



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

HARBOR RESOURCES

Public Notice

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In an effort to complete the Upper Bay dredging project and to maintain the ocean beaches along West Newport, the Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Newport Beach will be completing a sand nourishment project along our coastline in the first quarter of 2008. The details of this project are as follows:

Upper Newport Bay Ecosystem Restoration Project: One phase of this important dredging project is to dispose uncontaminated, good quality beach sand in the nearshore disposal zone (approximately 1,000 feet offshore) along the West Newport beaches. The 23rd Street area (23rd St. and Irvine Ave.) and portions of Shellmaker Island in the Upper Bay are areas of historic dredge material disposal from previous decades. These sites will be excavated in order to provide an additional nine acres of inter-tidal mudflat to offset other mudflat losses elsewhere in the Upper Bay. Construction includes loading the excavated material into bottom-dump barges then hauling it to three disposal sites for:

- 1) In-bay construction of the new Least Tern Island
- 2) Offshore disposal at the EPA permitted 'LA-3' site
- 3) Sand nourishment at the nearshore zone on the West Newport beaches

Less than 70,000 cubic meters of clean, uncontaminated, nearshore compatible, excavated material will be placed by bottom-dump barges into the nearshore zone (approximately 1,000 feet offshore) to serve as nourishment for the beach. This project will commence in mid to late January 2008 and will last approximately two months. The frequency of the nourishment will be intermittent depending on construction schedules. For more information, please visit: <http://www.city.newport-beach.ca.us/UpperBayProject.html>

Thank you,

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