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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

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RE: Port of Long Beach Deep Draft
Navigation Feasibility Study – Draft
Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)
SCH# 2016111014
GTS # 07-LA-2016-02885
Vic. LA-710/PM: 3.565

Dear Mr. Larry Smith:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project's Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). The Port of Long Beach Deep Draft Navigation Feasibility Study and Channel Deepening Project will evaluate dredging to deepen several channels, basins, and standby areas within the Port to improve waterborne transportation efficiencies and navigational safety for current and future container and liquid bulk vessel operations. Project areas include the approach channel extending seaward from the Queen's Gate opening of the Long Beach Breakwater; the approach channel to Pier J, the Pier J Breakwaters and berths J266-J270; and the Pier T/West Basin and berth T140. A new electrical substation will be constructed landside, on Pier J, to provide electricity to the dredge equipment.

After reviewing the DEIR, Caltrans has the following comments:

1. The proposed project's DEIR traffic study indicates that peak project trip volumes are projected to be potentially higher during some months as opposed to others (e.g. January & February 2026). When larger truck traffic volumes are anticipated Caltrans suggests implementing a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) to alleviate some congestion.
2. Whenever possible Caltrans recommends truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods. Additionally, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit.
3. If significant earth-moving activities will take place during construction Caltrans recommends vehicles are covered when hauling dirt/sediment. Please be cautious of lost

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sediment spilling onto roads and state facilities during this process as this can adversely impact state facilities.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact project coordinator Reece Allen, at reece.allen@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS# 07-LA-2016-02885.

Sincerely,



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