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Project Title: Lower Newport Bay Confined Aquatic Disposal (CAD) Construction Project (PA2019-020)

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Project Location: Newport Beach, Orange County
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

Newport Harbor, located in Newport Bay, must be dredged periodically to maintain channel depth for safe navigation. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) conducts annual bathymetric surveys to determine the amount of sediment that has accumulated in the Federal Channels and to assess the need for maintenance dredging. The most recent sediment sampling effort, conducted in 2018 and 2019, determined that dredging in the Main Channel and channel offshoots will expose some sediment that has been determined to be unsuitable for ocean disposal and therefore requires an alternate disposal location. To manage the unsuitable material, the City proposes to construct a confined aquatic disposal (CAD) facility in the central portion of the Lower Harbor between Bay Island, Lido Isle and Harbor Island where dredged sediment unsuitable for open ocean disposal or nearshore placement can be contained. Clean material suitable for beach nourishment generated from constructing the CAD facility will be transported and disposed at an approved open ocean disposal site or along the nearshore ocean beaches.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

With the incorporation of mitigation measures, the proposed Project would result in either no project-level impacts or less-than-significant project-level impacts to the following resource areas: aesthetics; agriculture and forestry resources; biological resources; cultural resources; energy; geology and soils; GHG emissions; hazards and hazardous materials; hydrology and water quality; land use and planning; mineral resources; noise; population and housing; public services; recreation; transportation; tribal cultural resources; utilities and service systems; and wildfire. The project would not result in significant and unavoidable impacts.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Thirty-two comment letters were received during the public scoping period. One individual also provided comments during the public scoping meeting. In addition, six letters were received outside of the scoping period and were also considered in preparation of the DEIR. Comments were received in regards to water quality controls, potential conflicts with recreation and navigation during construction, and suggestions to expand alternatives.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California State Lands Commission
California Coastal Commission
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board