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Hey Gibb,

Just wanted to take a second of your time and hope that my email doesn't get filtered. I know you hear many emails about "save coconut", "I love coconut", etc etc. And while it's a big part of our lives Tuesday through Friday and many weekends, it wouldn't be the end of the world if it were gone. Obviously we would miss our time with each other and it would be said to see another lakefront tradition marred by Katrina. Surely the Corp has a plan and many capable people who have devised a way to save homes and people's lives.

I simply question why does it have to be this particular spot. There is nothing else at the lakefront, it's a dead zone and depressing to even drive 2 blocks past coconut beach. Surely no company will rebuild a restaurant without the ability of obtaining insurance, so why not build around the beach. It's a staple that will never die, where both young and old, mom and sons play on the same team. It's nothing that will fade away. There are ample opportunities to build pump stations beyond the beach in The Dock/Brunings parking lots and beyond. Why not there? Nothing will ever be in the spot again.

The beach is great because if a hurricane wipes it away it was only sand and a bar, no insurance needed. Why not keep a positive thing in New Orleans going strong?

I am not irrational and stating that the beach should be saved over civilians homes, but isn't there an alternative?

I understand it would be a cheap acquisition for the state and would eliminate the buyouts of homes and restaurants, but isn't there alternatives that would require none of this. Surely there may be 3 options on the table now, but why not find 2 more options before making a final determination. Engineers can

simply look at the large empty lot behind the complex and can tie the current pumps to the new station, even if it means removing the last 4 nets close to the canal?

My simple question, why is this not an option? Why does an existing structure need to be consumed when there is a vacant and double the size area within 300 yards of the existing pumps? This parking lot still has Katrina boats sitting in there, why is this not the answer?

Don’t let the only options on the table be just that, the only options.

Thanks for the time,

Craig