

Notice of Section 401 Application Reception

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Project Name: 29th Street Public Pier Project

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Project City: Newport Beach

Project County: Orange

Applicant Organization: City of Newport Beach

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Brief Description of Project:

Project Description: The project is to construct a new dock that will be public and provide visitor access to and from the shoreline and a viewing platform for pedestrian use. It will replace the existing commercial dock, which has been abandoned in place by the former owner, and which is in a state of disrepair.

The construction of the pier is being required by the California Coastal Commission as mitigation for the Lafayette Public Walkway Replacement Project, WDID No. 302020-10.

Project Activities: A new public pier/dock is proposed at the terminus of 29th Street and Lafayette Avenue, approximately 250-feet north of the Lafayette Walkway Repair Project. Construction of the new public pier is required as a CCC Coastal Development Permit condition for the Lafayette Walkway project. The pier will consist of a single-finger floating dock, gangway, and pile-supported fixed pier/gangway platform. The existing dock at this location will be removed. The footprint and number of piles for the new public pier will be approximately the same as the existing dock.

The new pier/dock will be operated and maintained by the City of Newport Beach. Both sides of the dock will be available to the public for boats of all sizes, from dinghies and kayaks to the popular 21-foot electric vessels, to larger vessels in the approximate 40-foot-long range, though the latter is anticipated to be rare. This public dock will provide visitor access to/from the shoreline. Use of this public dock will be for short-term only, similar to the other public docks in Newport Harbor. Time limits for vessel tie-up will be decided by the City's Harbor Department with likely input from the Harbor Commission but will probably be for up to three hours. The public is allowed to use the dock free of charge, i.e., it will not operate as a rentable dock. People walking in the area can also utilize the fixed pier as a viewing platform along the waterfront.