



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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June 24, 2020

Governor's Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
Attn: Scott Morgan  
1400 Tenth Street, Suite 222  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5502

Re: Electronic Filing and Posting of Notice of Determination for the AltAir Paramount LLC  
Terminating Operation Project

Dear Mr. Morgan:

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) approved the above project on June 23, 2020 and the attached Notice of Determination was prepared in accordance with South Coast AQMD's role as Responsible Agency for the above project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15096(i). The City of Paramount, as Lead Agency for the project, prepared and adopted several CEQA documents for the facility under its former name, Paramount Petroleum. For your reference, the signed Notice of Determination and CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination for the Department of Fish and Wildlife from the City of Paramount are also attached.

In lieu of filing the Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County clerk pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15075 for local agency approvals, I am electronically filing the Notice of Determination with your office for posting on the CEQAnet Web Portal at <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/search/recent> in accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-54-20 issued on April 22, 2020 for the State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19. In addition, this Notice of Determination has been electronically posted on the South Coast AQMD's webpage which can be accessed via the following weblink: <http://www.aqmd.gov/nav/about/public-notices/ceqa-notices/notices-of-decision-or-determination/nod---year-2020>. Finally, this Notice of Determination has been distributed electronically via email to interested parties.

If you have any questions regarding this electronic filing and request for posting, please call me at (909) 396-2716. Thank you for your kind attention regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Barbara Radlein'.

Barbara Radlein  
Program Supervisor, CEQA Section  
Planning, Rule Development and Area  
Sources

Attachments

## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

**To:** Governor's Office of Planning and Research - State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth St, Suite 222  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5502

**From Responsible Agency:** South Coast Air Quality Management District  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765  
**Contact:** Barbara Radlein  
**Phone:** (909) 396-2716

**Lead Agency (if different from above):** City of Paramount  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765  
**Contact:** John Carver  
**Phone:** (562) 220-2036

**Subject:** Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21152 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15096(i)

**State Clearinghouse Number:** Not Applicable

**Project Title:** AltAir Paramount LLC Terminating Operation Project

**Project Applicant:** AltAir Paramount LLC (formerly Paramount Petroleum Corporation)

**Project Location:** 14700 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA 90745, Los Angeles County

**Project Description:** AltAir Paramount LLC (AltAir), formerly named Paramount Petroleum Corporation, operates a renewable fuel company which processes various bio-mass based feedstocks (e.g., non-edible vegetable oil, beef tallow, animal fats and greases) and refines them into bio-fuels such as diesel, jet and gasoline in accordance with a South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) Title V facility permit (Facility ID No. 187165). AltAir submitted four applications to revise the Title V permit for its terminating operations. Application No. 609048 requested a permit revision to the Tank/Rail Car Loading/Unloading Facility to: 1) eliminate asphalt loading and fuel oil/asphalt loading while continuing to load distillate and caustic; 2) repurpose eight existing unloading arms to service renewable fuels and biofuels blending materials; 3) allow unloading of gasoline blend stocks (e.g. *iso*-octane denatured ethanol, alkylate, renewable naphtha); and 4) remove CECO Filters for asphalt loading and continue controlling the loading emission by an existing Incinerator System. Application No. 609050 requested a permit revision to storage tank T-50005 to change the commodities that can be stored to diesel, jet, renewable/bio diesel and jet fuels, to establish a new throughput limit of 300,000 barrels per month (bbl/month) and to modify the vapor control system. Application No. 609051 requested revisions to storage tank T-50006 to change the commodities that can be stored to diesel, jet, renewable/bio diesel and jet fuels, to establish a new throughput limit of 300,000 bbl/month and to modify the vapor control system. Application No. 609052 requested a new permit for previously exempt storage tank T-50008 to: 1) allow diesel, jet, renewable/bio diesel, jet fuels and gas oil to be stored; 2) establish a new throughput limit of 279,762 bbl/month; 3) install a geodesic dome cover; and 4) replace the foam log roof seals with a mechanical (metallic) shoe type primary seal and a wiper type secondary seal.

