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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Public Notice/Application No.: 2006-02062-JWM
Project Name: Pier S Marine Terminal Development and Back Channel Navigational Safety Improvements Project
Comment Period: November 8, 2013 through December 9, 2013
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Location
The 160-acre Pier S site is located in the Port of Long Beach, Terminal Island Harbor District, Los Angeles County, California. The Cerritos Channel and Back Channel are located on the north and east boundaries of the Pier S site, respectively (at: lat: 33.765926 lon: -118.231318). See page 5 and 6 of this notice.

Activity
The proposed project involves the development of Pier S as well as navigational improvements within Cerritos Channel and Back Channel. The construction footprint encompasses approximately 210 acres of land and water. For more information see pages 7 and 8 of this notice.

Interested parties are hereby notified that a Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) in association with a Department of the Army permit application for the activity described herein is available for review. This permit will be issued or denied under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) and, if there is transport and disposal of dredged material at a USEPA-designated ocean disposal site, Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA). Comments should be mailed to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District
Regulatory Division - Ventura Field Office
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2151 Alessandro Drive, Suite 110
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Alternatively, comments can be sent electronically to: john.w.markham@usace.army.mil

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District Regulatory Division (Corps), in coordination with the Port of Long Beach, has completed a Final EIS/EIR for the Pier S Marine Terminal and Back Channel Improvements Project. This Notice initiates the 30-day Notice of Availability for the Final EIS/EIR for the project, which will conclude on December 9, 2013. Please note that this document was previously released for comment in November 2012, but was withdrawn at the request of the Port. The document has not changed in content since this prior release.

The overall purpose of the proposed project is to construct a new container terminal to increase efficiency in order to accommodate a portion of the predicted future containerized cargo throughput volume and the modern cargo vessels that transport those goods to and from the Port. At full operation (anticipated in approximately year 2020), the proposed container terminal would accommodate approximately 1.8 million TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units), or approximately 1 million containers per year.

At present the proposed project site is used for construction staging, cargo storage, and non-cargo related events. The development of Pier S and Back Channel improvements would result in the development of an approximately 160-acre marine container terminal, and would include the following elements: property acquisition; dredging, wharf construction, other waterside improvements, and container cranes; container yard and associated structures; terminal buildings and other structures; truck gates, associated structures, and roadwork; intermodal rail yard, structures, and dual rail lead; and utility and oil facility relocation. Specifically, the proposed project would entail the following (**bolded** items fall within Corps jurisdiction), the effects of which are described in detail in the EIS/EIR:

- **881,000 cubic yards of dredging within navigable waters**
- **1,500,000 cubic yards of excavation of uplands along shoreline**
- **551,000 tons of imported rock and 18,000 tons of cement for shoreline stabilization**
- **Construction of 3,200 linear feet of wharf**
- **Installation of 12 container cranes**, and,
- Installation of 10 new rail yard tracks (1,480 linear feet each).

The Port requires authorization to construct the Pier S container terminal pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, and Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, for regulated activities in and affecting navigable waters of the U.S. The Corps and the Port as the state lead agency prepared a joint EIS/EIR to optimize efficiency and avoid duplication. The EIS/EIR is intended to be sufficient in scope to address federal, state, and local requirements and environmental issues concerning the proposed activities and permit approvals. Dredged material and excavated upland material would be re-used at the previously approved Middle Harbor landfill (Corps file no. SPL-2004-01053-AJS) following testing of the dredged material and Agency coordination procedures. A small amount of chemically suitable dredged material may be disposed at the Western Anchorage Disposal Site or the approved LA-2 ocean disposal site, if required by timing or capacity constraints at the Middle Harbor sites. Disposal at these sites would require approval from the Corps, USEPA, and the Regional Water Quality Control Board following chemical, and possibly bioassay, testing of the material.

Copies of this Corps Public Notice are available at: http://www.spl.usace.army.mil/regulatory/. Copies of the EIS/EIR are available at http://www.polb.com/ceqa, and at the following locations:

- Port of Long Beach Harbor Administration Building, 925 Harbor Plaza, Long Beach
- Long Beach City Clerk, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach
- Long Beach Main Library, 101 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach
- San Pedro Regional Branch Library, 931 Gaffey Street, San Pedro
- Wilmington Branch Library, 1300 N. Avalon Boulevard, Wilmington

For Further Information

Questions or requests concerning the Final EIS/EIR should be directed to: John W. Markham, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District-Regulatory Division, 2151 Alessandro Drive, Suite 110, Ventura, California 93001. Mr. Markham is also available by phone at (805) 585-2150 or by email john.w.markham@usace.army.mil . This public notice is issued by the Chief, Regulatory Division.

