



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## San Diego Region



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### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

#### Opportunity for Public Comment on Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Shipyard Sediment Cleanup Project within the San Diego Region

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board), as the lead agency, has released a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Shipyard Sediment Cleanup Project within the San Diego Region. **The public review and comment period for the Draft EIR is from June 16, 2011 until 5 p.m. on August 1, 2011.**

#### Background

On September 15, 2010, the San Diego Water Board released tentative Cleanup and Abatement Order No. 2011-0001 (CAO) and its associated draft technical report for discharges of metals and other pollutant wastes to San Diego Bay marine sediment and waters located within and adjacent to BAE Systems San Diego Ship Repair and National Steel and Shipbuilding Company leaseholds. This area is collectively referred to as the "Shipyard Sediment Site." The Shipyard Sediment Site is located in San Diego Bay generally between Sampson Street extension and the mouth of Chollas Creek in the City of San Diego. Under the terms of the tentative CAO over 140,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediments will be removed from approximately 15.2 acres of the Shipyard Sediment Site with dredge buckets. In addition to the 15.2 acres targeted for dredging, approximately 2.3 acres of the project site are inaccessible or under-pier areas that would be remediated by one or more methods other than dredging, most likely by sand cover. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Draft EIR analyzes a full range of suggested alternatives to determine the potential environmental impacts of each.

#### Significant Environmental Effects

The Draft EIR evaluates and describes the potential environmental impacts associated with the Shipyard Sediment Cleanup Project, identifies those impacts that could be significant, and presents mitigation measures, which, if adopted by the San Diego Water Board or other responsible agencies, could avoid or minimize these impacts. The Draft EIR identifies significant and unavoidable impacts in the area of air quality from construction-related activities.

**Document Availability**

Copies of the Draft EIR are available for review at the following locations:

San Diego Water Board 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100 San Diego, CA 92123	Logan Heights Public Library 567 South 28th Street San Diego, CA 92113
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Electronic copies of the Draft EIR can be downloaded in PDF format from the San Diego Water Board website at:

[www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego)

**Submission of Comments**

Public comments on the Draft EIR must be received in the San Diego Water Board office by 5 p.m. August 1, 2011. Comments may be sent via mail or e-mail. Comments must be in a PDF format that is also Optical Character Recognition (OCR) capable. Comments may be sent to:

Shipyard Draft EIR Comments  
Attention: Vicente Rodriguez  
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**Contact Information**

If you have any questions regarding this notice or would like to receive future notices on the Draft EIR, please contact Vicente Rodriguez at (858) 627-3940 or [vrodiguez@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:vrodiguez@waterboards.ca.gov).

For more information on this notice, the Draft EIR, or the Shipyard Sediment Cleanup Project please visit the project website at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water\\_issues/programs/shipyards\\_sediment/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/shipyards_sediment/)

