

## **Marina del Rey Dredging**

- The Army Corps of Engineers completed a dredging project in the Marina del Rey south entrance that successfully took contaminated sediment in that area and, through a sand separation plant, turned it into clean sand capable for placement on the upper beach area of Dockweiler State Beach.
- Because that project concentrated on refining the sand separation process itself, very little material was actually removed from the south entrance.
- The Corps will be developing a follow-up dredging project for Fall 2009 to remove the majority of both contaminated and clean sediment in the immediate Marina entrance areas.
- This effort would again make use of sand separation technology to beneficially reuse contaminated sediment, which is both more cost effective than disposing of the material at an upland landfill and would provide much needed sand for beach renourishment projects.
- The County of Los Angeles needs your assistance in securing additional federal funds for this project through the FY 2010 budget.
- In addition, though the Marina did not garner any initial Stimulus Act funding, we are also asking for your help in securing any such unused monies for dredging Marina del Rey's entrances and channel.
- It has also come to our attention that the Corps, in its just completed dredging project, was unable to secure approval from environmental agencies such as the EPA to place the sand cleaned through its sand separation plant directly along the shoreline.
- We need your assistance in working with the EPA and the Corps to improve their coordination efforts so they can achieve agreement on testing protocols and acceptable contaminant levels for unrestricted placement of this material in the future.