logistics, and maintenance requirements of ships currently homeported in the San Diego region; environmental impacts from pier demolition and construction, dredging, and dredged material disposal; associated project costs; and comments received during the EIS process from federal and state regulatory agencies, non-governmental organizations, and individuals.

Implementation of Alternative 1 will include the following: (1) demolition of existing piers 10 and 11; (2) construction of a single-deck, pile-supported replacement pier, 120 feet wide and 1,500 feet long; (3) dredging of the area under and surrounding the replacement pier to a depth of 37 feet below mean lower low water, with an estimated total dredge volume of 763,600 cubic yards; (4) disposal of approximately 715,600 cubic yards of dredged material suitable for ocean disposal at the LA–5 Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site; and (5) disposal of approximately 48,000 cubic yards of unsuitable dredged material at one or more licensed upland disposal sites after the dredged material is dewatered at a Confined Disposal Facility at Naval Station San Diego.

Environmental Impacts

Direct, indirect and cumulative impacts of the proposed action and alternatives on water resources, biological resources, topography/geology, air quality, health and safety, land use, noise, transportation, aesthetics, cultural resources, utilities, and the local economy were analyzed in the EIS. Environmental justice implications were analyzed as well. The DON determined that all potential environmental impacts from the proposed project would be less than significant, and that there would be no disproportionate adverse effects to minority or low income populations. The following paragraphs summarize impacts on environmental resources.

Water Resources

Minor, localized impacts on water quality will result from resuspension of bottom sediments during demolition and construction activities. In addition, minor, localized reduction in water circulation will result from installation of pier pilings. A storm water pollution prevention plan will minimize impacts associated with soil erosion or spillage of hazardous substances during the 24-month construction period. Implementation of Best Management Practices specific to pier activities and incorporation of measures such as filtration devices will minimize potential for adding pollutants to stormwater runoff. California Coastal Commission has concurred that the proposed project is consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with enforceable policies of the California Coastal Program. The DON will obtain a dredging and disposal permit from the Corps of Engineers, and a Water Quality Certificate from the regional water quality board.

Biological Resources

During construction, there will be a loss of less than two acres of foraging and resting habitat for marine birds. Disturbance and permanent loss of some marine plants and animals and their habitat will result from dredging and pier construction over the same localized area. Habitat characteristics, as well as limited context and intensity of potential effects result in less than significant impacts. While the analysis in the EIS concluded that there would be no significant impacts, the DON has agreed to implement two enhancement measures as part of the proposed action: (1) a study of California least tern foraging success around manmade, in-water structures in San Diego Bay and (2) creation of two fish habitat structures at the Naval Amphibious Base Enhancement Area using concrete from existing piers. Implementation of these enhancement measures is expected to advance ongoing efforts to protect the marine environment in San Diego Bay.

Air Quality

Dredge equipment is expected to produce the largest impact on ambient air quality, emitting 33.5 tons of nitrogen oxides, but will not trigger dispersion modeling analysis for major sources. Alternative 1 will not contribute to an exceedance of an ambient air quality standard, e.g. de minimis thresholds for nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds, and carbon monoxide.

Ground Transportation

Vehicular volume from Alternative 1 will be less than 6 percent of the traffic volume on 8th Street (to and from Naval Station San Diego’s Gate 9) and less than 2 percent of the volume on Interstate 5. Implementation of the DON’s Traffic Control Plan will preclude truck movements on 8th Street near Gate 9 during peak commuting hours, prohibit the use of oversized construction vehicles on public roads, and designate specific truck traffic routes.

Utilities

Ongoing operational utility demands will be similar to those at existing piers and will not use a substantial portion of remaining capacity. The replacement pier will incorporate and connect to an existing oily wastewater treatment system used at adjacent piers. Stormwater runoff will be accommodated by the existing basewide system, will be covered by the existing basewide storm water pollution prevention plan, and will incorporate best management practices. Pier construction will include a stormwater filtration system.

Response to Comments on the FEIS

The DON received no comments on the FEIS.

Conclusions

After carefully weighing all of the information and analysis presented during the EIS process, I have determined that Alternative 1 best minimizes environmental impacts while meeting operational requirements of modern ships homeported in the San Diego region in a cost-effective manner.


Duncan Holaday,
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Facilities).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the Board of Advisors to the Superintendent, Naval Postgraduate School

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The purpose of these meetings is to elicit the advice of the board on the Naval Service’s Postgraduate Education Program. The board examines the effectiveness with which the Naval Postgraduate School is accomplishing its mission. To this end, the board will inquire into the curricula, instruction, physical equipment, administration, state of morale of the student body, faculty, and staff; fiscal affairs; and any other matters relating to the operation of the Naval Postgraduate School as the board considers pertinent. These meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: A meeting will be held on Monday, September 24, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Tuesday, September 25, 2001, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at the Naval Postgraduate School,
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 9, 2001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency’s ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.


John Tressler,
Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs

Type of Review: Revision.
Title: Student Aid Report (SAR).
Frequency: Annually.
Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:
Responses: 16,807,154
Burden Hours: 4,462,468

Abstract: The Student Aid Report (SAR) is used to notify all applicants of their eligibility to receive Federal student aid for postsecondary education. The form is submitted by the applicant to the institution of their choice.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from http://edicsweb.ed.gov, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202–4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO IMG_Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202–708–9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request. Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joseph Schubart at (202) 708–9266 or via his internet address Joe.Schubart@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL01–107–000]


Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests must be filed on or before August 21, 2001. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Answers to the complaint shall also be due on or before August 21, 2001. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at http://www.ferc.gov using the “RIMS” link, select “Docket#” and follow the instructions (call 202–208–2222 for assistance). Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.201(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission’s web site under the “e-Filing” link.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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