

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE



**US Army Corps
of Engineers** ®
San Francisco District

Project Map

SAN RAFAEL CREEK CALIFORNIA

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 6th District, Rep. Lynn Woolsey

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project is a shallow-draft, mainly light commercial and recreational, channel. The operations and maintenance schedule provides for 7 and 4-year cycle maintenance dredging, respectively, for the Across the Flats Channel to -8 feet Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) in San Francisco Bay to the mouth of San Rafael Creek; thence -6 feet MLLW for the Inner Canal Channel to the head of navigation at the Grand Street Bridge in the City of San Rafael. The Across the Flats portion has always been authorized for unconfined in-Bay aquatic disposal at site SF-11 south of Alcatraz Island. Originally the sponsor (City of San Rafael) provided an upland site for the Inner Canal portion of the project, but the site is no longer available. Therefore, the sponsor pays for an additional cost differential for alternative disposal at SF-11. The sponsor is obligated to provide an adequate upland disposal site for containment of material unsuitable for unconfined aquatic disposal, located in the upper Turning Basin. Since the sponsor has been unable to provide such a site for recent past dredging episodes, this area was not dredged.

FISCAL YEAR 03 BUDGET: \$0

PRESENT STATUS: Maintenance dredging of the Across the Flats Channel was last completed in November 1997 and the Inner Canal Channel in March 1992. Sediment sampling and testing in the upper Turning Basin was performed in FY98 to determine future upland disposal needs for this area. A FY02 Congressional Budget Add provided funding for the maintenance dredging scheduled for FY02.

FUTURE EFFORTS: The maintenance dredging of the Across the Flats Channel is on a 7-year cycle, and is scheduled to be dredged in FY04. The Inner Canal Channel is on a 3-year cycle, however it missed its last scheduled maintenance dredging cycle because funds were not appropriated. It is scheduled for dredging in July FY02. The sponsor has expressed interest in the possibility of establishing a new upland disposal site under the federal cost-sharing provisions contained in the 1996 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA).