

RESOLUTION NO. 25-R0662-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OCEANSIDE RATIFYING THE EMERGENCY SERVICES
DIRECTOR'S PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE
EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Oceanside City Ordinance No. 73-22 empowers the City Council to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of local emergency when the City of Oceanside ("City") is affected or likely to be affected by conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2025, because the City Council was not in session, the Director of Emergency Services for the City of Oceanside issued a Proclamation of Existence of Local Emergency related to uncommon and excessive sedimentation and shoaling in the navigation channels of the Oceanside Harbor, a copy of which is attached hereto and the findings of which are fully incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 73-22, whenever the Director of Emergency Services proclaims the existence of a Local Emergency, the City Council shall take action to ratify the proclamation within seven (7) days or the proclamation shall have not further force or effect; and

WHEREAS, dredging of the federal navigation channels at the Oceanside Harbor entrance is performed annually by the Army Corps of Engineers to maintain the channel depths to reduce storm damage, provide surge protection to the harbor's infrastructure, and significantly reduce navigational hazards, and is federally funded by Act of Congress; and

WHEREAS, an additional benefit of harbor dredging is that it also provides beach sand restoration, shoreline protection, and recreational and commercial benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Oceanside Harbor, California maintenance project ("Project") was authorized by Section 301 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1965, Public Law 890298, as amended; and

1 WHEREAS, the annual dredging Project is fully funded by the United States Army
2 Corps of Engineers and United States Navy and the harbor entrance continues to serve the vital
3 military installation of Camp Pendleton Harbor as well as the Oceanside Harbor; and

4 WHEREAS, the annual dredging Project is typically performed primarily in the spring
5 of each year with allowances for additional dredging as needed throughout the year, with multi-
6 dredge events also potentially triggered by unusual sedimentation in the harbor entrance
7 making navigation unsafe outside of the normal spring dredge cycle; and

8 WHEREAS, since the annual dredging Project was completed on May 10, 2025, weather
9 and tidal patterns have resulted in uncommon excessive sedimentation and shoaling in the
10 harbor entrance that create an increased and immediate risk of storm damage to the harbor's
11 infrastructure and navigational hazards to recreational, commercial, and military vessels; and

12 WHEREAS, significant rainfall began in November, with Oceanside recording 2.30
13 inches over the weekend of November 13-17, and additional rainfall is anticipated in the
14 coming days, all of which has the potential to add additional sediment into the local littoral cell
15 that can further influence shoaling in the Oceanside Harbor navigation channel; and

16 WHEREAS, emergency off-cycle dredging of the Oceanside Harbor is within the legal
17 authority and purview of the United States Army Corps of Engineers and other federal partners
18 and is hereby formally requested by the City of Oceanside to protect persons and property from
19 immediate risk and peril as a temporary and interim measure prior to the next scheduled annual
20 dredging cycle.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oceanside does resolve as follows:

- 22 1. Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within
23 the City, and more specifically in the area of the Oceanside Harbor and Beaches,
24 caused by excessive sedimentation and shoaling in the navigation channels; and
- 25 2. The sedimentation has the immediate potential to cause significant property damage
26 throughout the Oceanside Harbor, including damage to both City and Federal
27 facilities, damage to recreational, commercial, and military vessels, as well as
28 limiting the ability of the City of Oceanside Marine Safety Unit to enter and exit the
Oceanside Harbor for timely public safety responses in an emergency; and

- 1 3. The conditions of peril will continue to exist until such time as the navigation
2 channels can be cleared and restored to an appropriate depth by way of off-cycle
3 dredging operations; and
4 4. The City is working with federal agency partners to coordinate an appropriate and
5 timely response, but it will require resources beyond the control of the City; and
6 5. That during the existence of said emergency the powers, functions and duties of the
7 Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organization of the City of
8 Oceanside shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances, and resolutions of the
9 City and by the City of Oceanside Emergency Plan as approved by the City Council;
10 and
11 6. That said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is
12 proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, State of California or said
13 emergency declaration is no longer effective under California law.
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15 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California,
16 this 19th day of November, 2025, by the following vote:

17 AYES: Sanchez, Joyce, Figueroa, Robinson, Weiss

18 NAYS: None

19 ABSENT: None

20 ABSTAIN: None

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22 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

23 ATTEST:

23 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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26 City Clerk

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28 City Attorney