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Project Title: Memorandum of Understanding for Pier J Turning Basin Dredging and Peninsula Beach Sand Placement

State Clearinghouse No.:

Project Location – Specific: Turning basin at the head of Pier J Approach Channel, adjacent to the Pier J marine terminal in the Port of Long Beach and Peninsula Beach on the Alamitos Peninsula between the Pacific Ocean and Alamitos Bay

Project Location – City: Long Beach **Project Location – County:** Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Long Beach Public Works Department and the Port of Long Beach for emergency activities associated with dredging of beach-suitable sand from the Pier J Turning Basin for placement at Peninsula Beach to replenish lost sand associated with recent coastal storm events and minimize further erosion of sand associated with the anticipated 2026-2027 El Niño storm season.

Exempt Status:

☐ Ministerial Exemption [Section 21080(b)(1); 15268];
☐ Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
☐ Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)]
☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number and class:
☒ Statutory Exemption. State code number and type: ***Public Resources Code Sections 21080(b)(3) and (b)(4)***
State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15269(a) and 15269(c)
☐ Common Sense Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3))
☐ Other:

Reasons why project is exempt: In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the project has been reviewed pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for determining the appropriate environmental review documents for a project subject to CEQA and Section 15061 – Review for Exemption, the procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA. Recent storm events have caused severe coastal erosion on Peninsula Beach causing an immediate threat to public safety and property requiring beach-suitable sand to be dredged from the Pier J Turning Basin for placement at Peninsula Beach to replenish lost sand and minimize further erosion of sand associated with the anticipated 2026-2027 El Niño storm season. The MOU between the City of Long Beach Public Works Department and the Port of Long Beach for activities associated with dredging of beach-suitable sand from the Pier J Turning Basin for placement at Peninsula Beach in Long Beach is an emergency project statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public

Resources Code Section 21080(b)(3) and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(a) to maintain, repair, restore, demolish, or replace property or facilities damaged or destroyed, where a state of emergency was proclaimed by the Governor on September 21, 2026 under the California Emergency Services Act, and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4) and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c) for actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

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☒ 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.