**Notice of Determination for the AltAir Paramount LLC Terminating Operation Project (concluded)**

The City of Paramount, as the Lead Agency, for the project, prepared and adopted the following documents and supporting materials prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as part of their October 1, 2013 approval of the project:

- City of Paramount Agenda Report for Conditional Use Permit No. 751 - Paramount Petroleum (July 9, 2013);
- City of Paramount Mitigated Negative Declaration & Initial Study and Addendum for Conditional Use Permit No. 751 - Paramount Petroleum Asphalt and Crude Terminal (July 1, 2013/May 14, 2014);
- City of Paramount Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for Conditional Use Permit No. 751 - Paramount Petroleum Asphalt and Crude Terminal (undated);
- City of Paramount Planning Commission Resolution Approving Conditional Use Permit No. 751 - Paramount Petroleum Asphalt and Crude Terminal (July 9, 2013);
- City of Paramount Planning Commission Affidavit of Acceptance for Conditional Use Permit No. 751 - Paramount Petroleum Asphalt and Crude Terminal (July 10, 2013); and
- City of Paramount Addendum to Mitigated Negative Declaration & Initial Study for Conditional Use Permit No. 751 - Paramount Petroleum Biofuels and Petroleum Terminal (August 22, 2016).

This is to advise that the South Coast AQMD, as the Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on June 23, 2020 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. Prior to reaching a decision as part of this approval action, the South Coast AQMD, as Responsible Agency, has considered the aforementioned City of Paramount CEQA documents and supporting materials which concluded less than significant environmental effects. South Coast AQMD also considered and evaluated the application materials submitted by AltAir seeking revisions to their Title V permit. South Coast AQMD's review of the project concluded that the project has no potential to create significant adverse environmental effects.
2. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
3. Since no significant adverse environmental impacts were identified, mitigation measures were not required or made a condition of project approval.
4. A mitigation monitoring and reporting plan in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15097(a) was not required or adopted for this project.
5. Findings were not required or made pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15091 because the potential environmental impacts were not significant.
6. A Statement of Overriding Considerations pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15093 was not required or adopted for this project because the potential environmental impacts were not significant.

The Title V permit, the referenced CEQA documents and supporting materials prepared by the City of Paramount, supporting documentation provided by the applicant, and record of project approval may be examined at South Coast AQMD located at 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Signature: 

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Date Received for Filing

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Barbara Radlein  
Program Supervisor, CEQA Section  
Planning, Rule Development and Area  
Sources

**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION – CITY OF PARAMOUNT**



**To:** County Clerk, Los Angeles County  
Environmental Filings  
12400 East Imperial Highway  
Norwalk California 92702

**From:** City of Paramount  
Community Development Department  
16400 Colorado Avenue  
Paramount, California 90723

**Subject: Notice of Determination - Mitigated Negative Declaration**

NA Paramount Petroleum Asphalt and Crude Terminal Improvement Project  
State Clearinghouse No. Project Title

14700 Downey Avenue, City of Paramount, Los Angeles County  
Project Location (include county)

Paramount Community Development Department John Carver (562) 220-2036  
Lead Agency Contact Person Telephone

**Project Site:** The project site is located at 14700 Downey Avenue in the City of Paramount.

**Applicant:** The Applicant is Paramount Petroleum Corporation (William Winters), 14700 Downey Avenue, Paramount, California, 90723.

**Project Description:** The Applicant, Paramount Petroleum, is requesting the City of Paramount consider the approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP 751) that would permit the construction and operation of a new asphalt and crude terminal within the existing Paramount Petroleum Refinery. The proposed improvements will modify the existing railway facilities to facilitate the import of asphalt and crude into the existing refinery facility. The imported asphalt will then be stored in existing above-ground storage tanks and subsequently blended and transferred into smaller tanks for sale to end users. Crude oil will continue to be processed as it has in the past with any additional processing of asphalt products taking place in the existing on-site manufacturing facilities. All of the modifications and new equipment would be located within four areas within the existing refinery and they would be related to upgrades to the existing truck and rail loading and loading facilities.

