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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION (Public Resources Code section 21108)

File Ref: L4551; A3870 SCH#: 2018094001 Item: C70

Title: Surfside Sunset Beach Nourishment Project Stage 13

Applicant: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location: Sovereign land in the Pacific Ocean, near Sunset and Huntington Beach, Orange County.

Description: The purpose of the proposed project is to dredge beach-compatible sand from an offshore borrow site for placement on Surfside-Sunset Beach to nourish the beach and act as a feeder for downcoast beaches. The State Lands Commission action is an approval of a 49-year General Lease – Public Agency Use to the Applicant through June 5, 2072, to dredge approximately 1,750,000 cubic yards of sand from the Pacific Ocean from an offshore borrow site; place compatible dredged beach fill along a 4,500-foot-long stretch of shoreline in the City of Seal Beach; and excavate 100,000 cubic yards of sand from a borrow site on Newport Beach and place down shore.

This is to advise that the California State Lands Commission, as □Lead Agency ☒ Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on June 5, 2023, and made the following determinations regarding the project.

- 1) The project □ will ☒ will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2) An \boxtimes Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was prepared by a federal agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and is being used in the place of an MND, or negative declaration pursuant to the provisions of the CEQA (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15221). See below for details.
- Mitigation measures □ were ⋈ were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
- 4) A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was □ or ☒ was not adopted for this project.
- 5) A Statement of Overriding Considerations □ was ☒ was not adopted for the project.
- 6) Findings □ were ⋈ were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) approved the EA/FONSI on May 8, 2023. The California State Lands Commission has considered the EA/FONSI as prepared for this project by the USACE, and the record of approval may be examined at the above shown California State Lands Commission office.

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