



**THE PORT  
OF LOS ANGELES** 

A M E R I C A ' S P O R T ®

# BERTHS 121-131 CONTAINER TERMINAL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

## DRAFT EIS/EIR PUBLIC HEARING - April 16, 2026

Presented by:  
Lisa Ochsner  
Environmental Manager  
Environmental Management  
Division

Spencer D. MacNeil, D.Env.  
Deputy Chief, Regulatory Division  
Ventura Field Office  
Los Angeles District



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers** ®

# Agenda


---

- Opening Remarks
- Staff Presentation
- Public Comments

Spanish translation service available





Para escuchar en español,  
por favor haga clic en el  
ícono de interpretación. 

# Purpose of the Public Hearing

---

- Provide information about the proposed project
- Provide an overview of the analysis and findings of the Draft EIS/EIR
- Obtain public comments



# Role of the USACE: Regulatory Permits Are Federal Actions

- The USACE regulates construction in waters of the U.S.
- The Corps has regulated the development of the Los Angeles-Long Beach harbor complex and been involved in major projects for over 100 years.
- Issues permits to the Los Angeles Harbor Department under three major federal laws.
- Federal actions must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requiring federal agencies to assess the environmental impacts of their actions.
- Requires public involvement (such as what we are doing now).
- Activities with potentially significant impacts require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).



U.S. ARMY



US Army Corps  
of Engineers®



# USACE REGULATORY LEGAL AUTHORITIES

## Section 10 of the Rivers & Harbors Act of 1899

Regulated Activities: Any Structures or Work in or Affecting Navigable Waters (in/over/under)



## Section 404 of the Clean Water Act of 1972

Regulated Activity: Discharges of Dredged or Fill Material into Waters of the U.S.



## Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (Ocean Dumping Act)

Regulated Activity: Transportation of dredged material for ocean disposal (such as at LA-2, a USEPA-designated site for this type of disposal)