**Determination:** The City of Paramount, in its capacity as the Lead Agency, approved the above discretionary action on July 9, 2013 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

- The project *will not* have a significant effect on the environment with the recommended mitigation.
- An environmental impact report *was not* prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
- Mitigation measures *were* made a condition of the approval of the project.
- A Statement of Overriding Considerations *was not* adopted for this project.
- Findings *were* made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the record of the project's approval, are available to the General Public at the City of Paramount Community Development Department at 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California 90670.

Signature

October 1, 2013

Date

John Carver, City Planner

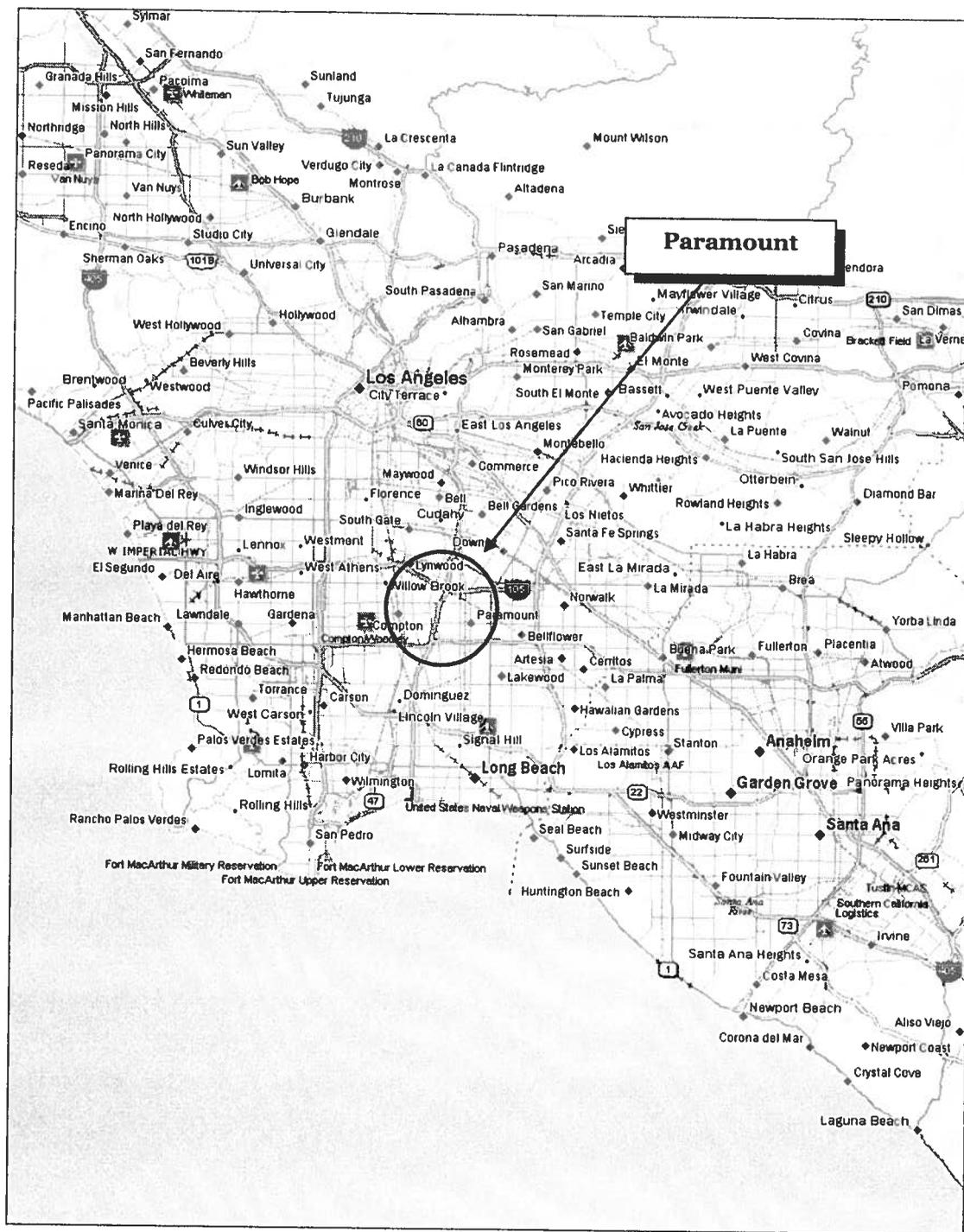
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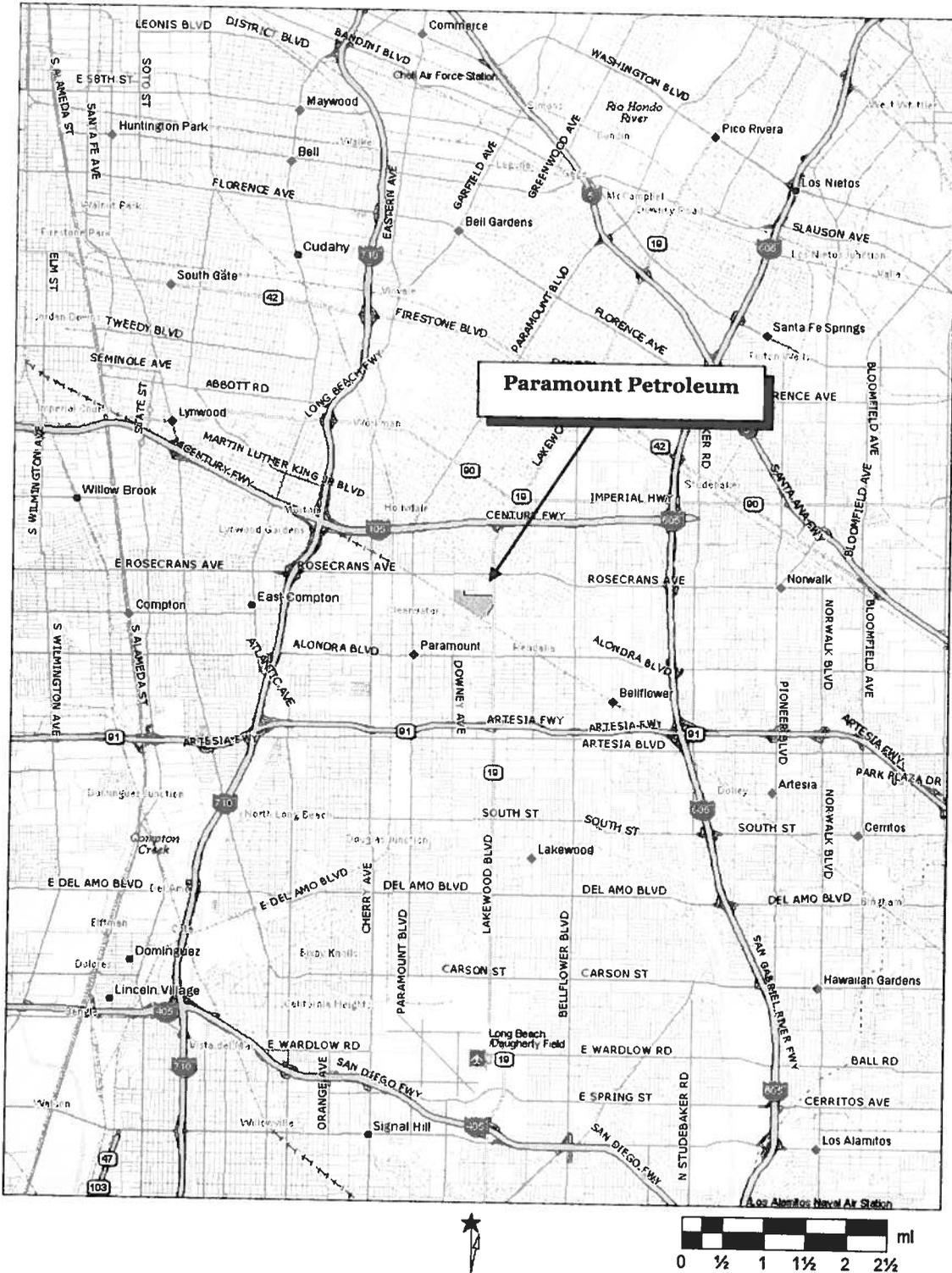
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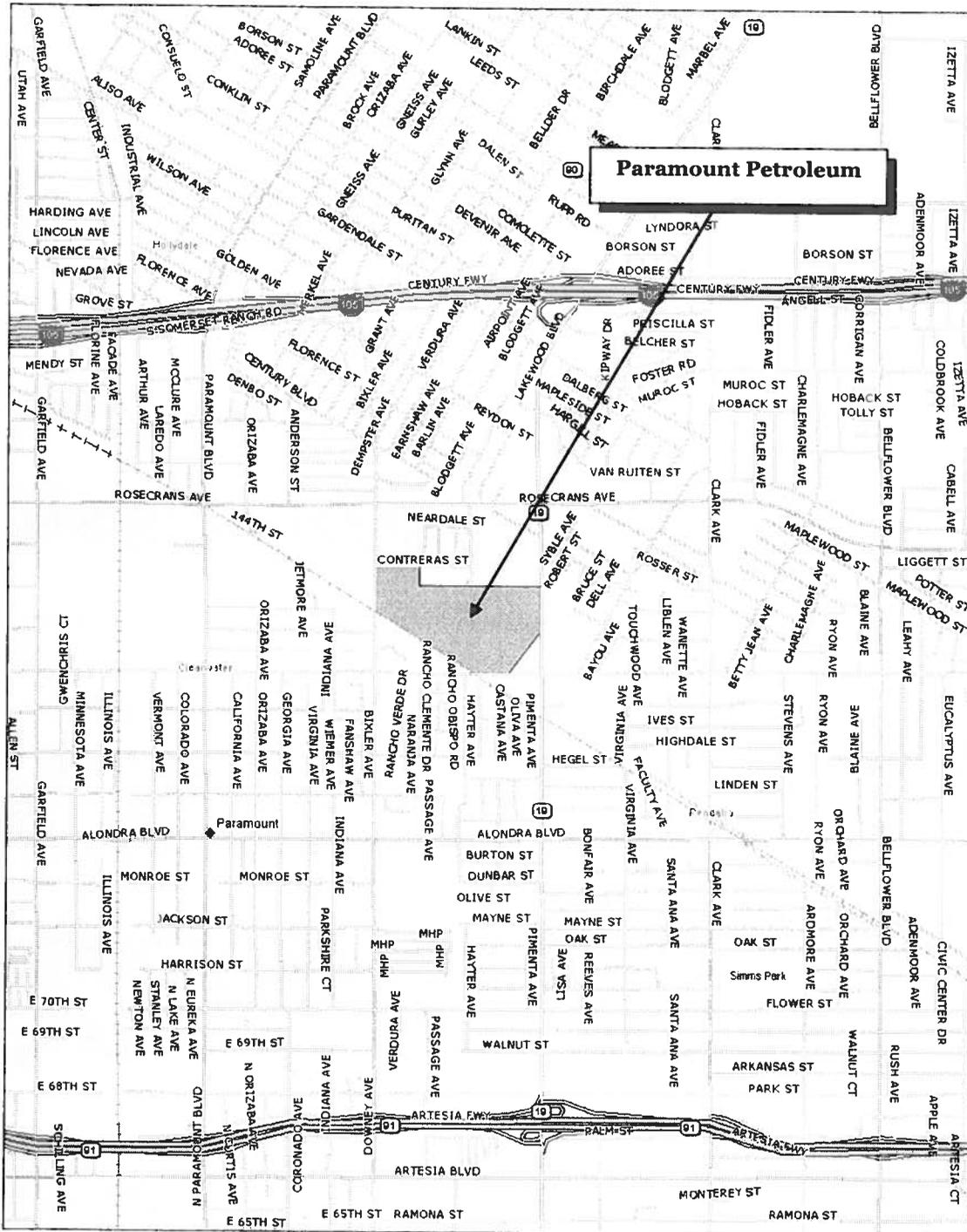
**EXHIBIT 1**  
**REGIONAL LOCATION**  
SOURCE: DELORME MAPS, 2009

