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DEAR INTERESTED PARTIES:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has completed a Draft Integrated Feasibility Report (IFR) which includes an Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study. The Proposed Project Area is in the eastern portion of San Pedro Bay, offshore from the City of Long Beach, California. This 18 square mile area includes the Long Beach shoreline, the Los Angeles River estuary, the Middle Breakwater, the Long Beach Breakwater, Alamitos Bay Jetties, and open water between these features. The Corps' Los Angeles District is the lead Federal Agency and the City of Long Beach is the lead Local Agency for this study. The Draft IFR presents the plan formulation undertaken to develop feasible alternatives and also assesses the potential environmental impacts associated with implementation of the proposed project alternatives.

The purpose of the study is to restore and improve aquatic ecosystem structure and function and to provide for increased habitat biodiversity and ecosystem value. The planning objective is to restore and support the sustained functioning of imperiled habitats such as kelp, rocky reef, eelgrass, and other types historically present in San Pedro Bay in order to support diverse resident and migratory species. The Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP) with the proposed measures are presented in full in Chapter 6 of the Draft IFR. Refer to Chapter 4 of the Draft IFR for descriptions of the measures and alternatives considered during the plan formulation process. Environmental impacts and benefits of the TSP and alternatives are evaluated in Chapter 5 of the Draft IFR.

The Draft IFR is available for public review from November 29, 2019 through January 27, 2020 and may be downloaded as a PDF from the following location:

<https://www.spl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Projects-Studies/East-San-Pedro-Bay-Ecosystem-Restoration-Study/>

The Draft IFR will also be available for review from November 29, 2019 through January 27, 2020 at the following locations:

Alamitos Branch Library
1836 E. Third Street
Long Beach, CA 90802

Bay Shore Branch
Long Beach Library
195 Bay Shore Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90803-3499

Bach Branch
Long Beach Library
4055 N. Bellflower Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90808-1904

Brewitt Branch
Long Beach Library
4036 E. Anaheim Street
Long Beach, CA 90804-4137

Dana Branch
Long Beach Library
3680 Atlantic Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90807-3418

Harte Branch
Long Beach Library
1595 W. Willow Street
Long Beach, CA 90810-31247

Mark Twain Branch
Long Beach Library
1325 E. Anaheim Street
Long Beach, CA 90813-3711

Senior Center Library
Long Beach Library
1150 E. Fourth Street
Long Beach, CA 90802-1735

Billie Jean King
Main Library
200 W. Broadway
Long Beach, CA 90802

Burnett Branch
Long Beach Library
560 E. Hill Street
Long Beach, CA 90806-4454

El Dorado Branch
Long Beach Library
2900 Studebaker Road
Long Beach, CA 90815-1631

Los Altos Branch
Long Beach Library
5614 E. Britton Drive
Long Beach, CA 90814-3129

Michelle Obama Branch
Long Beach Library
5870 Atlantic Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90805-4106

Long Beach City Hall
411 W. Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90802

Two identical public meetings will be held on Monday, December 9, 2019, at the Aquarium of the Pacific located at 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, California 90802, in the Ocean Theatre. The first meeting will be from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. The second meeting will be from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. A map and directions to the Aquarium of the Pacific are enclosed. Parking validation will be available to meeting attendees.

Please review and submit your comments no later than January 27, 2020 by using any of the following methods:

- *Electronic Submissions:* Submit all electronic public comments to: ESPB@usace.army.mil with subject heading "East San Pedro Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study Draft IFR Review Comments".
- *Fax:* (213) 452-4204; ATTN: Naeem A. Siddiqui, Ecosystem Planning Section.

- *Mail:* Submit written comments to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, CESPL-PDR-N, ATTN: Naeem A. Siddiqui, 915 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 930, Los Angeles, California 90017-3489.
- *Comment cards* may also be filled out and turned in at either one of public meetings.

Following the close of the public review period for the Draft IFR, the Corps and the City of Long Beach will jointly prepare a Final IFR, incorporating all comments received during the public comment period. If you have questions regarding this project or if you would like to request the document on CD, please contact Mr. Naeem A. Siddiqui, Project Environmental Coordinator at (213) 452-3852 or via e-mail at ESPB@usace.army.mil. If you have any questions explicitly pertaining to the Environmental Impact Report and/or CEQA review for the proposed Project, please contact the City of Long Beach, CEQA Lead, Mr. Christopher Koontz at (562) 283-7100 or via e-mail at Christopher.Koontz@longbeach.gov.

