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**TO:** COMMISSIONERS AND INTERESTED PERSONS

**FROM:** PETER M. DOUGLAS, Executive Director  
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**SUBJECT: Final Commission action on Port of Los Angeles Port Master Plan Amendment No. 24** [to provide new disposal sites to accommodate the remaining dredge material generated by the approved Main Channel Deepening Project (PMPA No. 21), including additional dredging: 400,000 cubic yards at the East Turning Basin; 170,000 cubic yards at the Southwest Slip; and 500,000 cubic yards for Main Channel entrance widening. Disposal sites include: 5 acres at Berths 134-135 in the Northwest Slip; 8 acres at Berths 243-245 (former Southwest Marine Shipyard); 50 acres at the Cabrillo Shallow Water Habitat site; and LA-2 ocean disposal site. The Southwest Marine Shipyard will be utilized as a Confined Disposal Facility for contaminated sediments. The land uses for the fill site at the Northwest Slip (Berths 134-135) will include “General Cargo” and “Other” (rail yard, roadways, utilities, etc.) and the Southwest Marine Shipyard fill will be designated as “Other”.]. For Commission consideration at meeting of October 7-9, 2009.

**I. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff recommends the Commission adopt the following motion:

**MOTION:** *I move that the Commission accept the Port of Los Angeles’ adoption of the Commission’s certification of Port Master Plan Amendment No. 24.*

The staff recommends a **YES** vote on this motion. A majority vote in the affirmative will result in adoption of the following resolution:

**ACCEPTANCE**

The Commission hereby accepts the Board of Harbor Commissioners’ adoption on August 13, 2009, of Coastal Commission certification of the Port of Los Angeles Port Master Plan Amendment No. 24.

## II. **FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS.**

The Commission finds and declares as follows:

A. Port Master Plan Amendment Certification. California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 13632(e) states that:

*The certification of a port master plan [or amendment] shall not become effective until the port governing body takes formal action adopting such plan [amendment] as certified by the commission and the commission has received notice of such action, including the final EIR adopted for such action and the commission has accepted the formal action as consistent with its certification.*

On July 8, 2009, the Commission certified the Port of Los Angeles Port Master Plan Amendment No. 24. On August 13, 2009, the Board of Harbor Commissioners of the Port of Los Angeles adopted the Commission's certification of plan Amendment No. 24. Therefore, the Commission staff recommends that the Commission accept the Board's August 13, 2009 action.

Attachment: Port of Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioner's resolution for the adoption of the Coastal Commission's certification of Port Master Plan Amendment No. 24.



**THE PORT  
OF LOS ANGELES**  
Executive Director's  
Report to the  
Board of Harbor Commissioners

**DATE:** JULY 23, 2009

**FROM:** PLANNING & RESEARCH

**SUBJECT:** RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE COASTAL COMMISSION'S CERTIFICATION OF PORT MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 24 – PORT OF LOS ANGELES CHANNEL DEEPENING PROJECT

**SUMMARY:**

On July 8, 2009, the California Coastal Commission (Coastal Commission) certified the Port of Los Angeles Master Plan Amendment No. 24 (Amendment No. 24) as submitted for the Port of Los Angeles Channel Deepening Project (Channel Deepening Project) and disposal of approximately three million cubic yards of material at various disposal sites within the Port of Los Angeles. Two additional actions are necessary in order to finalize the certification process: (1) The Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) must adopt the Coastal Commission's certification, and (2) the Coastal Commission accepts the Board's action as being consistent with its certification. It is recommended that the Board resolve to adopt the Coastal Commission's certification and authorize staff to inform the Coastal Commission of the Board's action.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners:

1. Adopt the Coastal Commission's certification of Amendment No. 24;
2. Authorize Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) staff to inform the Coastal Commission of the Board's action; and
3. Adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**DISCUSSION:**

1. Amendment No. 24 provides for the completion of the Channel Deepening Project, originally permitted in Port Master Plan Amendment No. 21 (Amendment No. 21), by incorporating safety and maintenance modifications initiated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The modifications for additional dredging at the East Turning Basin, Southwest Slip, and Main Channel entrance adjacent to the Pilot Station expanded the scope of the Channel Deepening Project under Amendment No. 21.

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Additionally, due to greater than estimated bulking and less than expected settling of dredged material, the disposal sites developed under the initial Channel Deepening Project are not sufficient to complete the project. In conjunction with the above-described modifications, approximately three million cubic yards of additional disposal capacity are needed to complete the Channel Deepening Project.

Beneficial reuse of the dredge material is to be accommodated by fills at Berths 134-135 in the Northwest Slip (5 acres), Berths 243-245, the former Southwest Marine Shipyard (8 acres), and through expansion of the Cabrillo Shallow Water Habitat (CSWH) (50 acres). Use of the LA-2 ocean disposal site is also included in the scope of work. Land use designations for the fill at the Northwest Slip are "General Cargo" and "Other". The former Southwest Marine Shipyard site will be designated as "Other". Staff will seek Board approval for an additional land use designation for this site once a project is identified.

2. On October 24, 2008, pursuant to the California Coastal Act of 1976, as amended, the Board authorized the distribution of a draft of Amendment No. 24 to interested persons, organizations, and governmental agencies. The Notice of Completion for Amendment No. 24 was published on November 20, 2008, and a public hearing on the draft Amendment No. 24 was held on January 8, 2009.
3. On April 29, 2009, the Board adopted Amendment No. 24, certified the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (which included a statement of overriding considerations), approved the Channel Deepening Project, and authorized the Executive Director to submit Amendment No. 24 to the Coastal Commission. On July 8, 2009, the Coastal Commission certified Amendment No. 24 as submitted.
4. For Amendment No. 24 to become effective, Section 13632(e) of the California Administration Code requires that the port governing body take formal action adopting the amendment as certified by the Coastal Commission and the Coastal Commission accepts the Board's action as being consistent with its certification.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

The proposed action is adoption of the Coastal Commission's certification of Amendment No. 24. Amendment No. 24 was assessed under the Port of Los Angeles Channel Deepening Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, which was certified by the Board on April 16, 2009. As such, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II, Section 2(i) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

**ECONOMIC BENEFITS:**

This Board action would have no direct employment effect.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Adoption of the Coastal Commission's certification of Amendment No. 24 will not have a financial impact upon the Harbor Department. However, if approved in the future, construction of the Channel Deepening Project is estimated to cost approximately \$38 million through Fiscal Year 2014. The Channel Deepening Project is expected to benefit the Harbor Department by promoting water-oriented commerce and navigation activities under the auspices of the State Tidelands Trust Act.

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

The City Attorney has reviewed this Board report and has no comments at this time.

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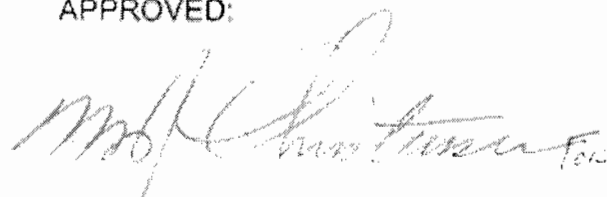
TRANSMITTAL:

1. California Coastal Commission correspondence dated July 10, 2009.

  
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