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October 25, 2019

To: All Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Availability of Draft Integrated Feasibility Report (Integrated Feasibility Study/Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report) for the Port of Long Beach Deep Draft Navigation Study (CEQA SCH# 2016111014)

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Los Angeles District, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Port of Long Beach, acting by and through its Board of Harbor Commissioners, in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), have completed a Draft Integrated Feasibility Report (IFR) and Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Port of Long Beach Deep Draft Navigation Feasibility Study located in the City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California. The Draft IFR EIS/EIR is available for review at:

https://www.spl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Projects-Studies/Port-of-Long-Beach-Deep-Draft-Navigation-Study/ and http://www.polb.com/cega

The Draft IFR EIS/EIR will also be available for review at the following locations, beginning on October 25, 2019:

Billie Jean King Main Library 200 West Broadway Long Beach, California 90802

Port of Long Beach Administration Building Environmental Planning Division, 7th Floor 415 West Ocean Boulevard Long Beach, California 90802 Wilmington Branch Library 1300 North Avalon Boulevard Wilmington, California 90744

San Pedro Regional Branch Library 931 Gaffey Street San Pedro, California 90731

Purpose of Study/Project Description: The purpose of the Port of Long Beach Deep Draft Navigation Study (proposed Project) is to identify, evaluate, and improve existing navigation channels within the Port of Long Beach to improve conditions for current and future container and liquid bulk vessel operations and safety, in the event of vessel malfunction or weather-related events. The proposed Project is located at Port of Long Beach Federal channels and berths serving Pier J and Pier T/West Basin. The proposed Project deepens existing Federal channels and constructs a new Federal channel and turning basin by dredging and disposing up to approximately 7.4 million cubic yards of sediment. Construction would begin in 2024 and is anticipated to take approximately 39 months to complete.

Significant Environmental Impacts: Impacts associated with the proposed Project have been evaluated for all resource topics and were determined to be less than significant for all resources except air quality. Mitigation is proposed for the impacts identified under each alternative and the severity of these impacts is directly relative to the size of the alternative and associated number of days for construction.

Public Review Period: The IFR EIS/EIR has a review period of 45 days, starting on October 25, 2019 and ending December 9, 2019. Written comments on the IFR EIS/EIR can be submitted anytime during the 45-day public review and comment period. Please identify a contact person for your agency or organization and include a valid mailing address. Comments submitted via email should be sent to POLB@usace.army.mil and should include the project title in the subject line of the email address. Written comments on the Draft IFR EIS/EIR should be sent to:

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Public Meetings: Two public meetings will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at the Port of Long Beach Administration Building located at 415 W. Ocean Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90802 in their first floor Multipurpose Room (Room# 1901E). The first meeting will be from 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.. The second meeting will be from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m..

Please note: No public or visitor parking is available at the Port of Long Beach Administration Building. Public parking is located adjacent to the Port of Long Beach Administration Building. Please see Attachment for information.

Following the close of the public review period for the Draft IFR EIS/EIR, the USACE and the Port of Long Beach will jointly prepare a Final IFR EIS/EIR, incorporating all comments received during the public comment period.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed Project, please contact Mr. Larry Smith, Project Environmental Coordinator, at (213) 452-3846, Fax (213) 452-4204, or via E-mail at POLB@usace.army.mil.

If you have any questions explicitly pertaining to the Environmental Impact Report and/or the CEQA review for the proposed Project, please contact the Port of Long Beach project manager, Baron Barrera, Environmental Specialist Associate at (562) 283-7100 or via E-mail at baron.barrera@polb.com.

Sincerely

Eduardo T. De Mesa Chief, Planning Division

Attachment: Public Parking Adjacent to Port of Long Beach Administration Building

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For additional parking information please visit www.parklb.com/parking-lotsgarages/downtown-parking/



