

Newport Harbor Update -

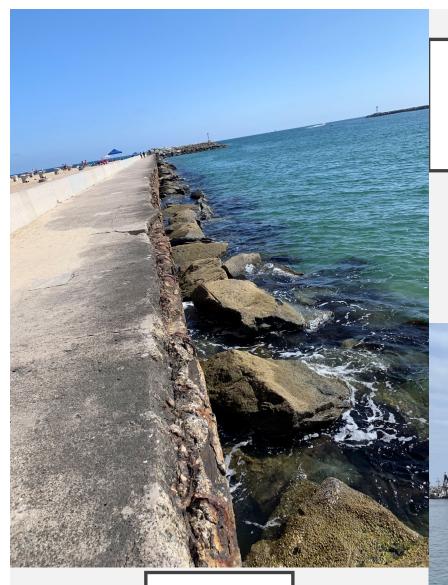
Dredging (Phase I & II)

Caulerpa

Copper TMDL

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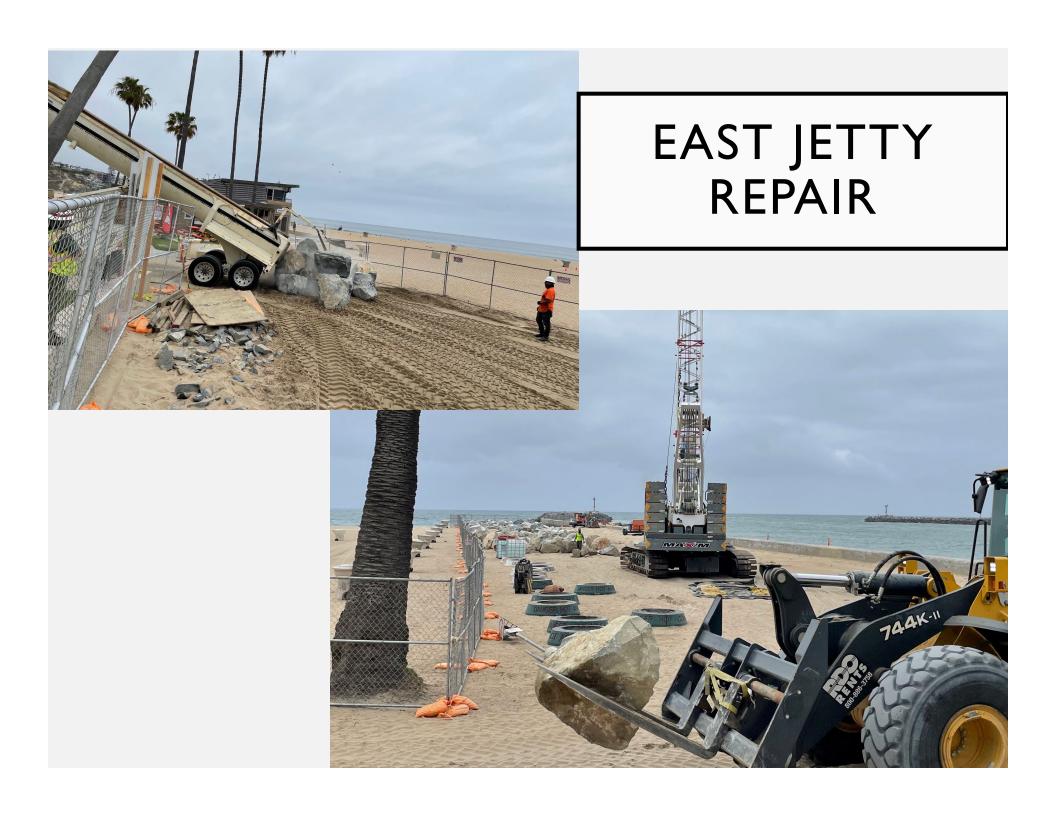
September 16, 2021



