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Manager's Update

Harbor Commission

June 2008



Dredging

Upper Bay Project

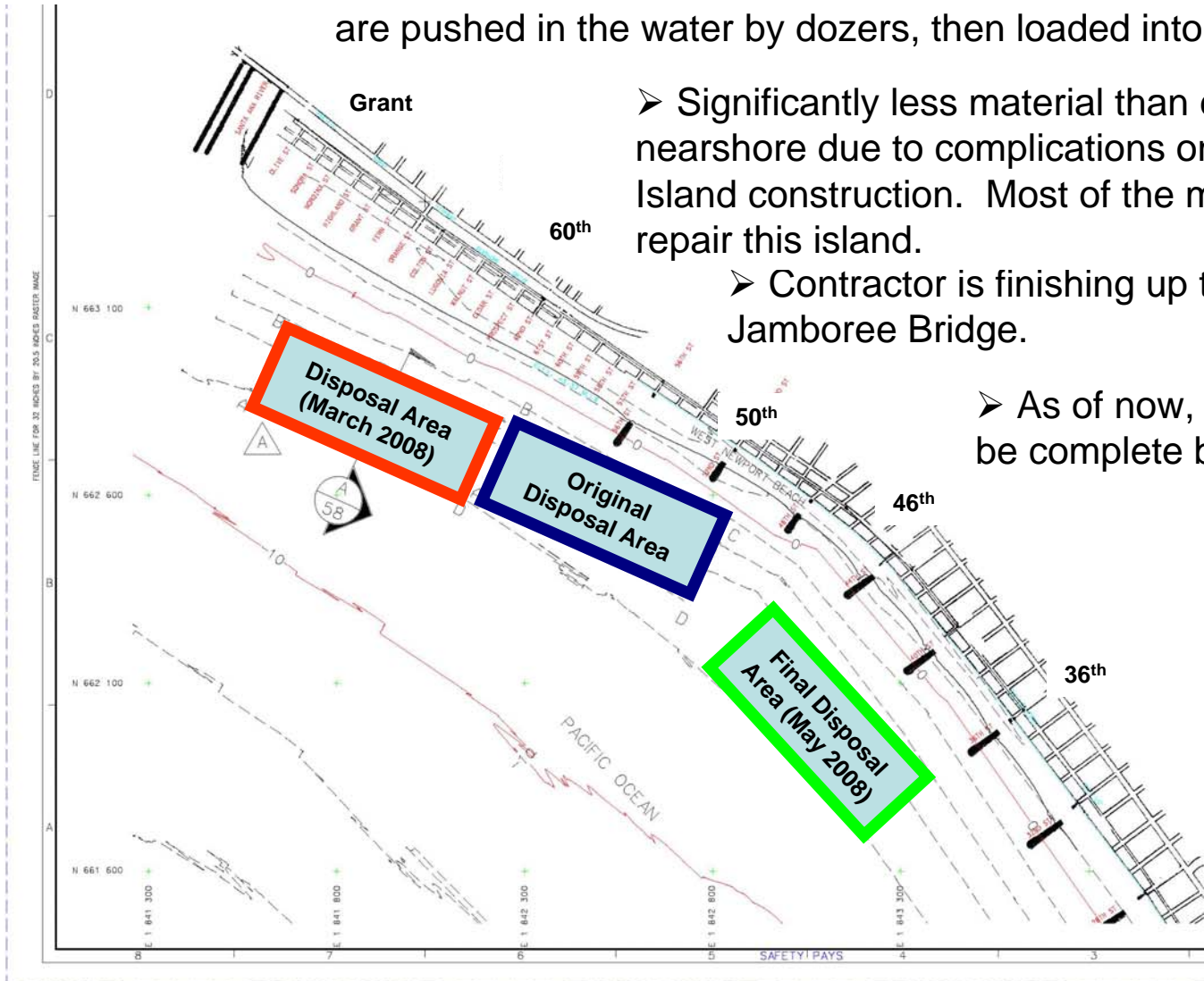
Nearshore Disposal Complete:

➤ Historic land-based dredge spoils from 23rd Street and Irvine Avenue are pushed in the water by dozers, then loaded into a dump scow.

➤ Significantly less material than expected was disposed nearshore due to complications on the new Least Tern Island construction. Most of the material was used to repair this island.

