

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board
3737 Main Street, Suite 500
Riverside, CA 92501

(Address)

Project Title: Regional General Permit 54 for Maintenance Dredging in Newport Bay

Project Applicant: City of Newport Beach

Project Location - Specific:

Newport Bay

Project Location - City: Newport Beach Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Regular maintenance dredging in Newport Bay is necessary to remove accumulated sediment beneath and adjacent to docks, floats, and piers, thus ensuring safe navigation and protecting infrastructure for residents, businesses, and visitors. The Project provide a streamlined regulatory process for minor maintenance dredging projects that generally occur between bulkheads and pierhead lines within specified areas of Newport Bay.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Newport Beach

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15304 Class 4(g)- Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed Project entails minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation that consist of maintenance dredging where the spoil is deposited in a spoil area authorized by all applicable state and federal regulatory agencies.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Claudia Tenorio Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 951-782-4963

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Jagroop Khela Digitally signed by Jagroop Khela
Date: 2026.08.03 10:26:50 -07'00' Date: 8/03/2026 Title: Environmental Program Manager

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____