



September 13, 2023

Hon. Dianne Feinstein
 United States Senate
 331 Hart Senate Office Building
 Washington, DC 20510

Hon. Alex Padilla
 United States Senate
 112 Hart Senate Office Building
 Washington, DC 20510

SUPPORT – Port of Oakland Turning Basins Project in 2024 Water Resources Development Act

Dear Senators Feinstein and Padilla:

The undersigned organizations are pleased to support the Port of Oakland’s request for the authorization of the Inner and Outer Harbor Turning Basins project in the upcoming Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2024 draft legislation.

As tenants, customers, workers, and users which represent a wide range of industry and labor sectors that utilize the Port of Oakland we support this project which will improve the safety and efficiency of the Ocean-Going Vessels calling at the Port, maintain the Port’s global competitiveness, minimize emissions from vessels at anchor and accelerate the time in which vessels can connect to grid-based electrical shore power connections, and modernize essential infrastructure at the seaport.

The cargo operations that we facilitate at the Port directly create tens of thousands of jobs in the region and indirectly impact millions of jobs across the country. This cargo plays an essential role in the national economy and serves as a critical global gateway for importers and exporters throughout California. In addition to the economic benefits of the project, we understand that this project will utilize electrically-powered dredging equipment, thereby eliminating all waterborne diesel emissions from dredging equipment during the construction dredging phases, and 100% of suitable dredged material associated with this project will be available for beneficial reuse within the San Francisco Bay.

Port industry and labor representatives have also been supportive of the preparation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Feasibility Study since its initiation in 2020, which should be completed in January 2024, with a Chief Engineer’s Report to follow soon thereafter.

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We strongly encourage the inclusion of this project in the WRDA 2024 legislation and greatly appreciate your consideration of our support for this important initiative.

Sincerely,

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American Waterways Operators
Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders of Northern California
Everport Terminal Services
GSC Enterprises
Harbor Trucking Association
Impact Transportation LLC
International Longshore & Warehouse Union – Northern California District Council
Matson
Pacific Coast Council of Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Association
Pacific Merchant Shipping Association
Propeller Club of Northern California
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