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Ms. Katherine Reyes
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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San Francisco, CA 94103

Re: Support of the Port of Redwood City Harbor Deepening Project and Beneficial Reuse of Dredged Material

Dear Ms. Reyes:

The Bay Planning Coalition (BPC) writes to express its strong support of the proposed Redwood City Harbor Deepening Project, and for the beneficial reuse of associated dredged material. Dredging to -32 feet is critically important to maintaining and improving the navigability of Redwood Harbor's channels, and we strongly believe that that the Preferred Environmental Alternative set forth in the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and DEIS/DEIS for the beneficial reuse of dredged material is economically and environmentally superior to ocean disposal.

The Port of Redwood City's Harbor is crucially important our region's economy, and dredging to a depth of -32 feet is imperative to maintaining and improving the navigability its channels. The beneficial reuse of the dredged material will be able to be utilized for wetland restoration projects around the Bay, thereby supporting environmental and ecological improvements and helping to enhance climate change resilience. Accordingly, we strongly encourage the beneficial reuse of dredged material rather than the alternative of ocean disposal.

BPC therefore strongly supports the Port of Redwood City's Harbor Deepening Project to -32 feet and the beneficial reuse of dredged material to approved sites around the Bay.

Sincerely,



John A. Coleman
Chief Executive Officer