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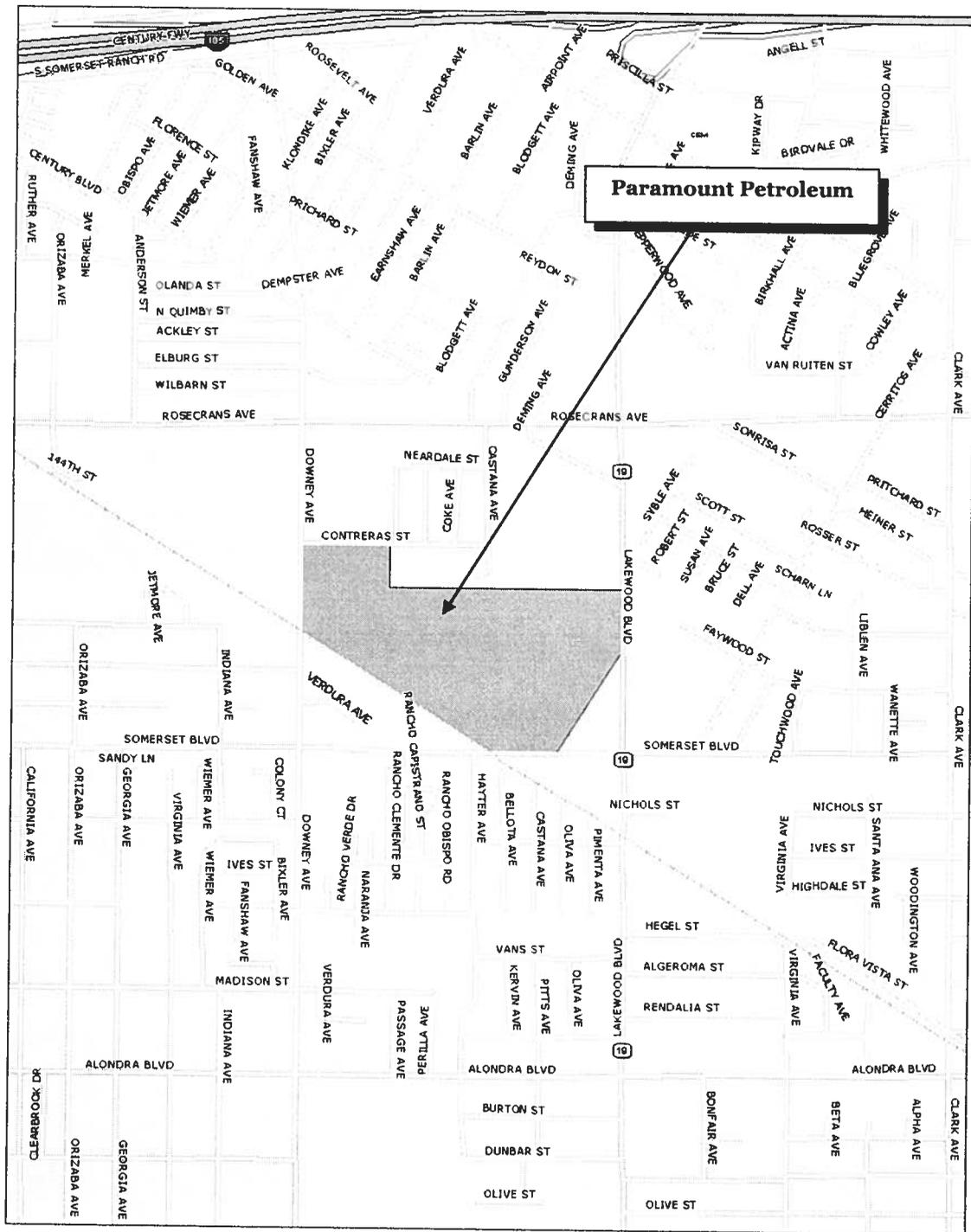
**EXHIBIT 2**  
**PROJECT SITE IN THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT**  
SOURCE: DELORME MAPS, 2009

