35.88.4.5 (Permitted Uses) On the Pacific Lighting property in Goleta, u Underground gas storage and related facilities, i.e. e.g., compressor stations, gas wells and pipelines, owned and operated by a public utility and subject to the provisions of Section 35.88.11.

As Recommended by the Planning Commission

CZO Amendment (continued)

Section 35.88.11 (Underground Gas Storage). The provisions of this section shall apply to the fixed surface installation of facilities designed, constructed, installed and maintained primarily for the injection, storage and withdrawal of natural gas in and from sub-surface strata including the drilling of new wells and the reconditioning of existing wells, exploration and production, without the use of hydraulic fracturing, of native sweet gas for the purpose of expanding natural gas storage capacity and structures, facilities and operations incidental thereto. For the purposes of this subsection, native sweet gas is defined herein as produced gas that contains no more than four (4) parts per million of hydrogen sulfide.

As Recommended by the Planning Commission

CZO Amendment (continued)

Section 35.88.11.1. The provisions of DIVISION 9 – OIL AND GAS FACILITIES shall not apply to underground gas storage or related facilities used solely for such purposes.

EIR Issue Summary

- Class I Visual Impacts
- Public Safety
- Noise and Vibration
- Right of Access
- CZO Amendments

Next Steps

- Coastal Commission
 - Ordinance Amendments for Certification
 - Permit Action, but only if appealed
- Board Accepts Coastal Commission Certification

Correction

20. Special-Geo-3 Excavation in Rainy Season

All ground disturbing work during the rainy season (April 15 to November 1) (November 1 to April 15) must maintain a 5-day clear forecast (clear forecast is defined as the chance of precipitation is 25% or less), unless a Building and Safety approved erosion and sediment control plan is in place and all measures therein are in effect, as determined by P&D.

Plan Requirements: This requirement shall be noted on all grading and building plans.

Timing: Effective throughout all grading and ground-disturbing activities.

Monitoring: P&D shall verify that grading and building plans incorporate the requirement and ensure compliance by site inspections during construction.

Motion

- Make the required findings for approval, including CEQA findings, of the proposed ordinance amendment, development plan, and coastal development permit, as shown in Attachment A;
- Certify that Environmental Impact Report 10EIR-00000-00001 has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and CEQA Guidelines, and adopt the mitigation monitoring program contained in the Conditions of Approval;
- Approve Case No. 08ORD-00000-00018, and ordinance amending Section 35-88 of Division 4, Zoning Districts, of the Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance of Chapter 35, Zoning, of the Santa Barbara County Code, included as Attachment B; and
- Approve Case Nos. 12RVP-00000-000056 and 08CDP-00000-00185 subject to the conditions of approval included as Attachment C, and as amended June 25, 2013, as follows:
 - (1) Change the following language in Condition 20, Special GEO-3 Excavation in Rainy Season:
 - All ground disturbing work during the rainy season (April 15 to November 1) (November 1 to April 15)

End Presentation

• Questions?