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Dear Mr. Allee:

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION, "INGLEWOOD BASKETBALL AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTER," AS A FOLLOW UP TO YOUR LETTER DATED OCTOBER 25, 2018, ESA IS REQUESTING FURTHER INFORMATION WITH REGARDS TO FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INGLEWOOD, FFER 201900004

The Request for Information has been reviewed by the Planning Division, Land Development Unit, Forestry Division, and Health Hazardous Materials Division of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department.

The following are their comments:

PLANNING DIVISION:

1. It is our understanding that LACFD Fire Station 170 is the first due-in fire station for the project site; Fire Station 18 is the second due-in fire station; and Fire Station 173 is the third due-in fire station. Is this true for all project sites of the IBEC (i.e., the arena site, the parking garage and bus staging/TNC drop-off site, the hotel and surface parking site, and the well relocation site)?

No; Fire Station 18, located at 4518 W. Lennox Blvd., Lennox, CA 90304 would be the jurisdictional station (1st-due) for the parking sites located west of Prairie Avenue.

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AGOURA HILLS	CALABASAS	EL MONTE	INDUSTRY	LAWNDALE	PARAMOUNT	SIGNAL HILL
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2. Would Fire Stations 162, 171, 161 and 172 (all located within 2.5 miles of the project site) provide further backup in the event of a major fire at the arena.

Yes. In the event that Fire Station 170 cannot meet the immediate needs of a call for services independently or does not have capability to address the full extent of a larger incident, the closest available Los Angeles County Fire Department resources would respond to provide support.

3. According to the letter dated October 25, 2018 response to question #6; it states that Fire Station 170 is estimated to have an emergency average response time of five minutes to the project site. Is this true for the arena site, the parking garage and bus staging/TNC drop-off site, the hotel and surface parking site and the well relocation site?

Yes, the entire project is estimated to have a five minute response time including the parking sites west of Prairie Avenue which is also estimated to have a five minute response time from Fire Station 18.

4. Does Fire Station 170 provide primary service or back-up service for the Forum?

Fire Station 173, located at 9001 S. Crenshaw Blvd., in the City of Inglewood, is the jurisdictional station (1st-due) for the Forum. If needed and available, Fire Station 170 can be dispatched to an incident in Fire Station 173's jurisdiction.

5. Will Fire Station 170 provide primary service or back-up service to the new NFL stadium?

Fire Station 173 will be the jurisdictional station (1st-due) for the new NFL stadium. If needed and available, Fire Station 170 can be dispatched to an incident in Fire Station 173's jurisdiction.

6. Is there specific equipment and/or staffing at Fire Station 170 that can respond to a fire at a large structure similar to the arena, The Forum, or the new NFL stadium? Is there anything specific about Fire Station 170 that makes it uniquely able to serve the proposed arena and the project site?

The LACFD dispatches multiple units from multiple fire stations in the event of a large fire. An acceptable equipment level is maintained throughout the department's jurisdictional boundaries to enable the appropriate response to all incidents.

7. How does the LACFD typically respond to a fire at a large structure similar to the proposed arena, the Forum, or the new NFL stadium? Is there anything special/unique needed to address fires at The Forum, the IBEC, or the new NFL stadium, or for simultaneous fires at multiple large structures?

For similar venues, the LACFD's first response to a fire incident would be five engines, 2 quints, which is a combination engine/ladder truck apparatus, 1 squad and two battalions chiefs. Additional resources would be deployed as needed.

8. Please confirm the following locations and total number of existing fire hydrants that would serve the proposed arena site, the parking garage and bus staging/TNC drop-off site, the hotel and surface parking site, and the well relocation site:

To be answered by Land Development Division.

9. Please provide the existing fire flow parameters, such as fire flow (gallons per minutes), of these existing fire hydrants.

To be answered by Land Development Division.

10. The estimated fire flow for the Proposed Project is 4,000 gpm. Does the existing water infrastructure system and fire hydrants have adequate capacity to meet the estimated fire flow demand of the Proposed Project?

