

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY PURCHASE PURSUANT TO SANTA BARBARA MUNICIPAL CODE § 4.52.080

I, Mike Wiltshire - Waterfront Director, declare a need for an emergency purchase order to help dredge the harbor entrance Not to Exceed \$386,830.

This emergency declaration complies with Municipal Code Section 4.52.080.

The formal bid process would require additional time that will compromise our ability to ensure safe vessel passage in and out of our harbor.

Pacific Dredge & Construction provided a rough estimate based on removing 40,000 cubic yards of storm sediment that is adjacent to the Federal Channel.

The City of Santa Barbara only allows electric dredges, and Pacific Dredge is the only company that has an electric dredge on the West Coast. The Federal Channel is currently being dredged by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). If Pacific Dredge can stay on site for an additional one to three days, then the Waterfront would save over \$500,000 in mobilization and demobilization fees. The current dredging timeline presents an opportunity for the Waterfront to address this much needed work which falls outside the scope of the Army Corps Federal Channel project.

Pacific Dredge has been dredging the Federal Channel for many years and has the experience to assist. The harbor entrance was close to being closed off before Pacific Dredge started dredging on March 25, 2026. Additional dredging is needed to restore safe navigation, to prevent property damage, and to avoid any environmental spills from sunken vessels. Pacific Dredge's proposal is deemed fair and reasonable by Waterfront's Facilities Manager and Waterfront Director. Completing the project now represents a significant savings as we are piggy backing off the USACE contract rate which was formally bid three years ago.

The emergency repair work will be funded by the Waterfront's capital fund, and then partially reimbursed by a FEMA storm sediment claim.

Thank you.



Mike Wiltshire, Waterfront Director

4/2/2026

Date