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DEAR INTERESTED PARTIES:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District (Corps) announces the availability of and is requesting comments on a Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA; CECWP_SPL_104713) for the San Clemente Shoreline Protection Project (Project). The Corps has prepared the Draft SEA to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with continuation and completion of the initial construction of the Project. The Project is located in the city of San Clemente, Orange County, California.

An electronic version of the Draft SEA is available for download and viewing at: https://www.spl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Projects-and-Studies/San-Clemente-Shoreline/

The Project was authorized by the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014, Public Law 113–121, section 7002 for the purpose of reducing coastal storm damages by constructing a berm along the San Clemente shoreline. The authorized Project includes construction of an approximate 50-foot wide beach nourishment project along a 3,412-foot long stretch of shoreline in San Clemente using compatible sediment, with renourishment on the average of every 6 years over a 50-year period of federal participation.

The Corps encourages all interested parties to submit comments concerning the analysis presented in the Draft SEA. Comments may be submitted through September 20, 2024. Comments should be as specific as possible and address the analysis of potential environmental impacts. Reviewers should organize their participation so that it is meaningful and makes the agency aware of the viewer's interests and concerns using quotations and other specific references to the text of the Draft SEA and related documents. Matters that could have been raised with specificity during the comment period on the Draft SEA may not be considered if they are raised for the first time later in the decision process. This comment procedure is intended to ensure that substantive comments and concerns are made available to the Corps in a timely manner so that the Corps has an opportunity to address them.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time.

Please submit comments regarding the Draft SEA to the address below or by email to Kenneth Wong, Planning Division, Corps Los Angeles District at Kenneth.Wong@usace.army.mil.

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Thank you for your attention to this document.

Sincerely,

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