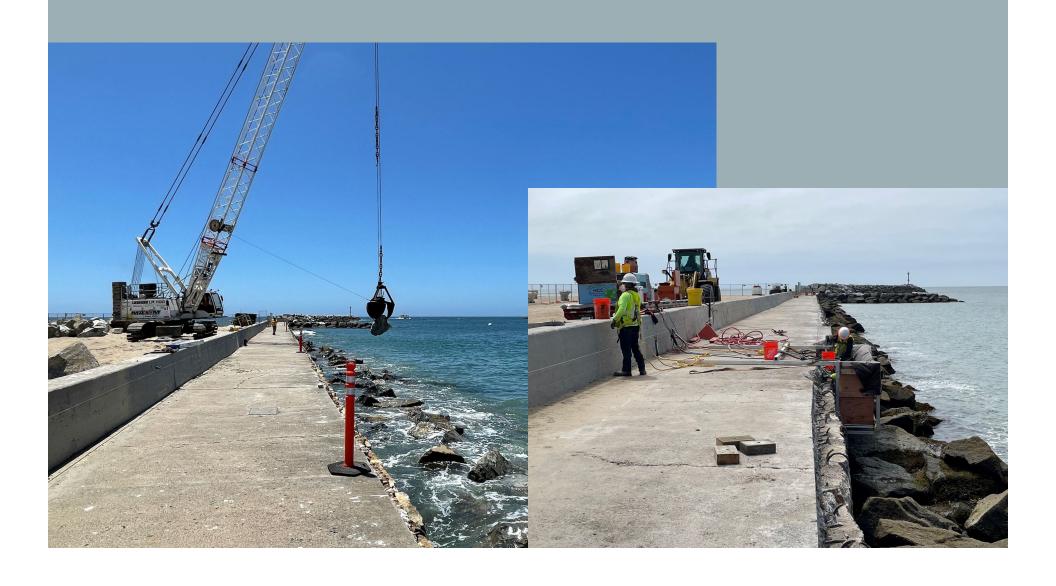
EAST JETTY REPAIR

AFTER

BEFORE



EAST JETTY REPAIR





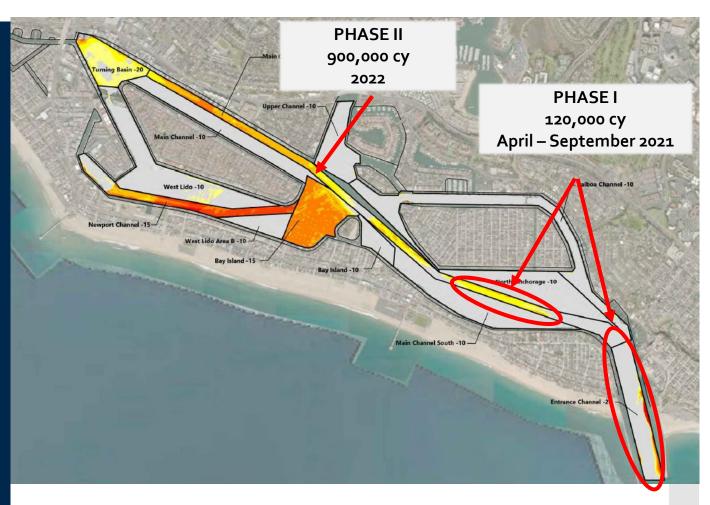
LOWER BAY DREDGING PHASE I



Federal Maintenance Dredging

Removes accumulated sediment which restores:

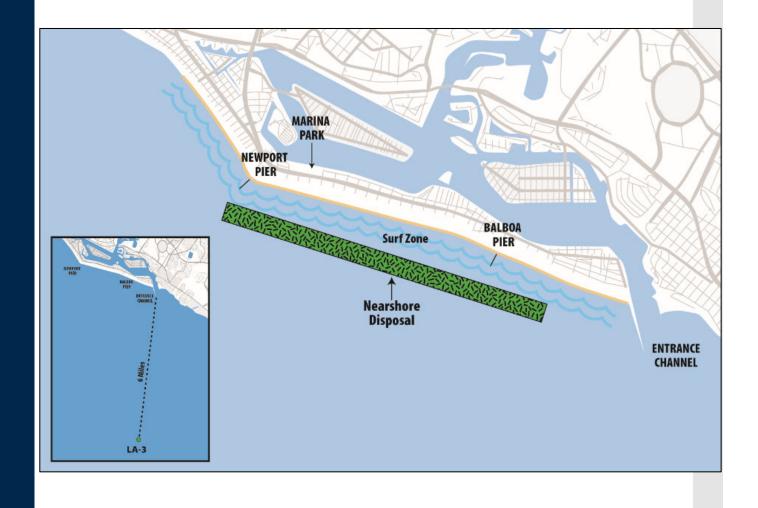
- Original Navigation
- Tidal Flushing / Improved Water Quality
- Full Use of the Harbor
- Long-term Stewards of the Harbor



