



# SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

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## PROPOSAL TO ALLOW PLACEMENT OF WEATHER MONITORING EQUIPMENT AT THE MIDDLE BREAKWATER, SAN PEDRO BAY

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

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**Public Notice No.: SPL-2014-CHB-8-Port of LA Section 408 Proposal**

**Comment Period: July 3-August 4, 2014**

**Project Manager: Carvel Bass**

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### NOTICE OF PREPARATION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

This is to inform the general public that the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District (Corps) has preliminarily determined that the following project proposal could be adequately evaluated under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) through conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA).

### **PROPOSAL TITLE - Port of Los Angeles Breakwater Proposed Section 408 - Breakwater Monitoring Device**

#### **PROPOSED ACTION - Section 408 Proposal**

33 U.S.C. Section 408 (Section 408) authorizes the Secretary of the Army to permit the alteration, modification, permanent occupation or use of completed U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects if approval of the request will not be injurious to the public interest and will not impair the usefulness of those projects. The Congress of the United States assigned to the Corps the responsibility for regulation of construction and other work in the waters of the United States. The Corps constructed the Middle Breakwater during 1932-1942 to prolong the existing San Pedro Breakwater pursuant to Congressional authority to facilitate navigation and protect the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. The Middle Breakwater is located between the Los Angeles Channel and Long Beach Channel entrances, stretching 3.5 miles in length. It ranges from 15-25 feet in width at the top surface and 45-60 feet in width at the water line. The surface of the breakwater is uneven, consisting mainly of large boulders.

Pioneer Green Energy, through its affiliate, Pioneer Green Wind Assets, LLC ("Pioneer Green"), has submitted a Section 408 Permit Application, to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) for temporary modification of the Middle Breakwater for the purpose of gathering wind and other meteorological data in the vicinity of the Middle Breakwater. To obtain the data, Pioneer Green proposes to install two small electronic measurement systems on the Middle Breakwater for a period of two years. The units utilize laser beam technology to measure wind speed and direction to assess the

viability of developing a wind power generation project along the Middle Breakwater that could produce clean electricity in support of State and Federal climate change regulations while meeting consumer demand for such clean electricity. Summaries of the data gathered from the Proposed Action would be provided to both the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) and the Port of Long Beach (POLB). The measurement devices and appurtenances would be removed upon completion of the Project.

A draft Environmental Assessment has been prepared and will be posted at the Corps and Corona City public websites. The Corps will accept comments regarding this event during the period July 3-August 4, 2014.

**Public Involvement**

The Corps is inviting the general public to submit comments on potential environmental impacts that could result from implementation of the proposal. The public comment period on preparation of an EA for the proposal described above will extend from **July 3-August 4, 2014**, and the Corps will consider all submissions received on or postmarked by August 4. Please direct emailed or written comments to Carvel Bass, at [carvel.h.bass@usace.army.mil](mailto:carvel.h.bass@usace.army.mil) or at 915 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 930, Los Angeles, CA, 90017. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Carvel Bass, Ecologist, Asset Management Division, US Army Corps of Engineers, at (213) 452-3392.

The Corps will actively consider any comments timely received. The results of this consideration would be reflected in a memorandum for record placed in the Administrative Record, unless consideration of the comments was reflected directly in the EA, either through a modification of the document prompted by the comments or an appendix to the EA articulating responses to the comments. Once the EA is complete and if a FONSI is determined to be appropriate based upon the analysis contained in the EA, pursuant to the last clause of 33 CFR § 230.11, a separate notification will be sent to concerned agencies, organizations and to the interested public stating that FONSI is available for review. If significant effects on the quality of the human environment are subsequently identified and can not be mitigated to a less than significant level, the Corps will initiate preparation of an EIS and afford the public opportunities to participate in the environmental review process.