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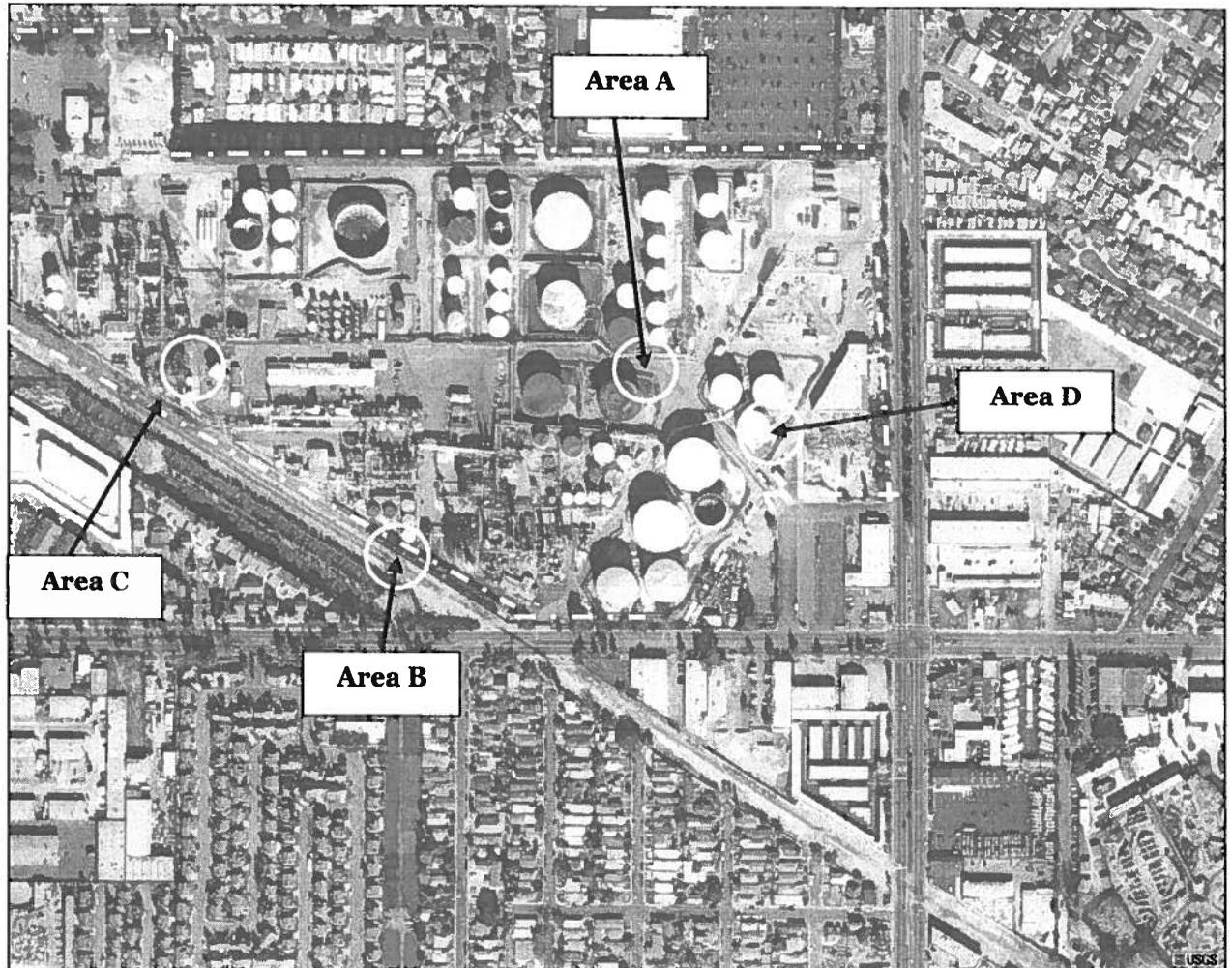
**EXHIBIT 3**  
**VICINITY MAP**  
 SOURCE: DELORME MAPS, 2009

