UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
PROGRAM PLANNING AND INTEGRATION
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

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To All Interested Government Agencies and Public Groups:

Under the National Environmental Policy Act, an environmental review has been performed on the following action.

TITLE: Adoption of the United States Army Corps of Engineers' (USACOE) Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Colorado Lagoon Estuary Restoration Project

LOCATION: Colorado Lagoon, City of Long Beach, California

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Restoration Center (RC) has prepared a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), for NOAA's adoption the USACOE's EA for the "Colorado Lagoon Estuary Restoration Project." This proposed project is funded through the NOAA Restoration Center's partnership with the State of California Coastal Conservancy. The proposed project will remove contaminated sediment and will support the City of Long Beach's efforts to restore the coastal wetlands of southern California that provide benefit to living marine resources and their habitats.

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The environmental review process led us to conclude that this action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared. A copy of the FONSI including the supporting EA is enclosed for your information.

Although NOAA is not soliciting comments on this completed EA/FONSI we will consider any comments submitted that would assist us in preparing future NEPA documents. Please submit any written comments to the responsible official named above.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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