

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-463, The Federal Advisory Committee Act, this announces the forthcoming AFEB Meeting. The meeting will be held from 0800-1630, Thursday and Friday, August 21-22. The purpose of the meeting is to address pending Board issues, provide briefings for Board members on topics related to ongoing and new Board issues, and to conduct an executive working session. The meeting location will be at the Walter Reed Army Institute Research (WRAIR), Washington, D.C. The meeting will be open to the public, but limited by space accommodations. Any interested person may attend, appear before or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Col. Vicky Fogelman, AFEB Executive Secretary, Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, Skyline Six, 5109 Leesburg Pike, Room 693, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3258, (703) 681-8012/4.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Joint Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report/ Feasibility Study (EIS/EIR/FS) for the Oakland Harbor Navigation Improvement (- 50') Project, Alameda County, California

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Port of Oakland proposes to deepen the federal channels of Oakland Harbor and Port-maintained berths to a depth of 50' below mean lower low water (MLLW) to accommodate the newest generation of deep-draft container ships. In constructing this Project, the Port expects to dredge up to 20 million cubic yards (MCY) of sediment. A variety of disposal options are under consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding the scoping process or preparation of the EIS/EIR/FS may be directed to Gail Staba, Port of Oakland,

530 Water Street, Oakland, CA 94607, (510) 272-1479, or Eric Jolliffe, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 333 Market Street, Seventh Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105-2102, (415) 977-8543.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and Public Law 102-484 Section 2834, as amended by Public Law 104-106 Section 2867, the Department of the Army and the Port of Oakland hereby give notice of intent to prepare a joint Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report/ Feasibility Study (EIS/EIR/FS) for the proposed Oakland Harbor Navigation Improvement (- 50') Project (Project), Alameda County, California.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be the lead agency in preparing the combined EIS/EIR/FS. The EIS/EIR/FS will provide an analysis supporting both the requirements of NEPA and CEQA in addressing impacts to the environment which may result from dredging the Port's Inner and Outer Harbor Channels to 50' below MLLW and disposing of dredged sediments.

The FS is normally prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to identify a Federal interest in a proposed navigation improvement project. The FS is necessary to obtain congressional authorization and funding for the project pursuant to the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1986. Under the provisions of Section 203 of the WRDA, the Port will prepare this feasibility analysis directly, as part of the necessary EIS/EIR documentation, and will submit the studies directly to the Secretary of the Army with the intent of obtaining authorization for the project to be included in the WRDA of 1998.

1. Proposed Action

The specific improvements under consideration include:

- a. Deepening and widening the Oakland Bar Channel and Approach.
- b. Deepening and widening the Oakland Outer Harbor Channel.
- c. Modifying the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) submarine rail tube structure and/or anode cables.
- d. Deepening and widening the Oakland Outer Harbor turning basin.
- e. Deepening and widening the Oakland Inner Harbor turning basin.
- f. Deepening and widening the Oakland Inner Harbor Channel.

Up to approximately 20 MCY of material will require dredging and

disposal as part of this proposed project. The sediment to be dredged will be classified as Suitable for Unconfined Aquatic Disposal (SUAD) or Not Acceptable for Unconfined Aquatic Disposal (NUAD) as designated by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) protocol for sediment chemistry and bioassay testing.

2. Project Alternatives

a. No Project: Area would remain at current 42' depth and footprint.

b. Provision of *Unrestricted Access* for "K" Class Shipping Requirements: The project would include a - 50' depth, 750' wide, one-way traffic Inner Harbor channel, a 1500' diameter Inner Harbor turning basin, a - 50' depth, widened to 1000' two-way traffic Outer Harbor channel, and a 1600' diameter Outer Harbor turning basin. This alternative assumes five berths would be constructed at the entrance of Inner Harbor as a result of the Vision 2000 project, and one replacement marine terminal would be constructed as part of the Berth 22 extension.

c. Provisions of *Inner Harbor One-way Access* for "K" Class Shipping Requirements: The project would include the existing - 42' depth and footprint in the Outer Harbor, a - 50' depth, 750' wide one-way traffic Inner Harbor channel, and a 1500' diameter Inner Harbor turning basin. This alternative assumes five berths would be constructed at the entrance to the Inner Harbor as a result of the Vision 2000 project.

d. Provisions of *Outer Harbor Two-way Access* for "K" Class Shipping Requirements: The project would include the existing - 42' depth and footprint in the Inner Harbor, a - 50' depth, 1000' wide two-way traffic Outer Harbor channel, and a 1600' diameter Outer Harbor turning basin. This alternative assumes that one replacement marine terminal would be constructed as part of the Berth 22 extension.

e. Provisions of *Outer Harbor One-way Access* for "K" Class Shipping Requirements: The project would include the existing - 42' depth and footprint in Inner Harbor, a - 50' depth, 750' wide one-way traffic Outer Harbor channel, and a 1600' diameter Outer Harbor turning basin. This alternative assumes that one replacement marine terminal would be constructed as part of the Berth 22 extension.

