



SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT**

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Regional General Permit No. 46
Orange County Public Works Ocean Outlets Maintenance Program

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Los Angeles District has reissued Regional General Permit No. 46 (RGP 46), which authorizes Orange County Public Works (OCPW) to conduct semi-annual maintenance activities at the ocean outlets of Talbert Channel, Santa Ana River, Salt Creek, Estrella Storm Channel, and Segunda Deshecha Cañada. In addition, OCPW may conduct as-needed maintenance up to five times per year at the Santa Ana River Outlet and year-round maintenance at the Salt Creek, Estrella, and Segunda Deshecha Outlets. OCPW may conduct minor maintenance at Talbert Outlet during summer months for the purpose of restoring flow to Talbert Marsh.

Semi-annual maintenance activities would typically occur once in early spring and once in late summer. In general, maintenance activities would consist of removing sand deposits at the end of the outlets, distributing the sand onto the beach above the high tide line, and re-establishing rock revetments. These ocean outlets require routine maintenance to maintain their structural integrity, re-establish proper conveyance of flow, maintain and restore public access to beaches, and allow for flood risk management. This permit has been issued under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) and only applies to OCPW for maintenance of the five ocean outlets in a manner that is consistent with the terms and conditions of RGP 46. It is anticipated that circumstances may arise requiring maintenance activities not covered by RGP 46, in which case separate permit applications would be required.

The Corps issued RGP 46 with an expiration date of November 2, 2023. RGP 46 is available for viewing at: <http://www.spl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Regional-General-Permits.aspx>.

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Regulatory Program Goals:

- To provide strong protection of the nation's aquatic environment, including wetlands.
- To ensure the Corps provides the regulated public with fair and reasonable decisions.
- To enhance the efficiency of the Corps' administration of its regulatory program.

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