



POND 20 is Going..... Going..... Gone

(Unless you know a good lawyer willing to represent the people and not special interests)

Pond 20 (95 acres) is about 10% of the original Western Salt property purchased by the Port District in 1998. About 90% of Western Salt land was given away for wetland restoration to allow (or “mitigate”) development projects to the North, including the multi-\$billion economic and public amenities at Liberty Station, Point Loma. Pond 20 was “set aside for economic development” to benefit the people of the IB Area. Now, land development interests to the North have worked with local environmental nonprofits and the Port is giving Pond 20 away for mitigation, reversing its promise to help the IB Area with economic development.

NOTE: “Mitigation”, or “Land Banking”, does not mean additional land is being set aside for natural habitat restoration; it only means that habitat taken by development projects somewhere else is exchanged. In the case of Pond 20, the North gets rich economic development, and the citizens of the IB Area, including the children and our posterity, get a fence, a park bench or two, and beggar status.

UPDATE

In October 2015, the Port District issued an RFP for the mitigation of the bulk of Pond 20 (84 acres or 88%). The highest rated bidder, which is likely to be awarded the land contract on July 27, 2016, offered \$40K per acre plus 15% share in land banking profits. According to this bid, the Port District could receive up to \$4.6 million profit, after paying off their initial investment of \$3 million. From this “profit” they would still have to pay for the new fence (\$300K), consultants and lawyers (\$millions), other expenses (\$?), and, according to the IB Port Commissioner, put money into a “Pond 20 Economic Dev Fund” to benefit the Palm Corridor. It is obvious from this analysis, any “Pond 20 Fund” would amount to nothing but a little hush money for a few, while the real wealth of Pond 20 goes to mitigation for rich developments to the North.

Sadly, it appears our local representatives and nonprofits (S.W.I.A. and Wildcoast) let this happen because they are too embroiled in conflict of interests and shortsightedness to fight for the long term economic and social prosperity for our citizens, children, and future generations.

Pond 20 is perfectly situated to economically and socially benefit the communities of the IB Area.

Pond 20 was “set aside for economic development”. The Port District is discriminating against the people of the IB Area and redirecting the wealth of Pond 20 to help rich developments to the North.

For Supporting Information – See www.Pond20forUs.com

POND 20... KNOW A GOOD LAWYER?



Who represents the IB Area's interests regarding Pond 20? It is primarily two environmental "nonprofits", S.W.I.A and Wildcoast.

S.W.I.A boasts \$30 million in local land mitigation business on their webpage. Wildcoast is also into the land mitigation business, and receives hundreds of \$thousands from the Port District for public, environmental, and "volunteer" related work.

Due to these conflicts of interest how can these local nonprofits represent the best interests of the citizens of the IB Area? Simple answer, they can't.

Unless you, citizens of the IB Area, step up and make a case to stop the giving away of Pond 20 in the legal courts now, our community will be fleeced of the last opportunity for true economic and social justice.

URGENT: The Port is ready to give Pond 20 away July 27.

Please respond with what resources you can provide

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ARE THE PORT'S ACTIONS LEGAL?

It appears the San Diego Port District has blatantly discriminated against the lower socio-economic and underrepresented communities of the IB Area by depriving economic opportunity, while using public assets of the South to benefit richer communities to the North.

It appears the Port District is poised to set up a Redevelopment Agency (RDA) in the form of a "Pond 20 Economic Dev Fund" to administer \$ proceeds from the sale of mitigation credits of Pond 20, despite RDAs being illegal in CA since 2011. Note: Though the "proceeds" are relatively insignificant amounts of money for the IB Area, the Port claims it's a win-win.

In our opinion, the Port District has manipulated public input data regarding support for economic development of Pond 20, and used biased data (mainly from self-serving nonprofits in the land mitigation business) to fool the public that there is community support for more land mitigation banking.

In our opinion, the Port District has denied and withheld from the local community the opportunity to see expert recommendations for the use of Pond 20 for economic development, e.g., the HYK Architecture firm's model prepared for the Port's 50 year Master Plan requirement, showing public access and wonderful amenities within Pond 20, presented on Nov. 20, 2014.