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NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A joint Environmental Assessment/Negative Declaration (EA/ND) has been prepared by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), as Lead Agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.), and the California State Lands Commission (CSLC), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.), in response to an application submitted by Southern California Marine Institute for the Palos Verdes Reef Restoration Project (Project). The EA/ND is in compliance with the requirements of CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.), and CSLC Regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 2901 et seq.), NEPA, the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500-1508), and the Department of the Interior NEPA Regulations (43 CFR Part 46). This Notice fulfills a State regulatory process noticing and review requirement for the CSLC.

Project Title	Palos Verdes Reef Restoration Project
Project Location	The Project is located 0.3 mile offshore of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, between Bunker Point and White Point, Los Angeles County
Project Description	The Project would result in the creation 40 acres of submerged rocky-reef habitat on the Palos Verdes Shelf for the purposes of enhancing marine ecological resources and creating a productive rocky-reef ecosystem in an area with limited hard substrate. The Project involves the placement of 70,300 tons of quarried rock on 40 acres of sandy ocean bottom within a 69-acre Project site. The quarry rock would be transported to the site via tugboat and barge from existing quarries on Catalina Island. This Project would compensate for lost ecosystem benefits associated with the loss of rocky-reef habitat in the area due to contaminated sediments from the Palos Verdes Shelf Superfund Site, as identified by the Montrose Settlements Restoration Program, and reef burial due to sedimentation from nearby landslides, irrigation practices, and sewage effluent.
Public Meeting Information	Thursday, March 2, 2017; 6 PM to 8 PM Point Vincente Interpretive Center 31501 Palos Verdes Drive West Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

The Project EA/ND can be downloaded, in PDF format, at www.slc.ca.gov (see under CEQA Notices sidebar). Hard copies and/or CDs of the EA/ND are also available for review at the locations below:

Palos Verdes Library District – Peninsula Center Library 701 Silver Spur Road Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274	California State Lands Commission ¹ 100 Howe Ave., Suite 100-South Sacramento, CA 95825 California State Lands Commission 200 Oceanate, 12 th Floor Long Beach, CA 90802
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The EA/MND is available for at least a 30-day review period beginning February 21, 2017, and ending March 22, 2017. All comments must be received or postmarked by 5 PM on March 22, 2017, and can be sent to:

California State Lands Commission
Attention: Kelly Keen
100 Howe Ave., Suite 100-South
Sacramento, CA 95825
Email: CEQA.comments@slc.ca.gov

Important Notes to Commenters

1. You are encouraged to submit electronic copies of your written comments. If written comments are sent by e-mail, please send the comments to CEQA.comments@slc.ca.gov and write the following in the subject line of your email: **Palos Verdes Reef Restoration Project Comments.**
2. If you represent a public agency, please provide the name, email address, and telephone number for the contact person in your agency for the Project.
3. Before including your mailing or e-mail address, telephone number, or other personal identifying information in your comment, please be aware that the entire comment—including personal identifying information—may become publicly available, including in the EA/ND and posted on the Internet). The CSLC will make available for inspection, in their entirety, all comments submitted by organizations or businesses or by individuals identifying themselves as representatives of organizations or businesses.

The Project's ND will be considered for adoption at the April 20, 2017, scheduled meeting of the CSLC, unless otherwise stated on the CSLC's website. The specific time and location will be posted on the CSLC's website at www.slc.ca.gov when specific meeting information becomes known. Should you have any questions or need additional information from a State or CEQA perspective, please contact Kelly Keen at (916) 574-1938, or via e-mail at kelly.keen@slc.ca.gov.

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¹ All documents referenced in the EA/ND will also be available at this address for public review during normal working hours. (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15072, subd. (g)(4).)