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Hearing Coming On Replacing Electrical Towers

Issues will be examined in study on proposal

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The Port of Long Beach will hold a public hearing to gather public input on a proposal by Southern California Edison (SCE) to remove a portion of transmission line, and raise segments of existing transmission and telecommunication lines along with supporting transmission structures that cross the Cerritos Channel.

The hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2 at the Port Interim Administrative Offices, 4801 Airport Plaza Drive in Long Beach, in order to gather comments and suggestions on what issues should be examined in a comprehensive environmental study of the proposal.

The Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project is currently underway. The base of the new bridge will be 205 feet above the Port's Back Channel, while SCE's existing transmission towers' electric lines spanning the channel are only 155 feet above the water. In order to ensure these electric lines do not impede navigation through the Back Channel, the transmission lines and associated towers will need to be raised.

SCE is proposing to remove and replace the transmission towers and raise the electric lines where they cross the Cerritos Channel at Piers A and S, consistent with the objectives for the Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project.

The Notice of Preparation for the proposed project is available online at www.polb.com/ceqa.

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