CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER NO. R2-2006-0021
RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. 96-082

PORT OF RICHMOND
POINT POTRERO MARINE TERMINAL
UPLAND SITE
RICHMOND, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, hereinafter called the Board, finds that:

1. **Site Location/Description:** The Port of Richmond (hereinafter the "Port"), constructed and operated a dredged material disposal facility on 53 acres of property at the Point Potrero marine terminal in order to provide an upland disposal site for sediment dredged during the deepening of the harbor. The disposal area is a former World War II era shipyard also known as Shipyard Number 3. Recently, about sixty percent of the area has been used by the Port to store new automobiles; hence, the Port now refers to the area as the "parking lot" (see Figure 1).

   The parking lot site is under a cleanup order issued by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), referred to as a Consent Order. DTSC's major concern with the site is the threat to human health from asbestos in the underlying soils. DTSC directed the Port to cover the parking lot with a cap consisting of a minimum two-foot soil layer and asphalt. The Port then proposed the use of dredged sediment as a source of foundation material for the cap.

   DTSC and Board staff agreed with the Port that coverage of the site with dredged sediment and final capping with asphalt would remedy the threat of human contact with asbestos and fulfill the need to dispose of sediment found to be unsuitable for unconfined aquatic disposal in the Bay. Board Order No. 96-082 was issued to the Port in June 1996 and contained requirements for the placement and drying of dredged sediment and required monitoring storm water discharged from the drying area during periods of heavy rainfall.

2. **Basis for Rescission:** Placement of the final layers of the cap consisting of aggregate base rock and asphalt concrete was completed in April 2004. The Port is executing an Operation and Maintenance Agreement with DTSC for the long-term care of the disposal area. Because the site is no longer accepting dredged material, the requirements of Order No. 96-082 are no longer applicable for the site.

4. **California Environmental Quality Act**: This action is an Order to enforce the laws and regulations administered by the Board. This action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), Title 14, California code of Regulations.

5. **Notice and Meeting**: The Board has notified the Port and interested agencies and persons of its intent to rescind waste discharger requirements, and has provided them with an opportunity for a public hearing and an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.

6. The Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.

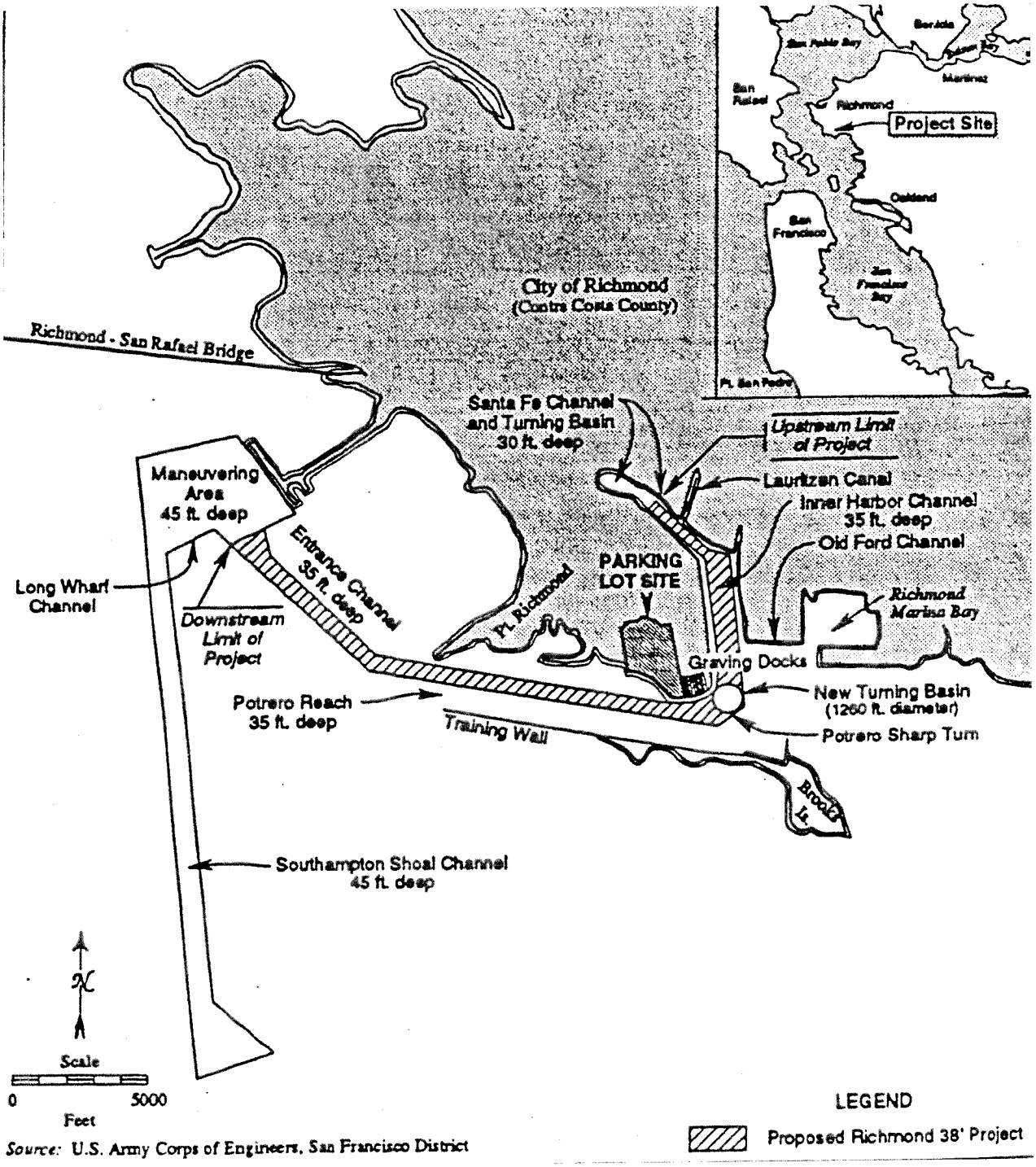
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. 96-082 is rescinded.

I, Bruce H. Wolfe, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region on April 12, 2006.

Bruce H. Wolfe
Executive Officer

Attachments:

Figure 1 - Location Map



Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District

Figure 1. Location of Port of Richmond Upland Dredged Material Disposal Site ("Parking Lot")