

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



Director of Emergency Services
City of Oceanside

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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