April 18, 2017

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE BERTHS 226-236 [EVERPORT] CONTAINER TERMINAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (SCH#2014101050)

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District (Corps) and the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (LAHD) have prepared a joint Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIS/EIR) for the following project in the Port of Los Angeles (Port):

Berths 226-236 [Everport] Container Terminal Improvements Project

The Draft EIS/EIR is enclosed for your review in accordance with current and National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), City of Los Angeles Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, Article I; the State CEQA Guidelines, Article 7, Sections 15086-15087; and the California Public Resources Code Section 21153.

Availability:

The Draft EIS/EIR is available for review at: LAHD Environmental Management Division, 222 West 6th Street, Suite 900, San Pedro, CA 90731; Los Angeles City Library, Central Branch, 630 West 5th Street, Los Angeles CA 90071; Los Angeles City Library, San Pedro Branch, 931 South Gaffey Street, San Pedro, CA 90731; Los Angeles City Library, Wilmington Branch, 1300 North Avalon, Wilmington, CA 90744.

The public notice is available online at the Corps website: www.spl.usace.army.mil/regulatory/POLA.htm. The entire Draft EIS/EIR is also available on the Port’s web site: http://www.portoflosangeles.org under the Environmental tab. A limited number of hard copies of the Draft EIS/EIR are also available at the Environmental Management Division offices to purchase. The Draft EIR/EIS is available on CD for no charge.

Public Meeting:

The Corps and the LAHD will jointly conduct a public meeting will be held on May 10, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Harbor Department Administration
Building, 425 South Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro, CA 90731. Participation in the public meeting by federal, state and local agencies and other interested organizations and people is encouraged. This meeting will be conducted in English with simultaneous English/Spanish translation services available.

Comments:

Written comments on the Draft EIS/EIR can be submitted until June 5, 2017, and should be mailed or emailed to both the Corps and the LAHD:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District Regulatory Division ATTN: Theresa Stevens, Ph.D. 2151 Alessandro Drive, Suite 110 Ventura, California 93001

and

City of Los Angeles Harbor Department Christopher Cannon, Director Environmental Management Division P.O. Box 151 San Pedro, CA 90731

Comments may also be sent via email to: theresa.stevens@usace.army.mil and ceqacomments@portla.org.

Please remember to:
- Send your comments in letter format as an attachment to the e-mail;
- Include a valid mailing address in the comment letter; and
- Use the project title as the e-mail's subject line.

For additional information, contact the Corp's Public Affairs Office at (213) 452-3920 or Tara Tisopoulos, Project Manager at the LAHD at (310) 732-7713.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER CANNON
Director of Environmental Management

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