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PUBLIC NOTICE

PROJECT: Alameda Tidal Canal Neighbors Maintenance Dredging Project

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: 2011-00164S

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: March 9, 2015

COMMENTS DUE DATE: April 3, 2015

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1. **OVERVIEW:** Since the attached public notice (Project: Payne Maintenance Dredging dated April 11, 2014) was issued the application for a Department of the Army permit for the project has been modified to include three additional households. The proposed dredging would occur adjacent to private residential docks at 3127 Marina Drive, 3131 Marina Drive, 3121 Marina Drive and 3125 Marina Drive in Alameda, Alameda County, California. Edward Payne, 3127 Marina Drive, Alameda 94501, telephone number (510) 521-2000 remains the applicants' point of contact for the proposed maintenance dredging.

The purpose of the dredging is to return the dredge area to navigable depths for recreational boats (-6 feet mean lower low water plus two feet of overdepth allowance). The applicants still plan to dredge the material with a mechanical dredge, then transport the dredged material in a barge to the Alcatraz Disposal Site (SF-11) for placement. The attached drawings show the location of the new dredge site. The volume of dredged material would increase from approximately 135 cubic yards to approximately 1,109 cubic yards; and the dredge area size would increase from approximately 0.04 acre to 0.5 acre. Additionally the floating dock at 3125 and 3121 Marina Drive would be removed during dredging and replaced afterward. Otherwise the proposed project and anticipated project impacts remain the same. The applications to the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board and Bay Conservation and Development Commission have also been modified.

2. **PUBLIC INTEREST EVALUTION:** The decision on whether to issue a Department of the Army Permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the project and its intended use on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts requires a careful weighing of the public interest factors relevant in each particular case. The benefits that may accrue from the project must be balanced against any reasonably foreseeable detriments of project implementation. The decision on permit issuance will, therefore, reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. Public interest factors which may be relevant to the decision process include conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

3. **CONSIDERATION OF COMMENTS:** The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state and local agencies and officials; Native American Nations or other tribal governments; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the project. All comments received by the Corps will be considered in the decision on whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a Department of the Army Permit for the project. To make this decision, comments are used to

assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, and other environmental or public interest factors addressed in a final environmental assessment or environmental impact statement. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the project.

4. SUBMITTING COMMENTS: During the specified comment period, interested parties may submit written comments to Debra O’Leary, San Francisco District, Operations and Readiness Division, 1455 Market Street, 16th Floor, San Francisco, California 94103-13978; comment letters should cite the project name, applicant name, and public notice number to facilitate review by the Permit Manager. Comments may include a request for a public hearing on the project prior to a determination on the Department of the Army permit application; such requests shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. All substantive comments will be forwarded to the applicant for resolution or rebuttal. Additional project information or details on any subsequent project modifications of a minor nature may be obtained from the applicant and/or agent, or by contacting the Permit Manager by telephone or e-mail cited in the public notice letterhead. An electronic version of this public notice may be viewed under the *Current Public Notices* tab on the US Army Corps of Engineers, S. F. District website: <http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory>