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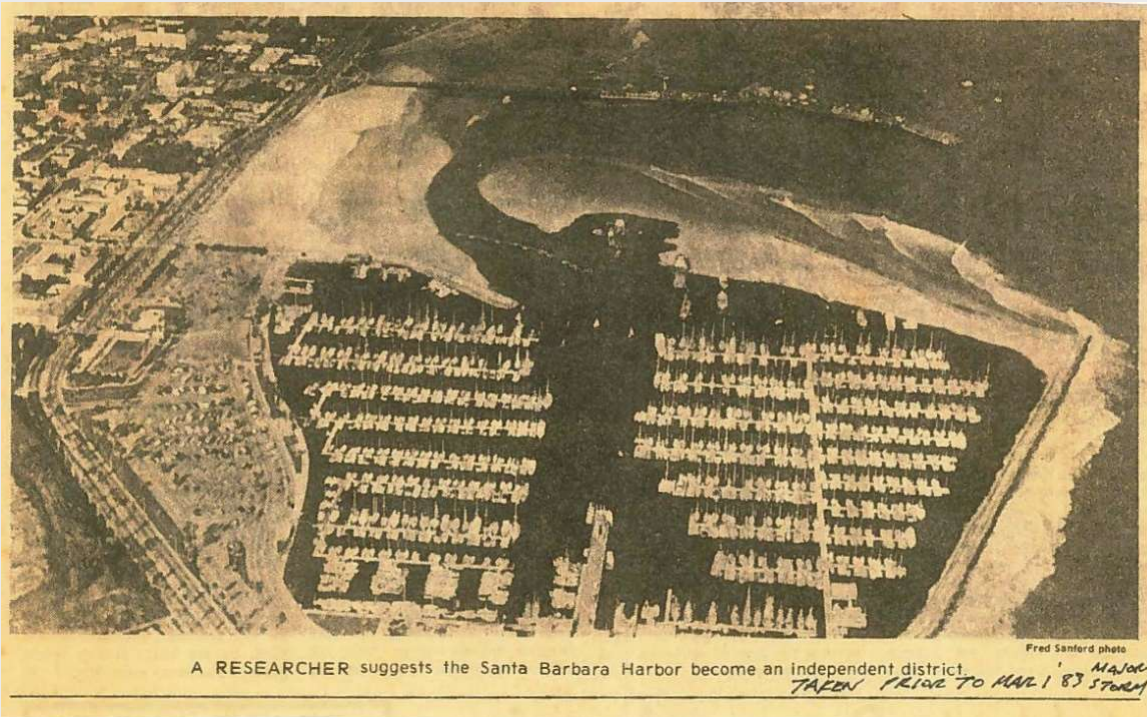
# **SANTA BARBARA HARBOR**

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**BEACON Meeting**

**May 22, 2026**

# The Need For Dredging



## Annual Dredging

- Dredge channel twice annually
- \$3-\$4M/year (Army Corps Managed)
- ~240,000CY per Year
- Deposited on East Beach

1983 - Sandspit Sediment Closing Off Harbor

## Federal Funding Concerns



- Receive \$4M annually for two dredge cycles
- Presidential Army Corps Civil Works Operations & Maintenance Budget (\$5.5B)
- Funding removed FY26 and FY27
- **FY26 Funding reinstated (\$6.15M)**



## Press Releases

### Carbajal Secures \$6 Million in Federal Funding for Santa Barbara Harbor Improvements

Santa Barbara, April 8, 2026

Tags: [Transportation and Infrastructure](#)



Today, U.S. Representative Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24) announced he secured \$6.15 million for Santa Barbara Harbor's dredging project. The funding was secured through the [Fiscal Year 2026](#) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Work Plan, an annual civil works initiative focused on infrastructure improvements.

