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: Environmental Assessment for the South San Diego Bay Coastal Wetland Restoration and Enhancement Project, to support ARRA Grant Award # NA09NMF4630314

LOCATION: San Diego Bay, California

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Restoration Center (RC) has prepared a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), for NOAA's adoption of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) Environmental Assessment for the South San Diego Bay Coastal Wetland Restoration and Enhancement Project (EA), to support ARRA Grant Award # NA09NMF4630314. NOAA proposes to fund restoration of about 268 acres of tidal wetlands and related habitats, to benefit estuarine biota including waterfowl, shorebirds, fishes, and small mammals. The public and other interested parties have participated in review of the FWS' EA, and consequently additional public review will not occur at this time.

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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,

for Paul N. Doremus, Ph.D.
NOAA NEPA Coordinator

Enclosure

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