# NOTICE OF DETERMINATION (CONTINUED)



**EXHIBIT 4**  
**LOCAL AREA**  
SOURCE: DELORME MAPS, 2009

## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION (CONTINUED)



### Proposed Improvements

**Area A** – Improvements to Rack #14.

**Area B** – Railroad Spur, Tracks #1 and #2.

**Area C** – Railroad, Spur Track #3.

**Area D** – Truck Unloading Area

## EXHIBIT 5 AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF PROPOSED PROJECT

SOURCE: UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



State of California – Natural Resources Agency  
 DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
 South Coast Region  
 3883 Ruffin Road  
 San Diego, CA 92123  
[www.wildlife.ca.gov](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov)

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor  
 CHARLTON H. BONHAM, Director



## CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination

**Applicant Name and Address:** Paramount Petroleum, 14700 Downey Ave., Paramount, CA 90723

**CEQA Lead Agency:** City of Paramount

**Project Name:** Conditional Use Permit 751 - Paramount Petroleum Asphalt and Crude Terminal Improvement Project

**CEQA Document Type:** Mitigated Negative Declaration

**State Clearing House Number and/or local agency ID number:** CEQA-2013-0593-0000-R5

**Project Location:** 14700 Downey Avenue

**Brief Project Description:** The proposed improvements will modify the existing railway facilities to facilitate the import of asphalt and crude into the existing refinery facility. . Area A. The proposed improvements in this area will involve the replacement of the existing platform and loading arm and the installation of 400-feet of steam traced and insulated piping. A new vapor recovery system and new spill containment will also be installed. . Area B. The proposed improvements include the installation of an unloading pump, steam traced and insulated piping, and unloading hoses. The existing steam delivery piping will be enlarged from 3 feet to 6 feet and the existing condensate return piping will be enlarged to 3 feet. The existing 8-inch vapor recovery header will also be extended. The existing platform located to the north of Track # 2 will be extended and a new spill containment trench will be constructed. . Area C. New rail unloading equipment will be installed at Rail Spur Track # 3 also located inside the refinery. This new unloading equipment will include the installation of an unloading pump, insulated piping, and steam tracing and unloading hoses. Area 4. The new equipment that will be installed includes a pump, insulated piping, and a steam tracing and unloading hose. Spill containment improvements will also be installed.

**Determination:** Based on a review of the project as proposed, the Department of Fish and Wildlife has determined that for purposes of the assessment of CEQA filing fees (Fish and Game Code [FGC] Section 711.4(c)) the project has no effect on fish, wildlife or their habitat and the project as described does not require payment of a CEQA filing fee. This determination does not in any way imply that the project is exempt from CEQA and does not determine the significance of any potential project effects evaluated pursuant to CEQA.

Please retain this original determination for your records. Local lead agencies are required to file two copies of this determination with the county clerk at time of filing of the Notice of Determination (NOD) after the project is approved. State lead agencies are required to file two copies of this determination with the Office of Planning and Research (State Clearinghouse) at the time of filing the NOD. If you do not file a copy of this determination as appropriate with the county clerk or State Clearinghouse at the time of filing of the NOD, the appropriate CEQA filing fee will be due and payable.

Without a valid CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination form or proof of fee payment, the project will not be operative, vested, or final and any local permits issued for the project will be invalid, pursuant to FGC Section 711.4(c)(3).

DFG Approved By: 

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 Kelly Schmoker Date: 09/11/2013

Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist)

State of California—Natural Resources Agency  
 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
**2013 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**

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STATE CLEARING HOUSE # (if applicable)

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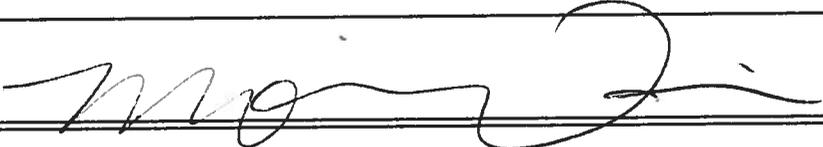
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PROJECT APPLICANT NAME JOHN CARVER			PHONE NUMBER (562)220-2036
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<input type="checkbox"/> Negative Declaration (ND)(MND)	\$2,156.25	\$	0.00
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NORWALK

Cashier: M. DAVIS



Thursday, October 03, 2013 11:55 AM

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