*"The Santa Barbara Harbor serves an important role in our local economy and emergency response services," said Rep. Carbajal. "This federal funding will ensure our harbor is deep enough to continue handling maritime commerce and tourism while providing the U.S. Coast Guard with the reliable channels for public safety and national security missions."*

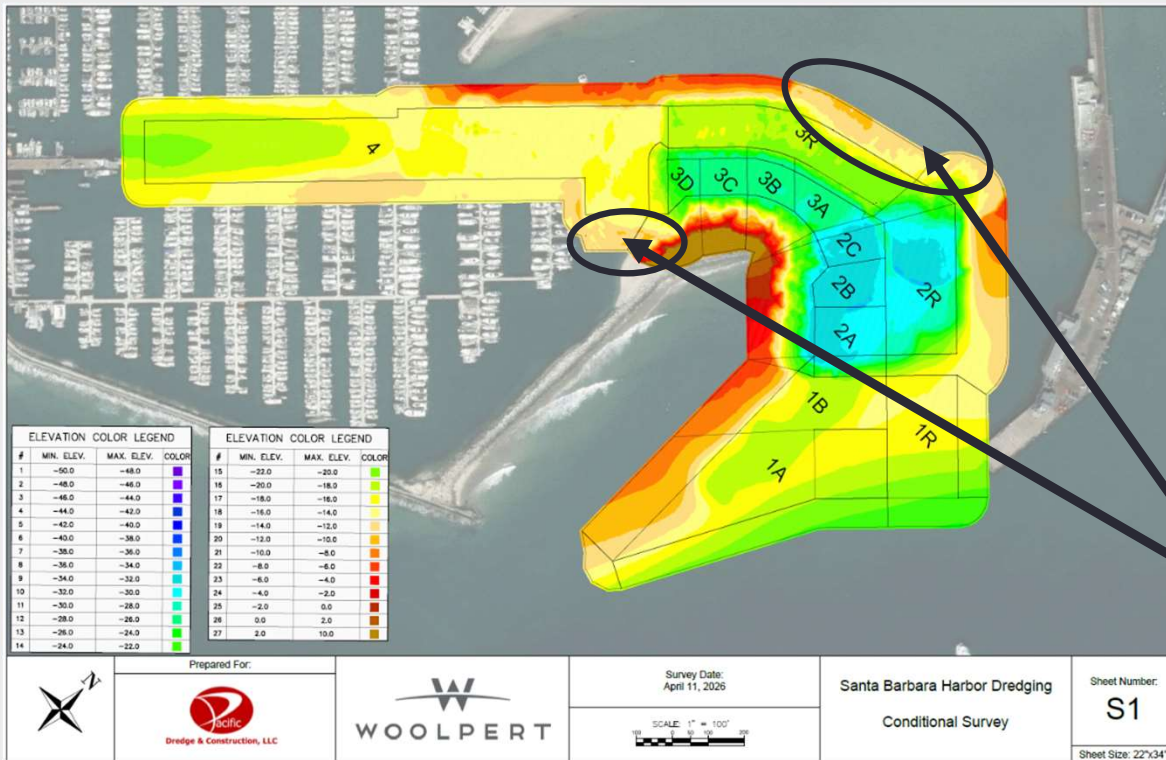
*"Santa Barbara Harbor is the pulse of our community. Without regular federal maintenance dredging, the consequences for public safety, our local economy, and our way of life are severe. Securing \$6.15 million in federal funding for dredging is an essential step toward ensuring that the harbor remains safe and navigable for everyone who depends on it. We are grateful to Congressman Carbajal for his tireless advocacy on behalf of Santa Barbara, and to the Army Corps of Engineers for delivering on this critical funding," said Santa Barbara Mayor Randy Rowse.*

Santa Barbara Harbor serves as a critical hub for maritime commerce, tourism, and public safety operations. The dredging project will help keep the harbor at appropriate depths so that commercial vessels, recreational users, and emergency response ships can operate safely.