➤ Contractor is finishing up the Unit I/II Basin by the Jamboree Bridge.

➤ As of now, this phase of the job will be complete by September.





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Corps Meetings

Corps Meeting in LA – May 15

Lower Bay Project

- Local Corps office is still receptive to the “One and Done” strategy (Feds to dredge the harbor one last time then relinquish further responsibility to the City). They will continue to sell the project up the chain of command.
- The City’s Washington lobbyist is also working with the Corps upper ranks.
- The project will have a much better chance of success if the City contributes a percentage of the cost, via either a stand alone project or a yearly project contribution.
- Contaminant issues still need to be resolved. The question remains: where and how do we dispose of material if it is not suitable for LA-3 disposal. One viable answer is a CAD (Confined Aquatic Disposal) site, perhaps under the H/J mooring areas. This would also serve our Rhine Channel remediation responsibilities as well.

Surfside Sunset

- Discussed the Newport component of the project: Backpassing sand from the upper end of W. Newport beach and transporting it to the 30’s streets.
- Plans are drawn and this will be included in the overall Surfside Sunset project

Proposed Master Plan



Marina Park

Environmental Scoping Public Meeting

- Thursday, June 12, 6:30 at City Hall Council Chambers
- Review the environmental impacts to the project. No discussion of the project itself.

Coastal Commission Meeting

- Dave Kiff, Planning Staff (Patrick Alford and Rosalinh Ung), URS Cash and I met with Coastal Commission staff at their office to preliminarily review the project. Warmly received with no “showstoppers.”
- They did mention public access from 15th Street to the Park, either via a boardwalk along the beach / American Legion marina, or as an alternative, a pathway down the alley behind the current Legion Park (proposed new tennis court location.)
- They also commented on the new groin to the west of the long dock. We noted the possibility of eliminating the existing groin along on the eastern side of the park, therefore creating “no net loss.”
- Also sough no net loss of beach along the entire project.
- Positive meeting for this stage of the process



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Sailboat Speed Issues

- Senior Harbor Patrol staff met with the City Manager, City Attorney's office and myself to discuss the sailing speed issues.
- It was a time for the City Manger to gain an understanding of the issue from the enforcement side of the issue, after meeting with the Harbor Commission the previous week.
- The City has some concerns with the proposed ordinance with respect to the liability of allowing increased speeds during certain defined periods of time.
- It is evident that the sailors are making a diligent effort to 'self police' their races via their "rules of the road" document that must be signed upon registration. The Harbor Patrol also agreed to work closely with the deputies so that everyone understands the complexities of a sailboat race and the tactics often employed.
- We decided to hold off on any immediate action and to see how things evolve in the coming weeks.

Balboa Island Sand Replenishment



- Project will start Monday, 3/16
- Notices have been mailed to the affected bay front homeowners.
- First site will be Turquoise to make room for the sabot racks
- Start times will be 6:00 AM due to tides.
- Not the most ideal tides, but it was the best we could work with considering the timing of permits, contract and busy summer months.
- Tight Quarters is the contractor.

Boat Auction Results: \$2,465

All vessels sold – no disposal costs this time around





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Other

Customs and Border Protection

- Want to start a program where boaters can call and arrange for inspections in Newport Harbor after returning from Mexico.
- Requested signs to be installed at our marina and various locations in the harbor.
- More information to follow later.

AERIE Development – 201 -207 Carnation Ave.

- Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (less than significant impact)
- Public comment period is May 19th through June 17th
- Information is posted on the Planning Dept's website
- This will approve, conceptually, the project including the general dock layout design. However, the final approval for docks will still be with the Harbor Commission and Harbor Resources.

Rhine Wharf Public Dock

- The City has to respond to public comments by June 25. Concerns will largely depend on land and water side enforcement.

New Marine Life Protection (Tidepool) Supervisor

Harbor Resources warmly welcomes Michelle Clemente who will be taking over the Tidepool Education program.



Fishing on Public Piers

- At the request of the Harbor Patrol, stickers were made and attached to all of our No Fishing signs prohibiting No Overhead Casting.
- This will help the deputies write citations that will hold up in court if challenged.
- Just today, I received an email from a visiting boater who complained about harassment at the dock from fishermen refusing to allow boats to tie up on the front side.
- I will follow up with Harbor Patrol about the status of their enforcement program.



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