

Lower Newport Harbor:

Dredging &

Confined Aquatic Disposal (CAD)

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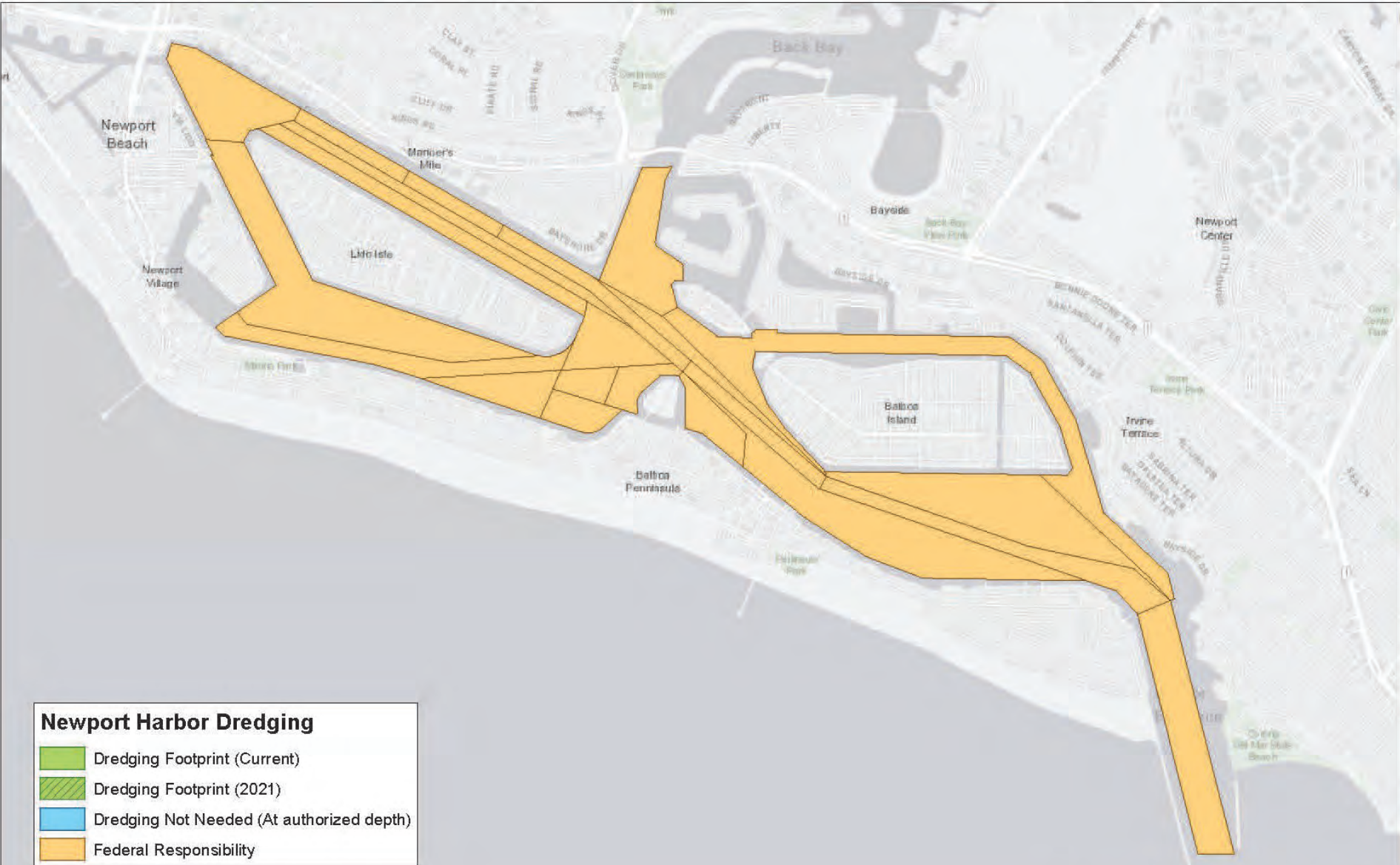


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Seattle

October 29, 2021

Federal Channels – Newport Harbor



2021 Dredge





Current Dredge Project

900,000 cy
(2022)

Newport Harbor Dredging

- Dredging Footprint (Current)
- Dredging Footprint (2021)
- Dredging Not Needed (At authorized depth)
- Federal Responsibility

2021-22 Dredge



Most
sediment
suitable for
nearshore or
open-ocean
placement

*Replenishes
peninsula
ocean beach sand*



Open Ocean Disposal Limit

Hg > 1.0 ppm (olive)

Before Advocation & Negotiating with EPA



Regulatory/Permit Relief to Allow Ocean Disposal

Hg > 1.5 ppm (olive)

After Advocation & Negotiating with EPA & provided that we address all Federal Channels



Regional General Permit 54 Boundaries (City Dredging Permit) Sediment Characterization



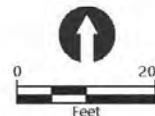
LEGEND:

- Suitable to -10 feet MLLW plus 2 feet of overdepth for unrestricted disposal at the LA-3 ODMDS. Grain size required prior to beach replenishment or nearshore placement to demonstrate suitability.
- Suitable to -7 feet MLLW plus 1 foot of overdepth for unrestricted disposal at the LA-3 ODMDS. Z-layer testing to confirm post-dredge surface contains mercury less than 1 ppm prior to dredging to demonstrate newly exposed surface is clean. Grain size required prior to beach replenishment or nearshore placement to demonstrate suitability.
- - - Area not included under RGP 54.
- Material proposed for disposal at LA-3 ODMDS must have chemical testing for mercury with agency concurrence to verify suitability prior to disposal. Z-layer testing is required to confirm post-dredge surface contains mercury less than 1 ppm prior to dredging to demonstrate newly exposed surface is clean. Material proposed for beach replenishment or nearshore placement must also have grain size verification prior to placement.
- Material proposed for disposal at LA-3 ODMDS must have chemical testing for mercury and PCBs with agency concurrence to verify suitability prior to disposal. Z-layer testing is required to confirm post-dredge surface contains mercury less than 1 ppm and PCBs less than 100 ppb prior to dredging to demonstrate newly exposed surface is clean. Material proposed for beach replenishment or nearshore placement must also have grain size verification prior to placement.
- - - Suitable to -10 feet MLLW plus 2 feet of overdepth for unrestricted disposal at the LA-3 ODMDS. Material proposed for beach replenishment or nearshore placement must have grain size verification and chemical testing for DDTs with agency concurrence to verify suitability prior to placement. Z-layer testing is required to confirm post-dredge surface contains DDT concentrations less than 18.0 ppb*.

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 Bing maps. Coastline extents from City of Newport Beach.
 M: California State Plane, Zone 6, NAD83.
 Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).

P 54 are generally between the bulkhead and pierhead lines with the shoreline/boundary demarcated by the various colors/hatched lines. Whether solid or dashed, always follow the shoreline rather than following individual fingers or docks. ODMDS (Ocean Dredged Material) (parts per million).

*Represents the 95% Upper Confidence Limit for surface sediment concentrations within the RGP permit area.



Disposal Site Project Objectives

- Most appropriate and feasible.
- Minimize impacts to the maximum extent practicable.
- Accommodate other non-federal material.
- Beneficial reuse – beach nourishment.

2011-12
Dredging
solution:

Disposal at POLB

**2011-12 Port of Long Beach Disposal
Rhine Channel & Lower Bay**



Project Alternatives

Trucked to landfill (~8,800 round-trip trucks)

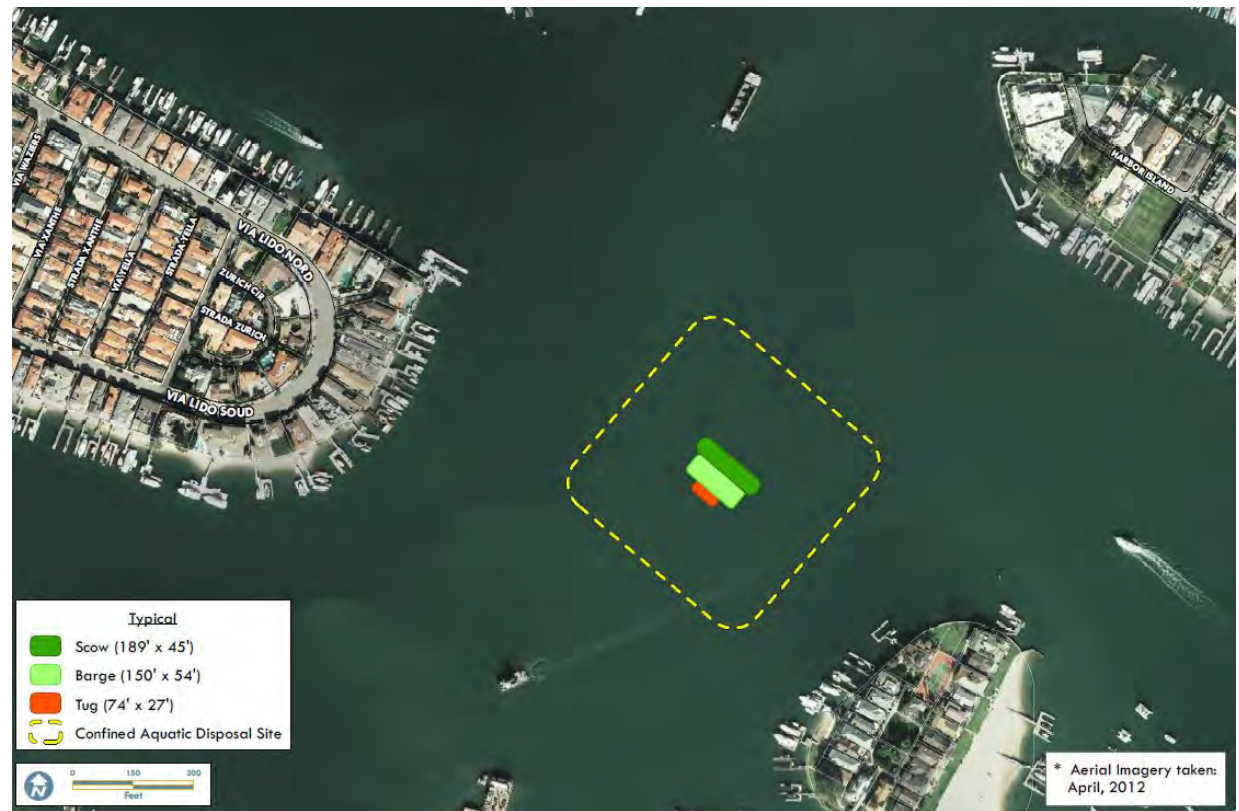
Or

Smaller CAD with trucking

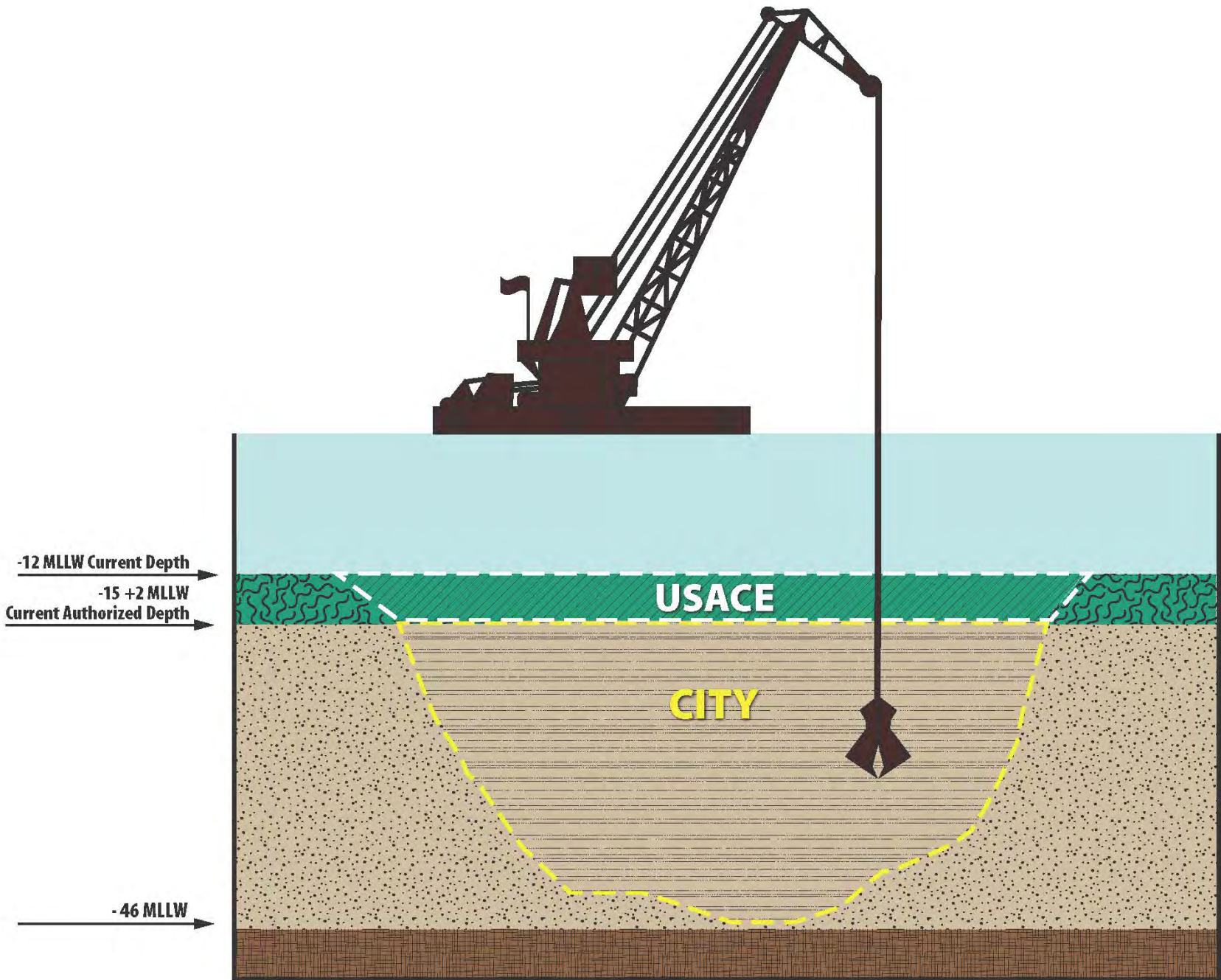


CAD Location

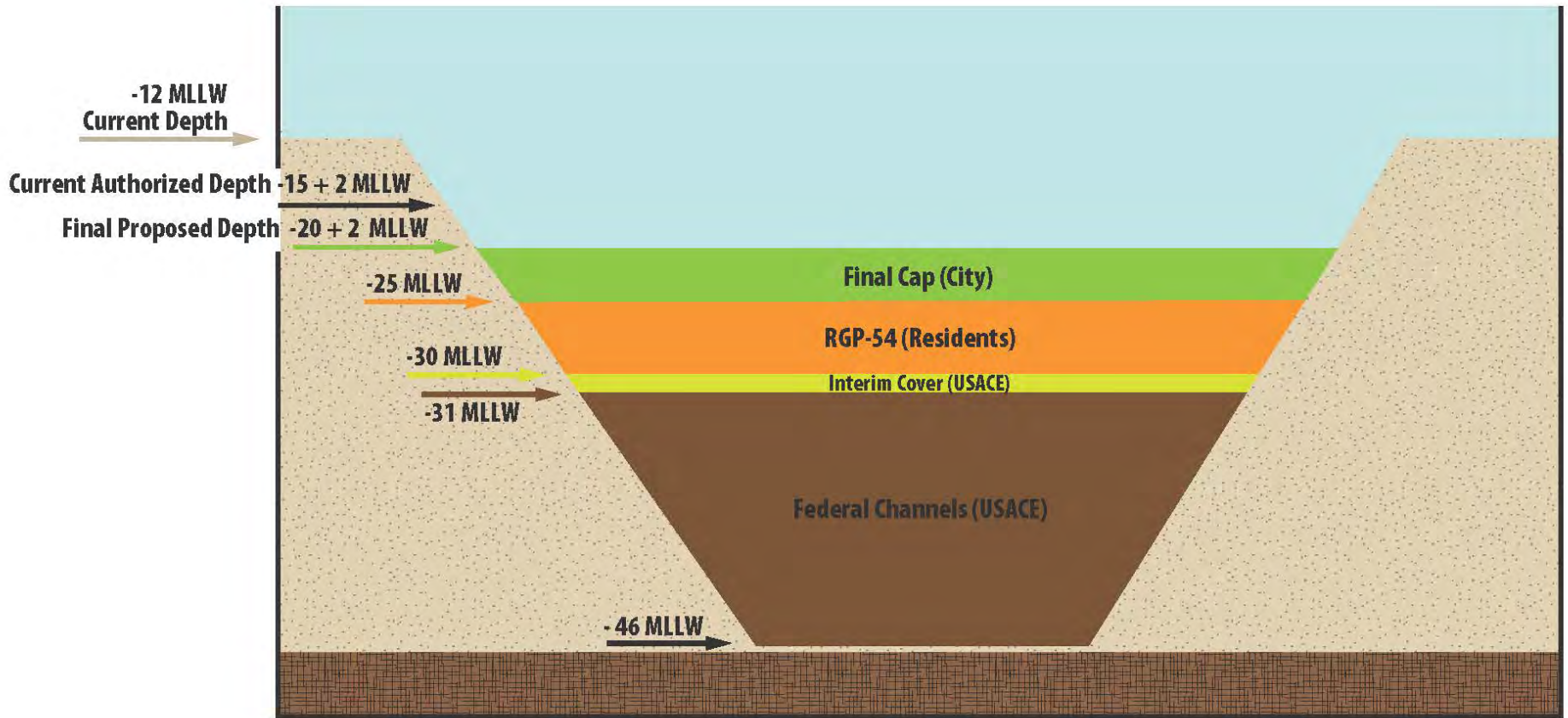
Single, *Centralized* *Location*



- Equal proximity to unsuitable material (reduces transit time, disruption and cost)
- Deeper water = maximizes scow capacity
 - Reduces timeline, cost and emissions
- Not a known eelgrass area
- Area already required to be dredged



Excavation Responsibilities



Fill Responsibilities

Basis of Design Report (BODR)

Technical Details

1. Subsurface conditions and soil types
2. Size, dimensions
3. Long-term placement of sediments
4. Stability of adjacent structures
5. Consolidation of material over time
6. Equipment types
7. Numeric modeling: wind/storm waves, vessel wakes, potential propeller wash etc.

CEQA Review

California Environmental Quality Act

- Considers the “whole of the project”
 - CAD and Federal Channels dredging

Findings:

- No project-level impacts, or
- Less-than-significant project-level impacts, and
- No known significant and unavoidable effects on the environment

Environmental Impact Report

CEQA Review

City Council Certified

May 2021

Next Steps

- **Regulatory Permits**
 - Currently under review

- **Funding (estimated \$20 million)**
 - City committed to \$10M cost share

- **Project Bid**
 - Early summer 2022

Question and Comments?



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