






Date: June 21, 2005

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

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Subject: Request the federal government to conduct a one-year Reconnaissance Study to determine if there is a federal interest in a study of a reconfiguration of the Long Beach breakwater.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Request the federal government to conduct a one-year Reconnaissance Study to determine if there is a federal interest in a study of a reconfiguration of the Long Beach breakwater.

BACKGROUND:

Long Beach residents have long debated how a reconfigured breakwater would affect property, businesses, the Port of Long Beach, and the environment. Past studies have been limited in scope and have failed to address the entire issue: are there reasonable solutions to complications that may arise from reconfiguring the breakwater to bring natural tidal action back to Long Beach?

The Long Beach breakwater is federal property and the federal government must determine that it has an interest in the breakwater's condition before it would support any further inquiry into a reconfiguration.