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## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

December 20, 2019

Ms. Christina Bridsey  
Chief Operating Officer, Oxnard Harbor District  
333 Ponomo Avenue  
Port Hueneme, CA 93041

TENTATIVE AMENDMENT TO WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs) FOR  
PORT HUENEME BERTH DEEPENING AND WHARF IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
(FILE NO. 17-106)

Dear Ms. Birdsey,

We have completed our review of your application to this Board for an amendment to your waste discharge requirements (WDRs) Order number R4-2018-0068. Enclosed is a copy of the amendment (R4-2018-0068-A01) for dredging and disposal of dredged material from the Port Hueneme Berth Deepening and Wharf Improvements Project, Ventura County.

In accordance with administrative procedures, this Board, at a public meeting to be held on February 13, 2020, at 9:00 am will consider the enclosed amendment and comments submitted in writing regarding any or all portions thereof. Please refer to the Los Angeles Water Quality Control Board website for the meeting location (Board meeting location is subject to change). The Board will hear any testimony pertinent to these discharges and the tentative requirements. It is expected that the Board will take action at the hearing; however, as testimony indicates, the Board at its discretion may order further investigation. The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the Los Angeles Regional Water Control Board's website

([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board\\_info/agenda/index.shtml](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_info/agenda/index.shtml))

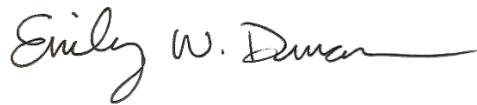
Approximately one week prior to the meeting.

Written comments or exhibits regarding this tentative Order must be received at the Regional Water Board office by 5:00 pm on January 23, 2020. Failure to comply with this requirement provides grounds for the Regional Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comments or exhibit the evidence (Title 23 CCR Section 648.2). If

materials are not submitted in a timely matter, the Regional Board may refuse to admit written testimony into evidence unless the proponent can demonstrate why he or she was unable to submit the material on time or that compliance with the deadline would otherwise create a hardship. If any other party demonstrates prejudice resulting from admission of written testimony or exhibits not timely submitted, the Regional Board may refuse to admit it.

If you have any questions regarding this proposed action, please contact me at (213) 576-6679 or via email at [emily.duncan@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:emily.duncan@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emily W. Duncan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Emily W. Duncan, Ph.D.  
Senior Environmental Scientist

Enclosures

Amendment for Waste Discharge Requirements

CC:

Allan Ota, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Melissa Scianni, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Larry, Simon Coastal, California Coastal Commission  
Theresa Stevens, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Antal Szijj, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Bryant Chesney, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
Loni Adams, California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Carol Roberts, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Analisa Moe, Heal the Bay  
K.J. May, Oxnard Harbor District  
Jack Malone, Anchor QEA

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD**  
**LOS ANGELES REGION**  
**ORDER NO. R4-2018-0068-A01**  
**AMENDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**  
**FOR**  
**OXNARD HARBOR DISTRICT**  
**(PORT HUENEME BERTH DEEPENING AND WHARF IMPROVEMENT PROJECT)**  
**(FILE NO. 17-106)**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Water Board) finds:

1. The Regional Water Board issued Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and water quality certification in Order No. R4-2018-0068, on May 10, 2018, for berth deepening and wharf improvement within Port Hueneme near the City of Oxnard, Ventura County.
2. This Order authorized dredging and disposal of a maximum volume of 28,500 cubic yards of sediment from Berths 1, 2 and 3, consisting of 19,500 cy above project depth and 9,000 cy of allowable overdepth volume. Deepening of berths will accommodate deep-draft vessels, increase cargo efficiency, reduce transit costs, and minimize vessel safety concerns. Oxnard Harbor District proposes to place the dredged material in the Nearshore Placement Zone or the Beach Nourishment Placement Zone at Hueneme Beach, depending on the construction schedule and construction equipment proposed by the contractor. Order No. R4-2018-0068 expires on December 31, 2019.
3. There have been delays in the project due to the construction of the wharf structure upgrades. Therefore, the post wharf construction dredging that was originally scheduled for mid-November to mid-December has been delayed and will not occur prior to December 31, 2019.
4. On December 17, 2019, the Oxnard Harbor District submitted a request for Renewal of Order No. R4-2018-0068 Establishing Discharge Requirements for the Port Hueneme Berth Deepening and Wharf Improvement Project.
5. An amendment to Order No. R4-2018-0068, extending the expiration date from December 31, 2019 to December 31, 2020, will keep dredging and construction delays to a minimum. All other aspects of Order No. R4-2018-0068 remain the same. There are no new or additional environmental impacts as a result of this delay.

6. Modification of the issuance of waste discharge requirements requires action by the Regional Water Board. This amendment revises Order No. R4-2018-0068.
7. The Regional Water Board provided public notice of the draft Order from December 23, 2019 to January 23, 2020.

The Regional Water Board, in a public hearing, heard and considered all testimony pertinent to this matter. All Orders referred to above, Regional Water Board files on this matter, and records of hearings and testimony therein are included in the administrative record for this matter.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. R4-2018-0068, adopted by this Regional Water Board on May 10, 2018, is hereby amended as follows:

1. Order, Cover Page and Header
  - Change “ORDER No. R4-2018-0068” to “ORDER No. R4-2018-0068-A01”.
  - Order, page 7
  - Change “This Order shall expire on December 31, 2019” to “This Order shall expire on December 31, 2020”.
  - Change “Deborah J. Smith” to “Renee Purdy”.
  - Add after “... a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted ... on May 10, 2018,” “and revised on February 13, 2020”.

I, Renee Purdy, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, on February 13, 2020.

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RENEE PURDY  
Executive Officer