To be answered by Land Development Division.

11. Construction activities for development of the Proposed Project would involve temporary lane closures. During construction of the arena site, the easternmost travel lane of northbound South Prairie Avenue may be fenced and closed to travel from West 103rd Street to West Century Boulevard, except that the City would require driveway access to the residences at 10204 South Prairie Avenue and 10226 South Prairie Avenue to be maintained for the duration of construction of the Proposed Project. The southernmost lane on eastbound West Century Boulevard also may be closed to traffic adjacent to the arena site, from South Prairie Avenue for approximately 450 feet east to a location in front of the Airport Park View Hotel, as well as along frontage of the parking garage site and bus staging/TNC drop off area.

Due to these temporary lane closures during construction of the Proposed Project, would response times from other fire stations to the project sites of the IBEC or nearby neighborhoods be increased yet still meet the national guidelines of a 5-minute response time used by the LACFD?

Any large project that includes road closures and/or detours has the potential to impede upon emergency response times especially during high peak traffic hours.

All road closures and detours should be approved and acceptable to the Fire Department so as not to adversely impact emergency responses.

12. Implementation of the Proposed Project would include the vacation of an 880-foot linear section of West 102nd Street between South Prairie Avenue and approximately 335 feet west of South Doty Avenue to be developed with the arena building. Similarly, implementation of the Proposed Project also would include the vacation of a 332-foot linear section of West 101st Street between South Prairie Avenue and South Freeman Avenue to be developed with the parking building.

Due to these street vacations, would response times from Fire Station 170 to the project sites of the IBEC (i.e., the arena site, the parking garage and bus staging/TNC drop-off site, the hotel and surface parking site, and the well relocation site) be increased yet still meet the national guidelines of a 5-minute response time used by the LACFD?

No. From the description provided, it appears that the vacations would not actually change the road network in the City, therefore having no direct impact on response times.

Due to these street vacations, would responses from other fire station to the project sites of the IBEC or nearby neighborhoods be increased yet still meet the national guidelines of a 5-minute response time used by the LACFD?

No. From the description provided, it appears that the vacations would not actually change the road network in the City, therefore having no direct impact on response times.

13. According to your letter dated October 25, 2018, response to question #4, it states that LACFD has no planned improvements in the immediate area of the project area/site; however, a development of this scale will significantly impact service demands on the existing resources. If possible, could you please provide further detail on how service demands on the existing resources will be significantly impacted? Are these financial resources that will be significantly impacted? Please advise.

A Development of this scale has the potential to significantly impact service demands by increasing the call volume for incidents requiring fire department.

LAND DEVELOPMENT UNIT:

The Fire Prevention Division, Land Development Unit, has no additional comments regarding this project. The conditions that were addressed in EIR 201800109, dated October 2018, have not been changed at this time.

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Should any questions arise regarding subdivision, water systems, or access, please contact the County of Los Angeles Fire Department Land Development Unit's, Inspector Nancy Rodeheffer at (323) 890-4243.

The County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Land Development Unit appreciates the opportunity to comment on this project.

FORESTRY DIVISION – OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:

The statutory responsibilities of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Forestry Division include erosion control, watershed management, rare and endangered species, vegetation, fuel modification for Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, archeological and cultural resources, and the County Oak Tree Ordinance. Potential impacts in these areas should be addressed.

Under the Los Angeles County Oak tree Ordinance, a permit is required to cut, destroy, remove, relocate, inflict damage or encroach into the protected zone of any tree of the Oak genus which is 25 inches or more in circumference (eight inches in diameter), as measured 4 1/2 feet above mean natural grade.

If Oak trees are known to exist in the proposed project area further field studies should be conducted to determine the presence of this species on the project site.

The County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Forestry Division has no further comments regarding this project.

HEALTH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION:

The Health Hazardous Materials Division of the Los Angeles County Fire Department has no comments regarding the "Request for (further) Information" letter dated November 26, 2018, pertaining to the project site.

If you have any additional questions, please contact this office at (323) 890-4330.

Very truly yours,



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