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Cc: Shari Mackin
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Good afternoon council, thank you for allowing me to share my comments and knowledge with you regarding the proposed dredge schedule change from Spring to Fall. My comments come to you as a long time surfer and beach advocate since 1975. I have seen many changes to our beaches in the past 50 years. Please enter my comments into the record.

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The Federal Government not only has the responsibility of keeping our harbor safe for navigation as well as keeping sand on our beaches. They have accepted the responsibility for blocking our sand flow from the Santa Margarita River and the disruption of sand flow to our southerly beaches because of the jetties.

I have many concerns about changing the dredge cycle from Spring to Fall. As it is now and has been for many years, the sand from the harbor is placed on our beaches to the south of the San Luis Rey river. They build the beach to get as far as allowable to deposit sand. That deposits sand on our beaches after the northwest winter storms have passed and stripped our beaches of sand. This is the most important time to put sand on our beaches so that it is not swept away to the south in the winter. It keeps sand on our beaches for tourists at the pier and the hotels come summer.

If sand is put on our beaches in the fall (September & October) there is the potential of it being swept away to the south to the offshore canyon and

Carlsbad beaches. That will leave our beaches at the pier void of sand for our tourist season. That is a lot of revenue that depends on sand for tourist season.

For the past 2 years winter has been very kind to Oceanside and we have seen south swells all the way into December. We have had this pattern for the past 2 years. And during this December we had a deluge of rain for about 2-3 weeks.

We have been very fortunate to have high pressure sitting over southern California sending the nasty storms to the north of us. This is not always the case and we could be in another weather pattern that brings those devastating storms to our beachfront. There are lots of photos depicting the devastation to The Strand and pier area beaches when those winter storms come marching thru. No one has that crystal ball to predict what we are going to get. Even meteorologists have changed whether we are in an El Nino or El Nina weather pattern. Always questionable and subject to change. Mother Nature is always in control. Are we willing to put our tourist season in jeopardy??

Why is there such a huge accumulation of sand in the harbor mouth this year. Well for one there was a sand replenishment project in Solana Beach, Del Mar and Encinitas last spring that hasn't been done in approximately 10 years. This was a SANDAG project coordinated by the Army Corps. Manson did the dredging. This happened right before our dredge schedule in spring. At the same time, they were working on a sand replenishment project in San Clemente. Hmmm so why does everyone want our dates for spring dredging? Maybe because they want sand for their summer tourist season?

This summer I have seen more sand in places we have not had sand in years – for one at Cassidy Street, Oceanside Blvd and the stairs just north of the Wisconsin Parking lot. There is sand all the way up to the stairs at Cassidy and stairs just north of Wisconsin. The ramp at Oceanside Blvd has sand all the way up to the ramp and people do not have to climb down

the rip rap to get to the beach. Hmmm sand travels north in the spring & summer due to south swells. Immediately after the sand replenishment in Solana Beach, Del Mar and Encinitas we had a big south swell – that sand traveled north to our beaches and then the summer south swells deposited it in the harbor mouth.

Summer is south swell time and September is hurricane swell time and big south swell time. That also happened in late September that sent a massive amount of sand into the harbor mouth. I consider the harbor our sand piggy bank. As sand becomes a scarce commodity, we can capture it and put it back on our beaches in the spring dredge to keep our beaches sandy for tourist season. Win win.

During the dredge schedule in spring Manson cannot dredge the mouth because of the south swell and is seen pulled back into the harbor because of swell size. What is going to happen in the fall when we have major south swells and hurricane swells. Manson will not be able to dredge because of the consistent swells during September and October. Why do you think San Clemente wanted sand in the spring? Why do you think they had sand replenishment in Solana Beach in the spring. The sand is still present at Moonlight Beach. Spring is the best time for our tourist season and beaches.

And if we are going to talk about surfing events in the spring vs summer. There are both at all times of the year. But the biggest impact to a dredge schedule change to fall is the big events that come in September. And why? Because September is the best month for south swells which are the best for our beaches and surfing.

With a fall dredge schedule that means that the north jetty parking lot will be closed for 2 months, September & October, which is the best time of the year for beaches and weather and SURF. The harbor parking lots are overwhelmed that time of the year. And then add pipes on the beach in the most pristine time of the beach season. Revenue? **What happens to the Super Girl event at the pier? Pipes on the sand and no events during**

dredge time. What happens to the Adaptive event at the Pier? Talk about loss of revenue.

Please do not give up our Spring dredge schedule. History speaks volumes in our history. We will loose our sand in the winter with north swells and nothing will be left for spring and summer tourist season. There is a lot to consider with a change in dredge schedule. There is a lot to loose with a change in the dredge schedule.

Thank you for allowing me to submit my comments for the record.

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From: Michele Eggleston <mishegg@gmail.com>
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To: City Council; City Clerk
Subject: Fwd: Fall dredging schedule

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Hi
Please see my email previously sent to Esther Sanchez regarding the dredging schedule change. Many beach front residents that I have spoken to oppose a fall dredging schedule.
Thank you for your consideration
Michele Eggleston
Roberts cottages owner

Sent from my smart as my grandson iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Michele Eggleston <mishegg@gmail.com>
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Subject: Fall dredging schedule

Good morning
Hope you're doing well. I just wanted to ask if the fall dredging schedule is going to be voted on tomorrow at the city council meeting. I was quite surprised when Jayme mentioned dredging in September. I am at my cottage every September and I can tell you that it is the hottest and the most crowded month in the summer even though it's technically after Labor Day. Dredging in September will greatly impact beach use and discourage tourism as we have had renters cancel their bookings in the past when dredging was happening!
I would encourage you to try to push the dredging to late October if this is something that is definitely happening.
Thank you for your consideration on this.
Michele Eggleston

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