3. Dredged Material Disposal Alternatives

a. Aquatic disposal at San Francisco Deep Ocean Disposal Site (SF-DODS) or

Alcatraz Disposal Site (SF-11) for SUAD sediment.

b. Upland and aquatic construction fill for Port of Oakland Vision 2000 program, to be used for public access, berths, and to raise existing grades. SUAD and NUAD sediment would be used.

c. Aquatic construction fill for Port of Oakland Berth 22 extension SUAD and NUAD sediment would be used.

d. SUAD sediment would be used for upland construction fill at the former Alameda Naval Air Station (NAS) for a Port priority use area, or to develop a golf course.

e. Use of SUAD and NUAD sediment to create aquatic habitat at Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Oakland (FISCO/Port of Oakland), or at Bay Farm Borrow Pit.

f. Aquatic and upland beach nourishment at Ocean Beach, San Francisco, using SUAD sediment.

g. Upland habitat enhancement at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge at former Alameda NAS using SUAD sediment.

h. Upland habitat at Crissy Field using SUAD sediment.

i. Wetland restoration at former Hamilton Airfield or Montezuma Wetlands using SUAD sediment.

j. Use of SUAD sediment as a cap on contaminated aquatic sites, and possible confined aquatic disposal at Alameda Seaplane Basin.

k. Upland disposal of SUAD and NUAD sediment at various landfills (Vasco Rd., Altamont, Redwood).

l. Upland disposal of SUAD and NUAD sediment at former Mare Island NAS and or Delta Islands.

4. Scoping Process

Federal, state and local agencies, and interested individuals are invited to participate in the scoping process to determine the range of issues and alternatives to be addressed. The Port of Oakland and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold a public scoping meeting to receive oral and written comments on August 5, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the following location: Oakland Federal Building, 1301 Clay Street, Oakland, CA 94612, Conference Room H.

In addition, written comments will also be accepted until August 18, 1997 at the addresses listed above.

5. Availability of EIS/EIR/FS

The Draft EIS/EIR/FS should be available for public review in February 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department requests public comment on draft Principles of Effectiveness that would govern recipients' use of fiscal year 1998 and future years' funds received under Title IV-State and local programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act—the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (SDFSCA) State Grants program.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: All comments concerning this notice should be addressed to William Modzeleski, Director, Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Ave., SW, Room 604 Portals, Washington, D.C. 20202-6123. Internet: William_Modzeleski@ed.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact William Modzeleski, Director, Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Ave., SW, Room 604 Portals, Washington, D.C. 20202-6123. Telephone: (202) 260-3954. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SDFSCA, as reauthorized in 1994 by the Improving America's Schools Act (Pub. L. 103-382), offers States, school districts, schools, and other recipients of SDFSCA State grant funds wide latitude in using these funds to implement the kinds of drug and violence prevention programs that they believe best serve their needs. While the Administration favors local discretion over Federal prescription in the use of SDFSCA State and local grant funds, the Administration also has a responsibility to promote the most effective possible use of these limited resources, which in many instances are the only funds available to local schools to address

their youth drug and violence problems. With information about promising and successful drug and violence prevention programs and strategies becoming more available (for example, see National Institute on Drug Abuse publication number NIH 974212, *Preventing Drug Abuse Among Children and Adolescents: A Research-Based Guide* (March 1997)), State and local decisions about which prevention approaches to implement should be guided by research on best practices. Furthermore, schools and community organizations that initiate activities designed to prevent youth drug use or violence without conducting a high-quality needs assessment or establishing clear and objective measurable expectations about program outcomes have difficulty determining whether their programs are successful.

Therefore, as one of a series of activities designed to improve the quality of drug and violence prevention programming implemented with SDFSCA funds, the Secretary is proposing that all SDFSCA State Grants program funds be used to support only activities that implement research-based drug and violence prevention strategies and programs in a manner consistent with the Principles of Effectiveness set forth in this Notice. These Principles, in conjunction with existing statutory and regulatory provisions, would help ensure that State and local educational agencies, Governors' offices, and community-based organizations plan and implement effective drug and violence prevention programs.

Proposed Principles of Effectiveness

To address the concerns discussed above, the Department's fiscal year 1998 budget proposal includes appropriations language that would require all recipients of SDFSCA State Grant funds to use their Title IV funds in a manner consistent with the Department's final statement of these Principles of Effectiveness. In developing these Principles, the Department has reviewed research findings and the best available practices related to making schools drug- and violence-free, and has initiated a number of informal discussions with members of the public and the research community on how these Principles might improve the outcome of programs supported with SDFSCA funds.

The proposed Principles are set forth in Appendix A to this notice. If Congress enacts the Department's proposed appropriations language for fiscal year 1998 and for subsequent fiscal years, these Principles (once they are published in final in a future