

PROCLAMATION NO. 25-D0658-4

A PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE FOR EMERGENCY PROTECTION ACTIVITIES TO REDUCE SEDIMENT AND SHOALING IN THE OCEANSIDE HARBOR CHANNEL

WHEREAS, consistent with Government Code section 8630, City of Oceanside Ordinance No. 73-22 empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City Council is not in session and the actual or threatened existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within this City and where the conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of this City, requiring the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat (as is also defined in Government Code section 8558); and

WHEREAS, dredging is performed annually of the federal navigation channels at the harbor entrance to maintain the channel depths to reduce storm damage, provide surge protection to the harbor's infrastructure, and significantly reduce navigational hazards; 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, Congress authorized full federal funding for dredging of the Oceanside Harbor navigation channels in 1960 in recognition of the fact that the harbor entrance was constructed by the Federal Government as an emergency wartime measure in 1942; 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

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

WHEREAS, the annual dredging Project is typically performed primarily in the spring of each year with allowances for additional dredging as needed throughout the year, with multi-

1 dredge events also potentially triggered by unusual sedimentation in the harbor entrance  
2 making navigation unsafe outside of the normal spring dredge cycle; and

3 WHEREAS, the annual dredging Project was completed on May 10, 2025; and

4 WHEREAS, since May 10, 2025, weather and tidal patterns have resulted in uncommon  
5 excessive sedimentation and shoaling in the harbor entrance that create an increased and  
6 immediate risk of storm damage to the harbor's infrastructure and navigational hazards to  
7 recreational, commercial, and military vessels; and

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

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

17 WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Oceanside does hereby  
18 find:

- 19 1. Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within  
20 the City, and more specifically in the area of the Oceanside Harbor and Beaches,  
21 caused by excessive sedimentation and shoaling in the navigation channels; and
- 22 2. The sedimentation has the immediate potential to cause significant property damage  
23 throughout the Oceanside Harbor, including damage to both City and Federal  
24 facilities, damage to recreational, commercial, and military vessels, as well as  
25 limiting the ability of the City of Oceanside Marine Safety Unit to enter and exit the  
26 Oceanside Harbor for timely public safety responses in an emergency; and
- 27 3. The conditions of peril will continue to exist until such time as the navigation  
28 channels can be cleared and restored to an appropriate depth by way of off-cycle  
dredging operations; and

- 1 4. The City is working with federal agency partners to coordinate an appropriate and  
2 timely response, but it will require resources beyond the control of the City; and  
3 5. The City Council of the City of Oceanside is not in session and cannot immediately  
4 called into session;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby proclaimed as follows:

6 SECTION 1. Subject to review and ratification of the City Council and Oceanside  
7 Small Craft and Harbor District Board of Directors at its next regular joint meeting, a local  
8 emergency now exists in the City of Oceanside, in the area of the Oceanside Harbor and  
9 Beaches for the next seven (7) days from the date of this proclamation, and thereafter by  
10 ratification of the City Council, and until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of  
11 the City of Oceanside; and

12 SECTION 2. During the existence of this local emergency, authorized employees of the  
13 City of the Oceanside may exercise the powers, functions and duties as prescribed by state law,  
14 by the ordinances and resolutions of the City of Oceanside and by the City of Oceanside  
15 Emergency Plan.

16 SECTION 3. During the existence of this local emergency, authorized employees of the  
17 City of the Oceanside are expressly authorized and directed to cooperate and coordinate efforts  
18 with officials and employees of other political subdivisions and officials and employees of the  
19 state and federal government in bringing the present condition of Local Emergency and disaster  
20 under control, including obtaining all required permits or permit waivers as allowable by law  
21 and procuring federal funding for off-cycle dredging of the Oceanside Harbor at the earliest  
22 possible opportunity.

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24 Dated: 11/18/2025

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27 Director of Emergency Services  
28 City of Oceanside

ATTEST:

  
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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1 RESOLUTION NO. 25-R0662-1

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 WHEREAS, the Oceanside Harbor, California maintenance project ("Project") was  
26 authorized by Section 301 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1965, Public Law 890298, as  
27 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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