### Lobbying Thank You's:

- City Council
- County Supervisors
- Congressman Carbajal
- Senator Schiff
- Senator Padilla
- US Coast Guard
- BEACON
- Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara

# Spring 2026 Dredging Complete



## Spring 2026 Dredging Complete

- Had not dredged in over 1-year
- Utilized remaining FY25 funds
- Completed as of April 15, 2026
- Dredged 190,000 CY
- Completed by Pacific Dredge

Dredged additional areas outside the Army Corps contract. Paid for by Santa Barbara Waterfront (~30k CY)

## East Beach Downcoast of Dredging



November 2025 – Pre Dredge

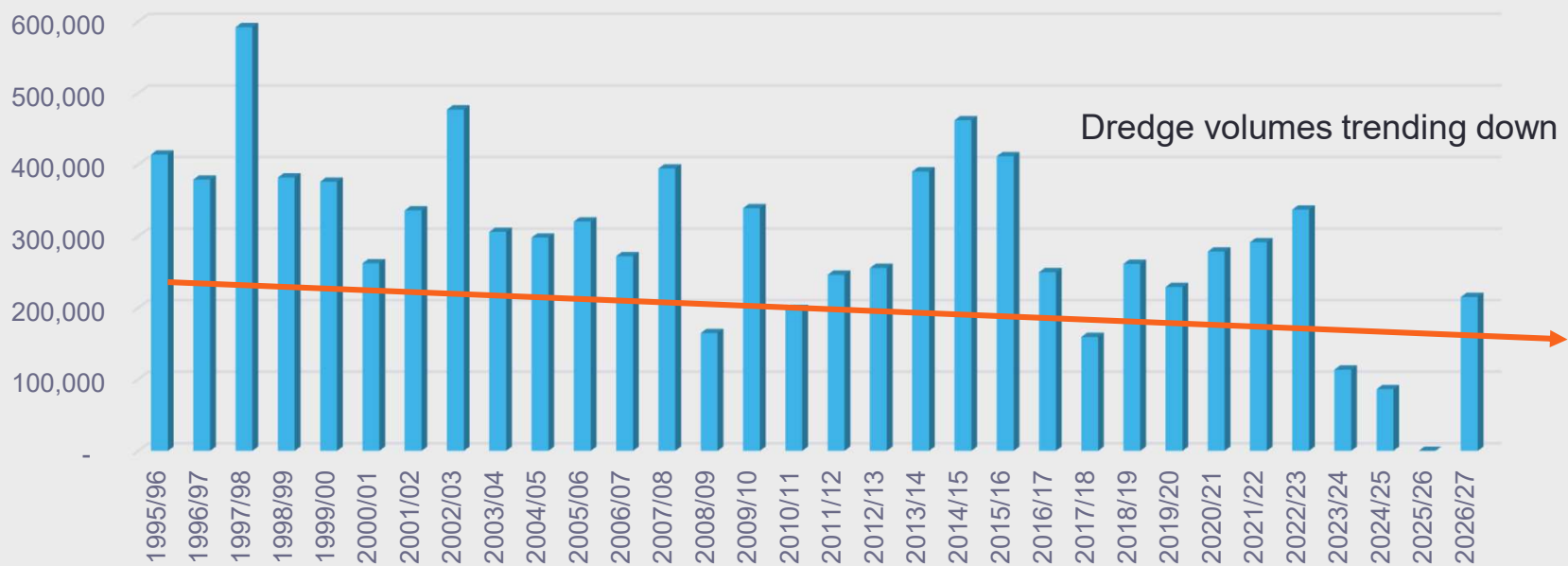


April 2026 – Post Dredge



# Dredging – Volumes

Santa Barbara Annual Dredge Totals  
(cu yds)





Pre 2023 Storm Leadbetter Beach



Post 2023 Storm Leadbetter Beach

## Additional Sediment Zones (West Beach)



- West Beach is Accreting
- Large Sediment build up in areas outside Harbor Channel
- Limited funding to dredge areas outside Harbor Channel
- Working with BEACON on grant options for periodic dredging of West Beach



# Questions?

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