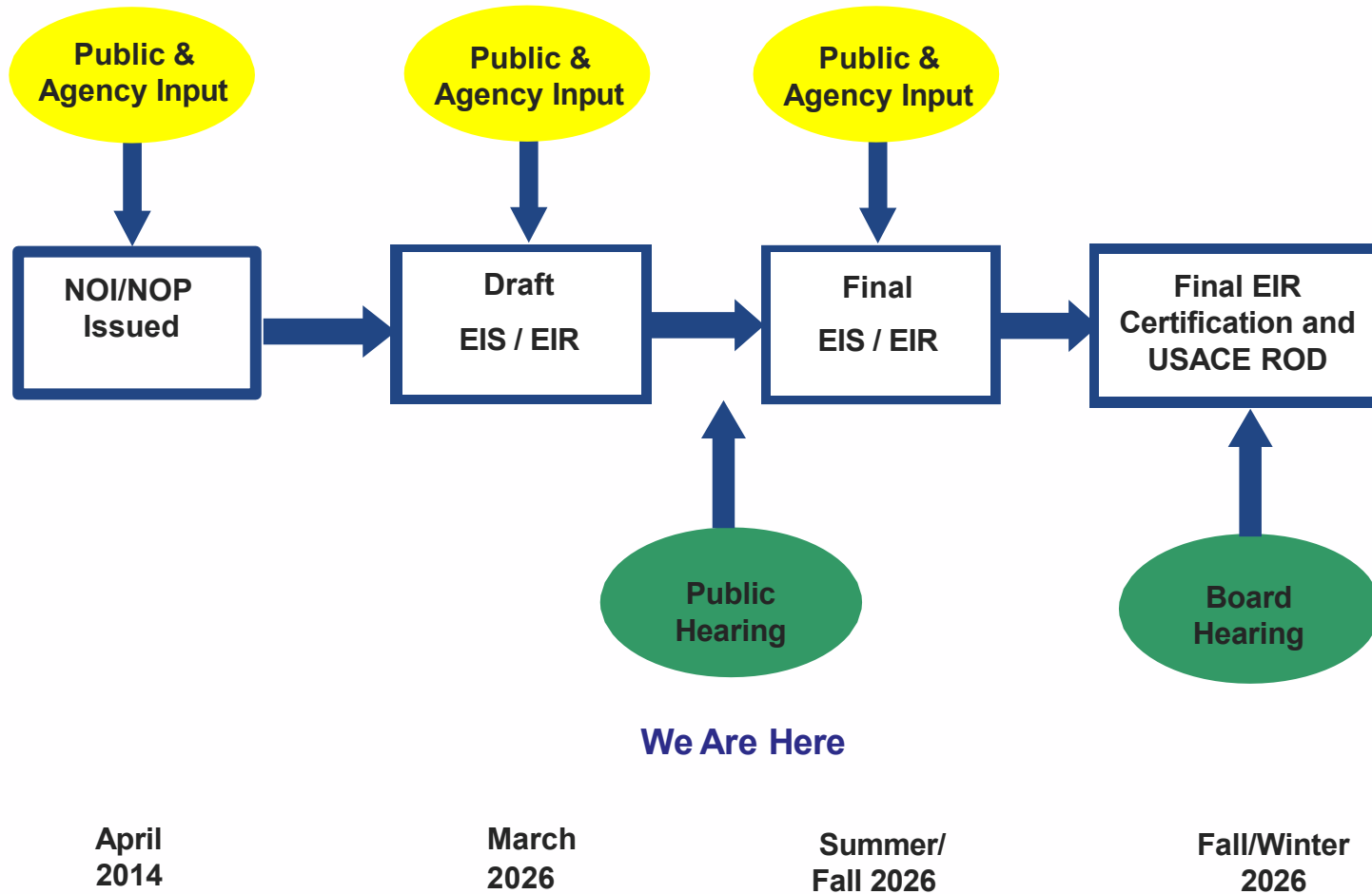


U.S. ARMY



US Army Corps  
of Engineers

# Overview of Environmental Review Process



# Project Location



# Project Objectives

---

- Optimize use of existing land at Berths 121-131 consistent with LAHD public trust obligations
- Deepen waterways to accommodate larger, future container vessels
- Improve wharf facilities to support loading/unloading of larger vessels
- Increase on-dock rail capacity to handle projected container growth

# Project Description

---

- Relocate five existing wharf cranes within the terminal
- Demolish existing wharf at Berths 126-129 and remove piles
- Dredge berths to -55 ft Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) to accommodate larger vessels and dispose of dredged sediments
- Reconstruct rock dike and build new pile-supported concrete wharf with new AMP infrastructure
- Install up to 10 new, larger electric rail-mounted wharf cranes
- Expand on-dock rail yard with 3-4 additional loading tracks and up to 7 electric RMG cranes
- Complete backland upgrades (repaving, restriping, relocation of utilities and support structures)
- New 30-year entitlement

# Scope of the Draft EIS/EIR

---

- Based on a smaller project compared to what was originally described in the 2014 NOI/NOP.
- Incorporates public comments received during the scoping process in 2014.
- Incorporates updated significance thresholds, models and methodology.
- Evaluates 16 environmental resources areas except for Agriculture/Forest Resources, Geology and Soils, Mineral Resources, Population and Housing, Recreation, and Wildfires.
- Evaluates alternatives to the Proposed Project.

# Baselines and Analysis

---

## **NEPA Baseline:**

- The full range of construction and operational activities possible if the USACE did not issue a federal permit.
- Equivalent to the No Federal Action Alternative which assumes future growth and other changes at the project site.

## **CEQA Baseline**

- Updated to reflect existing conditions in calendar year 2019.

## **Analyses**

- Current models, data, and emission factors available in 2025.
- 2-year construction duration with reduced terminal operations.
- Future operational years: 2028, 2036, 2050, 2055, and 2062.

# Significant Impacts of the Proposed Project

## **Air Quality and Meteorology:**

- Priority pollutant emissions of NO<sub>x</sub>, CO, and VOC from construction and operation;
- Off-site ambient concentrations of NO<sub>2</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, and PM<sub>2.5</sub> from construction alone and construction and operations combined.

## **Biological Resources:**

- Underwater noise impacts on marine mammals and fish.

## **Greenhouse Gases:**

- Greenhouse gas emissions (CEQA only).

All other impacts were determined to be less than significant and no mitigation is required.

