

# SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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Regional General Permit No. 54  
Newport Bay Maintenance Dredging Program

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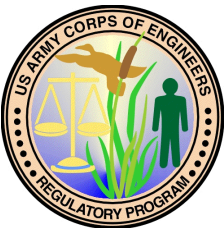
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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Los Angeles District has reissued Regional General Permit No. 54 (RGP 54), which authorizes: small-scale maintenance dredging; discharge of dredged material at adjacent beach sites (for beach nourishment), the LA-3 Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site (ODMDS), nearshore ocean beaches, or an approved upland disposal site outside the coastal zone; dredging deeper to remove impacted material in areas that have higher concentrations of contaminants and to achieve a clean Z-layer; streamlining application review and processing by delegating responsibility to the City of Newport Beach for approval of routine bay beach maintenance and small projects with minimal or no temporary impacts to eelgrass; and adopting the City's "Eelgrass Protection and Mitigation Plan for Shallow Waters in Lower Newport Bay: An Ecosystem Based Management Program" as a part of the RGP 54 program.

The reissued RGP 54 covers portions of Newport Bay, within the boundaries shown on the enclosed Figure 1 - Vicinity Map and Figure 2 - Proposed RGP 54 Boundaries Map (except for the exclusion areas, in the city of Newport Beach, Orange County, California. The Corps reissued RGP 54 with an expiration date of December 18, 2025. RGP 54 is available for viewing at:

[https://www.spl.usace.army.mil/Portals/17/docs/regulatory/RGP/RGP54\\_22Dec2020.pdf](https://www.spl.usace.army.mil/Portals/17/docs/regulatory/RGP/RGP54_22Dec2020.pdf)

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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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