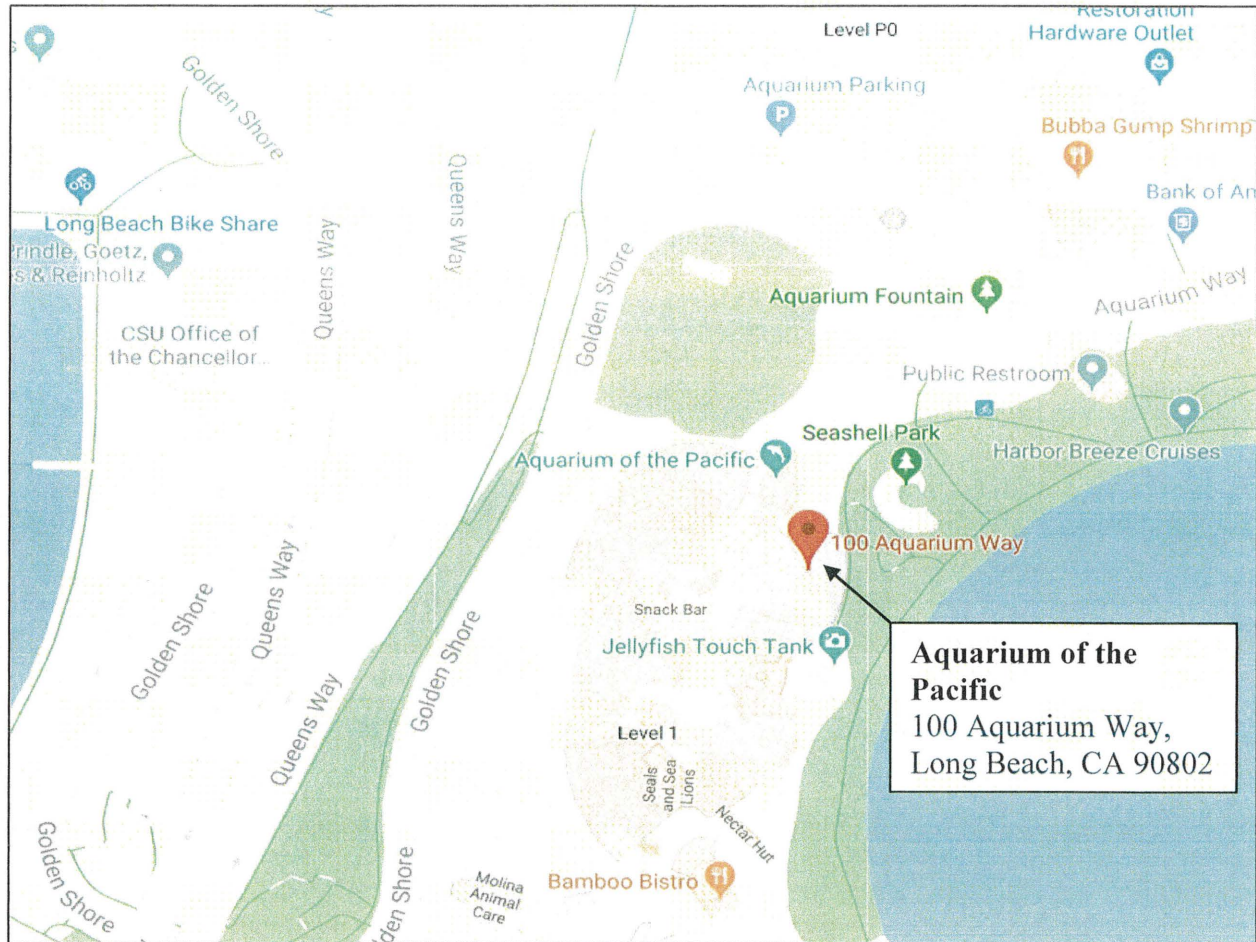
Thank you for your attention to this document.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eduardo T. De Mesa', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Eduardo T. De Mesa
Chief, Planning Division

Enclosure(s)



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