# Significant Impacts of the Alternatives

## No Project Alternative (CEQA only)

- Emissions of CO and VOC during operations
- PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations during operations
- Introduction of non-native species via ballast water or vessel hulls from increased vessel calls
- Greenhouse gas emissions / climate change

## No Federal Action Alternative

- CO construction emissions and CO and VOC operational emissions (CEQA)
- PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations during operations (CEQA)
- Introduction of non-native species via ballast water or vessel hulls from increased vessel calls (CEQA)
- No impacts identified under NEPA

# Mitigation and Lease Measures

15 mitigation and lease measures applied to the Proposed Project and the No Federal Action Alternative:

MM AQ-1: Harbor Craft Used During Construction

MM AQ-2: On-Road Trucks Used During Construction

MM AQ-3: Non-Road Construction Equipment

MM AQ-4: Cargo Ships Used During Construction

MM AQ-5: Dredging Non-Road Equipment

MM AQ-6: General Construction Mitigation

MM AQ-7: Renewable Diesel Fuel

MM AQ-8: Vessel Speed Reduction Program

MM AQ-9: Yard Tractor Emissions Standards

MM AQ-10: Cargo-Handling Equipment Emissions Standards

MM BIO-1: Avoid Marine Mammals

MM GHG-1: LED Lighting

MM GHG-2: GHG Reduction Offsets

LM AQ-1: Zero-Emission Cargo Handling Equipment (CHE) Transition

LM AQ-2: Priority Access for Drayage

# Less Than Significant Impacts After Mitigation

## Air Quality and Meteorology:

- Off-site ambient concentrations of PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> from construction (CEQA and NEPA);
- Priority pollutant emissions of CO and VOC from operation (CEQA and NEPA);
- Offsite ambient concentrations of NO<sub>2</sub> from operation (NEPA).

## Biological Resources:

- Underwater noise on marine mammals and fish (CEQA and NEPA).

## Greenhouse Gases:

- Greenhouse gas emissions (CEQA).

# Significant and Unavoidable Impacts

---

- Construction emissions of NO<sub>x</sub> (CEQA and NEPA) and CO (CEQA).
- Offsite ambient concentrations of NO<sub>2</sub> from construction (CEQA and NEPA).
- Priority pollutant emissions of NO<sub>x</sub> (CEQA and NEPA).
- Offsite ambient concentrations of PM<sub>10</sub> from operation (CEQA and NEPA).

# Cumulative Impacts

---

## **Proposed Project**

Cumulatively considerable and unavoidable contributions to existing significant cumulative impacts on air quality and public health.


## **No Project Alternative**

Cumulatively considerable and unavoidable contributions to significant cumulative impacts under CEQA on air quality, public health, biological resources, and greenhouse gases/climate change.

## **No Federal Action Alternative**

Cumulatively considerable and unavoidable contributions to existing significant cumulative impacts under CEQA on air quality, public health, and biological resources.

Para escuchar en español,  
por favor haga clic en el

ícono de interpretación. 

# Public Comments

## Speakers will be given 3 minutes to speak

- First and Last name
- Spell out for the record
- Identify if representing agency or organization



Raise Hand


---

## Click the “Raise Hand” button:

- Wait for your name, start once you have been unmuted to speak

## Via Phone: Press \*9

- Your turn: hear for the prompt *“you have been unmuted”*
- Unmute by pressing \*6

Para escuchar en español,  
por favor haga clic en el  
ícono de interpretación. 

# Closing Remarks

---

## Providing Comments After This Meeting

- Comments will be accepted until April 27, 2026
- Project Title: Berths 121-131 Container Terminal Redevelopment Project
- Written Comments:

Mail to:

Director of Environmental Management  
Los Angeles Harbor Department  
425 S Palos Verdes Street  
San Pedro, CA 90731

Email: [ceqacomment@portla.org](mailto:ceqacomment@portla.org)

Or to:

Crystal L. Huerta, Senior Project Manager  
USACE, Los Angeles District  
Regulatory Division  
60 South California Street, Suite 201  
Ventura, CA 93001-2598

Email: [crystal.l.huerta@usace.army.mil](mailto:crystal.l.huerta@usace.army.mil)

All comments received will become part of the public record.