

Since the Playa Vista Phase II lawsuit was won in Appellate Court, and the City was ordered to redo the Environmental Impact Report-- the decisions made by the Los Angeles City Council both approving the Phase II EIR for Playa Vista and approving the up-zoning, will now go back to the Superior Court for its determination as to compliance. The City and Playa Capital LLC will be challenged on that compliance by the various grassroots organizations that are party to the lawsuit and should environmental plaintiffs fail at the Superior Court level, they will, in all likelihood take the challenge back to the higher courts.



Kite (hawk) Hovering



Snowy Egret

The Playa Vista Phase I California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lawsuit is already in process again at the Appellate Court level after having been won in 2005 and now has been refiled to challenge the City's failure to adhere to the 2005 court orders.



Finches

Meanwhile, Playa Vista's neighbor, The Southern California Gas Company (SEMPRA owned), is party to a Proposition 65 lawsuit for its alleged contamination of the groundwater due to oil wells acting as conduits for gas migration. (Proposition 65 chemicals are chemicals that can cause cancer and/ or birth defects.)

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has oversight of the SOCALGAS operations. A November 2004 CPUC Safety Branch Report, the result of another litigation by the public, warns that the gases migrating throughout Playa Vista may be caused by the SOCALGAS operations. A recent Settlement Agreement that resulted in SOCALGAS having to perform testing for gas migration problems and disclosure to the public has yet to be employed.



Pickle weed

Pollywogs