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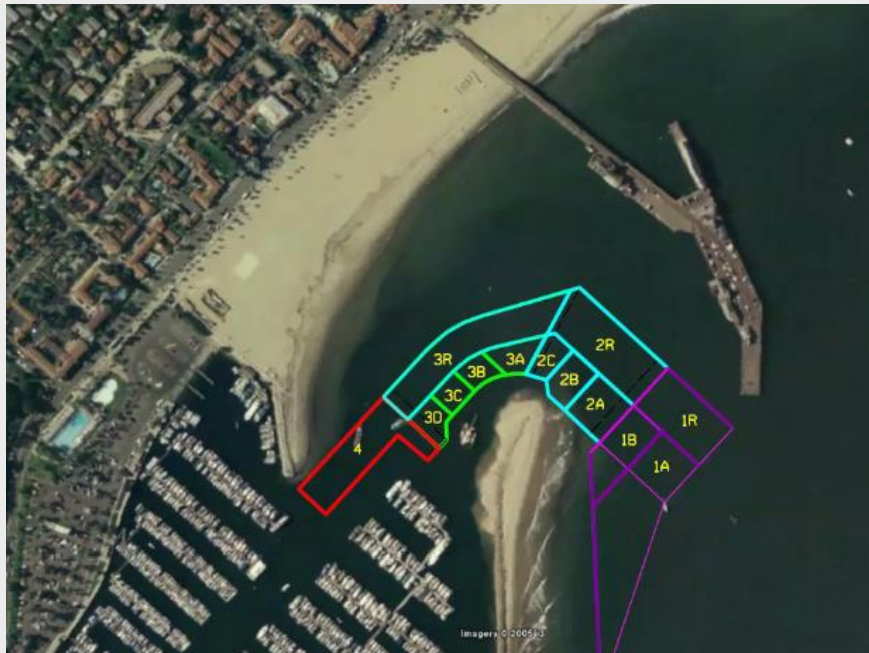
# **SANTA BARBARA HARBOR**

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**Dredging Update**

**July 18, 2025**

# Harbor Federal Channel Dredging



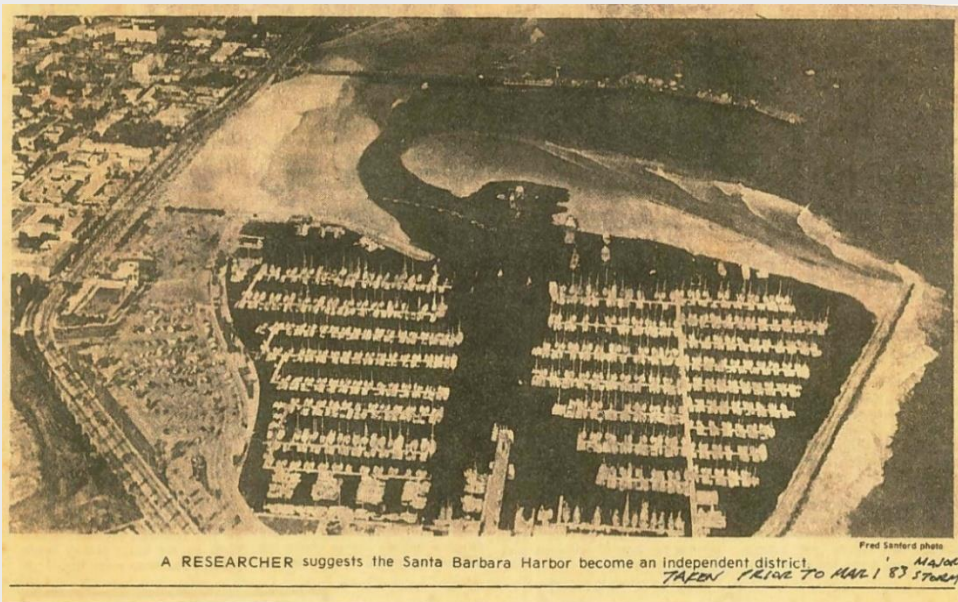
- Dredge channel twice annually
- \$3.6M/year (Federally Funded)
- Energy & Water Appropriations  
Operation & Maintenance Funding
- Army Corps Managed
- 240,000CY per Year
- Deposited on East Beach
- 3-Year Contract w/Pacific Dredge
- Sandpiper All-Electric Dredge

