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**RESIDENTIAL DREDGING, SMALL DOCK REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT PROJECTS
AGAIN A REALITY AS COASTAL COMMISSION OKAYS CITY GENERAL PERMIT**

NEWPORT BEACH, CA (November 1, 2006) – The City of Newport Beach was working diligently for many months with numerous regulatory agencies including the California Coastal Commission (CCC) to clear the way for a general permit approval granted this month which now gives our city a streamlined process for permitting of residential dredging, small dock repairs or dock replacement projects.

Members of the City staff and the City Harbor Commission met with officials from the Environmental Protection Agency, Army Corps of Engineers, Water Quality Control Board, State Lands Commission and state and federal fisheries agencies as well as the CCC to allow contractors working at the Newport Beach waterfront, an efficient way to proceed with much-needed dredging under residential docks.

The new general dredging permit is in effect until 2011; Newport Beach has held a general permit for the past 30 years but with the expiration of the current permit dredging has been allowed through the acquisition of an individual permit, which involves a long and arduous process. Residents interested in dredging under the general permit should contact their local contractor or the city at 949-644-3034.

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