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**DATES:** The Corps will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the DEIS. The public hearing will be held May 10, 2012, 6 p.m., Grand Magnolia Ballroom, 3604 Magnolia Street, Pascagoula, Mississippi.

Written comments on the DEIS must be received no later than May 29, 2012.

Additional information on how to submit comments is included in the (SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION) section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Written and emailed comments to the Corps will be received until May 29, 2012. Correspondence concerning this Public Hearing should refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2011-00389-PAH and should be directed to the U.S. Army Engineer District, RD-C-M Attention: Mr. Philip Hegji, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, via email at [philip.a.hegji@usace.army.mil](mailto:philip.a.hegji@usace.army.mil) or by phone at (251) 690-3222. We encourage any additional comments from interested public, agencies and local officials. For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at:

[www.sam.usace.army.mil/rd/reg/](http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/rd/reg/).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Availability of the Draft EIS: The DEIS will be made available to the public April 13, 2012. The public hearing will be held May 10, 2012, during the 45-day public comment period for the DEIS.

On April 6, 2011, the Jackson County Port Authority (JCPA) submitted an application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Mobile District, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) for authorization to impact wetlands and other waters of the United States associated with the proposed widening of the Pascagoula Lower Sound/Bayou Casotte Channel (the proposed project), Jackson County. The proposed project is located in the Pascagoula Lower Sound/Bayou Casotte, Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi (Latitude 30.365° North, Longitude 88.556° West).

The Corps prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project. The proposed project is the dredging of approximately 38,200 feet (7.2 miles) of the existing Pascagoula Lower Sound/Bayou Casotte Channel segment to widen the channel from the Federally authorized width of 350 feet and depth of -42 feet mean lower low water (MLLW) (with 2 feet of allowable over-depth and 2 feet of advanced

maintenance) to a width of 450 feet, parallel to the existing channel centerline and to the existing Federally authorized depth of -42 feet MLLW. The proposed project would include the placement of approximately 3.35 million cubic yards of dredged material resulting from the channel modification.

The JCPA requested a Department of the Army (DOA) permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, including a Section 404(b)(1) analysis to help ensure compliance. The Corps is the lead Federal agency for the preparation of this DEIS in compliance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the President's Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA. The National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Coast Guard are cooperating agencies for the preparation of the EIS. This application was advertised by 30-day Public Notice April 15, 2011.

On April 13, 2012, a copy of the DEIS will be available for public review. The DEIS is available to the public at: [www.sam.usace.army.mil/rd/reg/](http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/rd/reg/). Hardcopies of the DEIS are available upon request from Mr. Philip A. Hegji, Corps Project Manager (contact information below). This document is being circulated to resource agencies and interested members of the public for a 45-day comment period ending May 29, 2012.

A public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 10, 2012, at the Grand Magnolia Ballroom at 3604 Magnolia Street, Pascagoula, Mississippi. The public hearing will be held to provide information about the proposed project and to receive public input and comments on the DEIS. The Corps invites full public participation to promote open communication on the issues surrounding the DEIS. In addition, participation by Federal, State, local agencies and other interested organizations is encouraged. Both oral and written statements will be accepted at the hearing. An informal open house will be held from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the Grand Magnolia Ballroom to allow the public the opportunity to become familiar with the proposed project prior to the start of the formal hearing. Displays of the proposed project and associated impacts will be available. Representatives from the JCPA will be present to answer questions concerning the project and Corps representatives will be available to answer questions concerning the Corps regulatory process.

The public hearing will be conducted in English. Those in need of language interpreters should contact the Corps' Public Involvement consultant, Crouch Environmental Services at (713) 868-1043, by Thursday, May 3, 2012.

Any comments received at the hearing will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposed project. All comments will be considered in the final EIS pursuant to NEPA. Comments are also used to help determine the overall public interest of the proposed project. All comments must be received or postmarked by May 29, 2012 (19 days following the public hearing).

Dated: April 5, 2012.

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Chief, Regulatory Division.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the Encinitas and Solana Beach Shoreline Protection Project, San Diego County, CA

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Los Angeles District intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) to support a cost-shared feasibility study with the Cities of Encinitas and Solana Beach, CA, for shoreline protection along the coastline of these two cities. The purpose of the feasibility study is to evaluate alternatives for reducing shoreline erosion. The EIS/EIR will analyze potential impacts of the recommended plan and a range of alternatives for shoreline protection. Alternatives will include both structural and non-structural measures.

**ADDRESSES:** You may also submit your concerns in writing to the city or the Los Angeles District at the address below. Comments, suggestions, and requests to be placed on the mailing list for announcements should be sent to Larry Smith, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles, CA 90053-2325, or email to [lawrence.j.smith@usace.army.mil](mailto:lawrence.j.smith@usace.army.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information contact Mr. Larry Smith, Project Environmental

Coordinator, (213) 452-3846, or Ms. Susie Ming, Project Manager, (213) 452-3789.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Authorization: House Public Works Transportation Committee Resolution dated May 13, 1993. The Army Corps of Engineers intends to prepare an EIS/EIR to assess the environmental effects associated with proposed erosion mitigating measures in the study area.

