

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION
OF A
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
for the "National City Marine Terminal Wharf Extension & Port Master Plan Amendment"
(UPD #83356-EIR-795)**

Notice is hereby given that the San Diego Unified Port District has prepared a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the "National City Marine Terminal (NCMT) Wharf Extension & Port Master Plan Amendment" ("Project").

The proposed Project is the completion of the western and southern faces of the NCMT wharf. The western face would extend approximately 1,500 linear feet to the south (approx. 10 total acres). The southern face would extend approximately 950 feet to the west (approx. 3 total acres). The Project also includes dredging the wharf extension area to accommodate deep draft vessels, as well as dredging a turning basin west of NCMT to allow military ships to access the southern berths.

The dredged sediment would be used as backfill material at the site, and also disposed nearshore, in-bay, and/or offshore. Biological mitigation for the Project would occur offsite at Grand Caribe Isle South, D Street Fill, and possibly A-8 Anchorage.

The EIR will address the following probable environmental effects: air quality/climate change, biological resources, geology/soils, hazardous materials, hydrology/water quality/sediment quality, land use, noise, traffic, cumulative impacts, and others as identified as part of the NOP process. The EIR will also address a reasonable range of alternatives. A Port Master Plan Amendment will be drafted to address land use redesignations of the biological mitigation sites and its potential impacts will be analyzed in the EIR.

Comments regarding environmental concerns or any reasonable project alternatives may be sent to the San Diego Unified Port District, Land Use Planning Department, 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, California, 92101, or emailed to Anna Buzaitis at abuzaiti@portofsandiego.org. **Public comments on the NOP will be accepted until Monday, May 4, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.**

For a full NOP, visit the Port's web site: www.portofsandiego.org, or call (619) 686-6283.

A **public EIR scoping meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.** at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Building located at 140 East 12th St., South Meeting Room (No.2), National City, CA, 91950.