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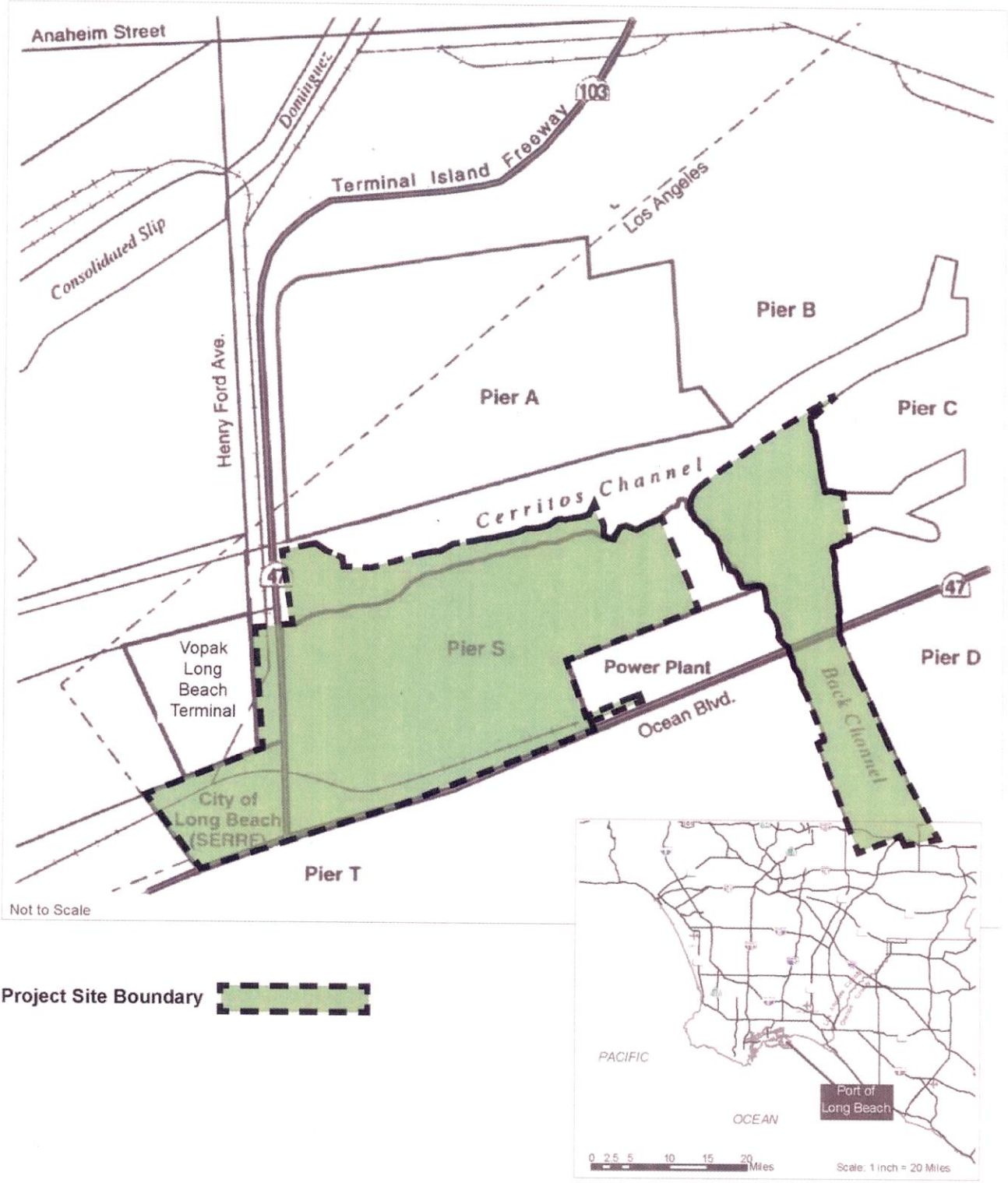
Figure 1-1
Project Location



Project Site Boundary

Source: California Geospatial Information Library and Southern California Association of Governments

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Figure ES-1
Project Location

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Figure 1-4
Dredge Footprint

Table 1-1. Pier S Project Alternatives Operations Summary

	Three-Berth Alternative	Two-Berth Alternative	Multi-Use Storage Alternative	No Project Alternative
Gross Site Acreage	160 acres	150 acres	150 acres	150 acres
Wharf Length	3,200 feet	2,800 feet	N/A	N/A
Dredged Material from Cerritos Channel and Back Channel	881,000 cy (631,000 cy for Cerritos Channel and 250,000 for the Back Channel)	881,000 cy (631,000 cy for Cerritos Channel and 250,000 for the Back Channel)	N/A	N/A
Dredge Depth	-54 to -62 feet MLLW	-54 to -62 feet MLLW	N/A	N/A
Dredge Footprint	51.0 acres	51.0 acres	N/A	N/A
Imported Rock for Construction, including Back Channel	551,000 tons	476,000 tons	N/A	N/A
Wharf Excavation (Upland)	1,500,000 cy	1,310,000 cy	N/A	N/A
New Water Surface Area	10.3 acres	9.4 acres	N/A	N/A
Container Cranes on Wharf	12	8	none	none
Building Construction	13 buildings	13 buildings	5 buildings	none
Truck Gates	1 primary, 1 secondary	1 primary, 1 secondary	1 primary	none
Rail Yard	10 tracks, 1,480 feet each	10 tracks 1,480 feet each	N/A	N/A
Rail Yard Acreage	17 (16.8) acres	17 (16.8) acres	N/A	N/A
Construction Period	2011 to 2013	2011 to 2013	2011 to 2013	N/A
Full Capacity (year)	2020	2020	2030	N/A
Throughput (2013)	1.05 million TEU	1.05 million TEU	0.56 million TEU	N/A
Throughput (full capacity year)	1.8 million TEU	1.33 million TEU	1.27 million TEU	N/A
Daily Truck Trips (2013)	3,692	3,692	2,219	N/A
Daily Truck Trips (2020)	7,168	4,861	4,731	N/A
Daily On-Dock Train Trips (2020)	1.5	1.6*	none	N/A
Daily Off-Dock Trail Trips (2020)	3.2	1.8	3.4	N/A
Annual Vessel Calls	312	260	N/A	N/A

* The higher daily on-dock train trips for the Two-Berth Alternative indicate the difference in footprint between the two alternatives. As the Three-Berth Alternative occupies a larger development footprint, it accommodates few daily train trips compared to the Two-Berth Alternative.
Source: Port of Long Beach, July 2006, updated March 2011