*Study Area:* The study area is located along the Pacific Ocean coastline in the Cities of Encinitas and Solana Beach, San Diego County, CA. Encinitas is approximately 10 miles south of Oceanside Harbor, and 17 miles north of Point La Jolla. The City of Encinitas' shoreline, about 6 miles long, is bounded by Batiquitos Lagoon to the north and on the south by San Elijo Lagoon. The City of Solana Beach is bounded by San Elijo Lagoon to the north and on the south by the City of Del Mar. The City's shoreline is about 2 miles long for a total of about 8 miles of study area shoreline. A major portion of the shoreline segment consists of narrow sand and cobble beaches fronting nearshore bluffs. A small stretch of beach west of the San Elijo Lagoon is backed by Highway 101 (Pacific Coast Highway) and is the only segment of the beach not backed by coastal bluffs.

*Problems and Needs:* A number of public concerns have been identified including:

1. Bluff erosion threatens property, including state and city owned lands, roads, railroads and infrastructure, as well as private residences atop the bluffs.
2. Public safety due to episodic bluff failure.
3. Closure of Old Highway 101 at Cardiff during storm events.
4. Bluff toe erosion and curtailed recreation activity resulting from eroded beach conditions.

*Proposed Action and Alternatives:* The Los Angeles District will investigate and evaluate all reasonable alternatives to address the problems and needs identified above. In addition to the NO ACTION alternative, both structural (breakwaters, artificial reefs, groins, revetments, notch fills, and seawalls) and non-structural (best management practices, and beach nourishment) measures will be investigated.

*Previous Actions:* The Los Angeles District originally published a Notice of Intent for this project in the **Federal Register** on September 20, 2001. A Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS/EIR was published in the **Federal Register** on December 2, 2005. The

project was modified following receipt of comments on the original Draft EIS/EIR. The modified project is the subject of this Notice of Intent.

*Scoping:* The scoping process is ongoing and has involved preliminary coordination with Federal, State, and local agencies. Two public scoping meetings are scheduled. The first on May 2, 2012, from 1 to 3 p.m. at City Hall, Poinsettia Room, 505 South Vulcan Avenue, Encinitas, CA. The second on May 2, 2012, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Solana Beach City Hall, City Council Chamber, 635 South Highway 101, Solana Beach, CA. The public will have an opportunity to express opinions and raise any issues relating to the scope of the Feasibility Study and the EIS/EIR. The public as well as Federal, State, and local agencies are encouraged to participate by submitting data, information, and comments identifying relevant environmental and socioeconomic issues to be addressed in the study. Useful information includes other environmental studies, published and unpublished data, alternatives that could be addressed in the analysis, and potential mitigation measures associated with the proposed action. All comments enter into the public record. The scoping meetings will also serve as scoping meetings for the purposes of compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

*Availability of the Draft EIS/EIR:* The Draft EIS/EIR is scheduled to be published and circulated in November 2012, and a public hearing to receive comments on the Draft EIS/EIR will be held after it is published.

Dated: April 9, 2012.

**Steven B. Sigloch, Jr.,**

*Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army, Acting Commander and Acting District Engineer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Navy**

**Notice of Availability of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Disposal and Reuse of Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, San Francisco, CA**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy

(DoN) announces that it has prepared and filed the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) evaluating the potential environmental consequences associated with the disposal and reuse of Hunters Point Naval Shipyard (HPS), San Francisco, California. The DoN is required to close HPS per Public Law 101-510, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended. This Notice of Availability (NOA) initiates a 30-calendar day wait period and public review period for the Final SEIS, beginning the date that this NOA is published in the **Federal Register**. During this time no federal decision on the proposed action shall be made or recorded. Following the 30-day wait/review period, as required by CEQ Regulations for Implementing NEPA, Sec. 1506.10(b)2, the DoN may make a decision on the proposed action and a Record of Decision (ROD) could be issued.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Director, BRAC PMO West, Attn: Mr. Ronald Bochenek, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 900, San Diego, CA 92108-4310, telephone 619-532-0906, fax 619-532-9858, email: [ronald.bochenek.ctr@navy.mil](mailto:ronald.bochenek.ctr@navy.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The DoN, as lead agency, has prepared and filed the Final SEIS for the Disposal and Reuse of HPS, San Francisco, California in accordance with the requirements of the NEPA of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4345) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508). A Notice of Intent for the SEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on September 5, 2008 (**Federal Register**/Vol. 73, No. 173 pgs 51797 and 51798/Friday, September 5, 2008/Notices). The purpose of the proposed action and the preferred alternative is the disposal of HPS from federal ownership (861 dry and submerged acres) and its subsequent reuse in a manner consistent with the amended HPS Redevelopment Plan as adopted by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency (SFRA) on August 3, 2010. HPS Phase 1, comprising approximately 75 acres, was disposed of by the DoN in 2004 and is not part of the proposed project evaluated in the Final SEIS. The DoN is required to close HPS in accordance with Public Law 101-510, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended. In accordance with NEPA, before disposing of any real property, the DoN must analyze the environmental effects of the disposal of the HPS property.

The environmental consequences resulting from the disposal and reuse of