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Douglas Lamont
Senior Official Performing the Duties of the
Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)
U.S. Department of the Army
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Lieutenant General Semonite
Chief of Engineers
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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Dear Mr. Lamont and Lieutenant General Semonite:

Thank you for your commitment to advance the quality of our nation's water infrastructure. I write today to join my California colleagues who recently wrote in support of including the San Francisco Bay Area as one of the beneficial reuse pilot programs established by the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act.

As you know, the WIIN Act established ten pilot projects to maximize the amount of material dredged by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to be transported to nearby sites in need of sediment. The material would be used to reduce potential storm damage, promote public safety, protect wetlands, enhance shorelines, and for other purposes that further public interests.

Without doubt, there is no place better suited to realize the various benefits of dredged sediment than the San Francisco Bay. The Corps has a history of proven partnerships with the San Francisco Bay and currently operates a significant operation and maintenance dredging program – all within the San Francisco Bay – at the Ports of Oakland, Richmond, and Redwood City. The San Francisco Bay has also demonstrated a strong ability to cost-share with the June 2016 passage of a nine-county parcel tax – raising \$500 million dollars over the course of 20 years – to fund shoreline restoration projects. The need for the dredged material in the region is vital and the desire to work with the Corps on this endeavor is far-reaching. We must continue to build on our progress toward environmental conservation and the health of California's Bay Area.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. I look forward to working with you on the implementation of this new program.

best regards,



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Member of Congress