- Maintained by the Federal Government (USACE)
 - With local sponsor (City) contribution

Most sediment suitable for nearshore or open-ocean placement

Replenishes peninsula ocean beach sand



Regulatory/Permit Relief to Allow Open Disposal

Hg>1.5 ppm (olive)

After Aggressive
Advocation & Negotiating
with EPA
&
provided that we address
all Federal Channels



Prior Project solution to disposal of unsuitable sediments

Port of LA & Long Beach not available

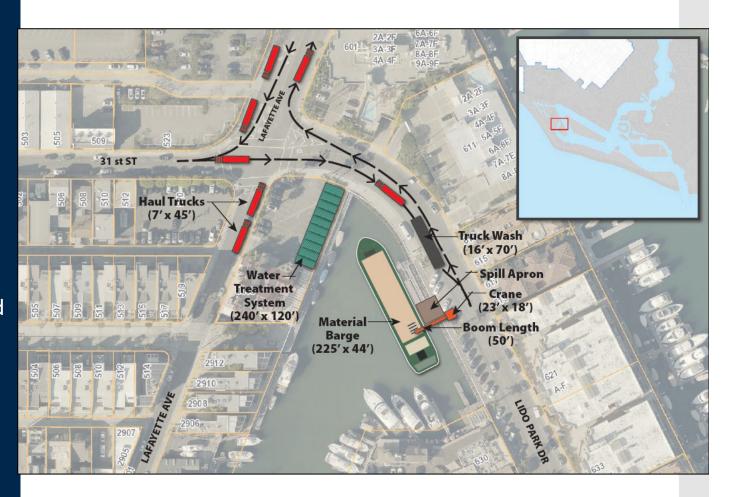
2011-12 Port of Long Beach Disposal Rhine Channel & Lower Bay



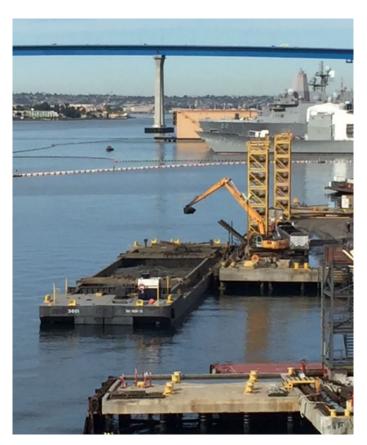
Project Alternatives

No CAD Construction – Bottom Sediments Removed by Trucks

- No other fill areas in region
- Trucked to permitted landfill likely outside OC area
- Approx. 8,800 truck round-trips



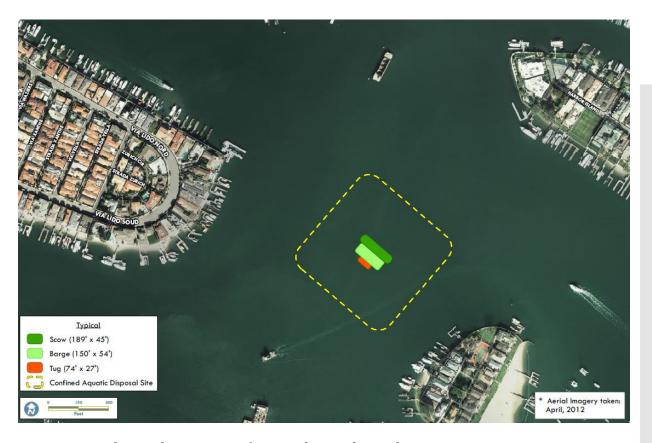
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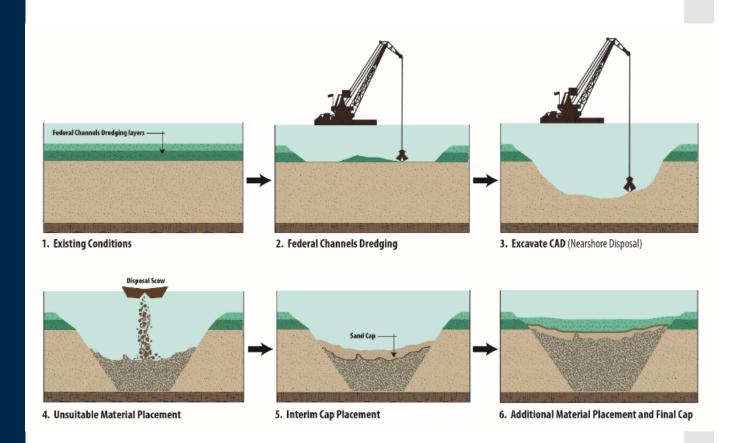
Recommended CAD Location Alternative:

Single, Centralized Location



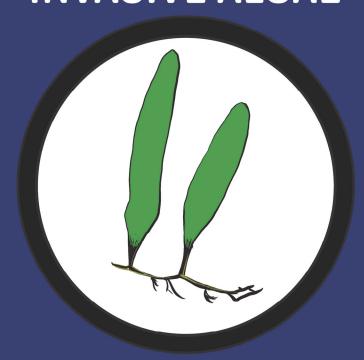
- Centrality located within harbor
- Equal proximity to unsuitable material (reduces transit time, disruption and cost)
- Deeper water = maximizes scow capacity
 - Reduces timeline, cost and emissions
- Not a known eelgrass area
- Area already required to be dredged

CAD Construction Process





INVASIVE ALGAE



HAVE YOU SEEN THIS ALGAE?

Caulerpa prolifera is bright green with about 4 inch long blades





- O DO NOT collect algae
- Report your sighting IMMEDIATELY
- For information, photos and reporting:

https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Invasives/Species/Caulerpa

HELP FIND CAULERPA INVASIONS!



We are counting on you to find the next invasion of the aquarium seaweed Caulerpa prolifera. Watch for it!





Caulerpa prolifera is a non-native invasive alga. It can grow quickly, choking out native seaweeds and harming marine life through lost habitat. In 2021, an infestation was confirmed in Newport Bay that may have spread to other locations.

Identify *Caulerpa prolifera* by its bright green color, ~ 4 inch long blades, and long, horizontal runners. Caulerpa does NOT float and is most likely to be found on the seafloor, rather than on docks, boats, seawalls, or beaches.

How Divers Can Help:

Learn to recognize Caulerpa. Watch for it on saltwater dives (oceans, harbors, bays).
Report it, if found, by following the QR code or web link below:

- Note the location, depth, and patch size.
- Record the location with a GPS if available.
- Take a photo if possible.
- DO NOT collect or disturb!
- (be careful- even a tiny fragment can start a new infestation).











To See Photos and Report A Sighting: https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Invasives/Species/Caulerpa

CopperTMDL





Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENT

REGIONAL BOARD MEETING

Friday, September 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
Video and Teleconference Meeting Only
No Physical Meeting Location
(Authorized by and in furtherance of
Executive Orders N-08-21)
Live video webcast: LIVE VIDEO

NOTICE:

Video and Teleconference Meeting During COVID-19 Emergency: As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor's Executive Orders to protect public health by limiting public gatherings and requiring social distancing, this meeting will occur solely via remote presence.

If you want to watch or listen to the meeting but do not want to comment, you can access the webcast of the meeting at https://cal-span.org/

If you want to comment on an item during the meeting, you will need to submit a virtual speaker card by following the instructions included below. A computer is not required to participate in the meeting; the public will also have the option to dial into the meeting by phone. Additional information regarding remote meeting participation is available on the Santa Ana Water Board's website:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/board_info/remote_meeting/index.html

Special Virtual Speaker Card Instructions

Persons speaking at Santa Ana Water Board meetings are accustomed to filling out a speaker card. To allow for a more orderly process of identifying speakers in advance, the Santa Ana Water Board will use virtual speaker cards. The virtual speaker card will allow the Board Clerk to locate commenters within the Zoom meeting waiting list and unmute them so they can address the Board at the appropriate time.

To request to speak on an item at this meeting, you must submit a virtual speaker card no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 2021. To register visit: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LQscjFCNTQeGoBgPqgICFA

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