# Federal Funding Concerns



- Receive \$3.6M annually for two dredge cycles (240,000CY)
- Presidential Army Corps Civil Works Operations & Maintenance Budget (\$5.5B)
- FY26 Funding Removed
- Working with Congress and Senators to advocate to reinstate funding
- Have 1 funded dredge cycle left

# Impacts of Not Dredging

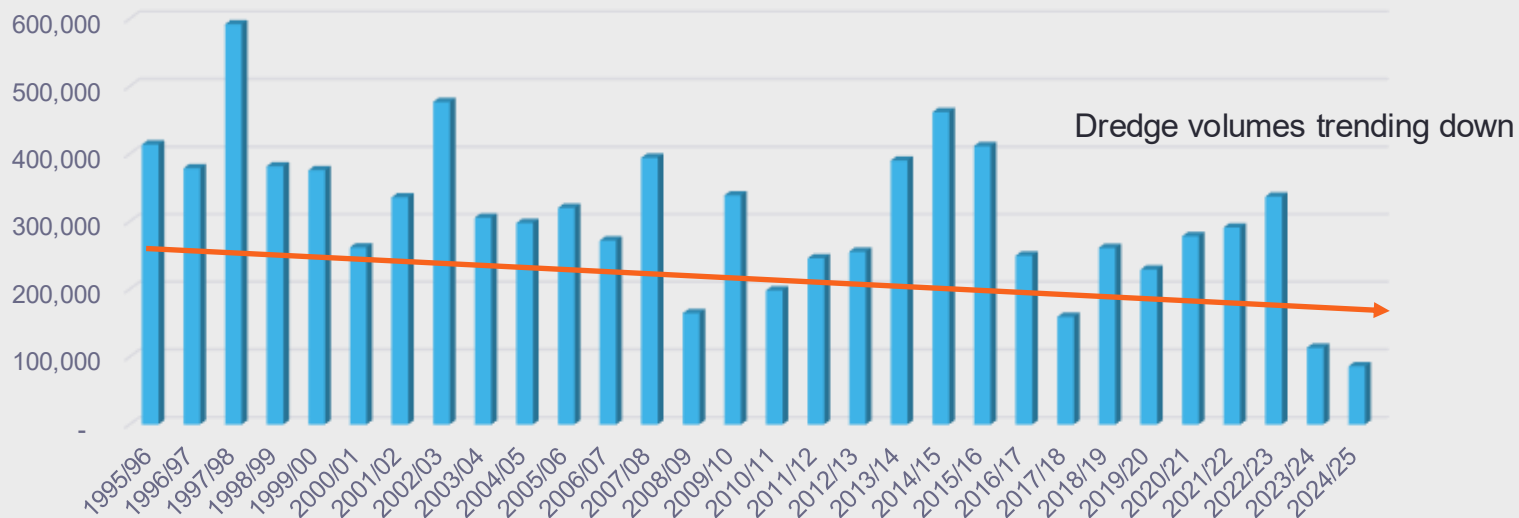


- Safety
  - Coast Guard, Harbor Patrol, Safe Harbor
- Economic
  - \$30M Commercial Fishing, Recreation, Tourism, Cruise Ships, Beaches
- Coastal
  - Downcoast erosion, lack of sediment, property damage, beach widths, tourism



# Dredging – Volumes

Harbor Channel Dredge Totals  
(cu yds)



# West Beach Sand Bank



- Large Sediment build up in areas outside Harbor Channel
- No funding to dredge areas outside Harbor Channel
- Would like to dredge highlighted areas on West Beach and near Stearns Wharf
- Working with County of SB on potential funding source
- Permitted to dredge West Beach, just need funding

# Questions?

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