2026 Annual Meeting Agenda

October 20 to 22, 2026
Renaissance Newport Beach Hotel, Newport Beach, California

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

Time	Location	Event
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Bay Laurel S	Dredging 101 Short Course (Optional, additional fee)
12:00-1:00 p.m.		Lunch on Your Own
1:00-5:00 p.m.	Bay Laurel S	Dredging 201 Short Course (Optional, additional fee)
1:00-2:30 p.m.	Bay Laurel C	Contractor and USACE Industry Session (Closed)
2:30–3:30 p.m.	Bay Laurel C	USACE Session (Closed)
4:00-5:00 p.m.	Bay Laurel C	Ports Session (Closed)
4:00-6:00 p.m.	Bay Laurel Foyer	Conference Registration and Check-In
5:00-6:30 p.m.	Bay Laurel 12	Women of WEDA Event
6:30-9:00 p.m.	Bamboo Garden	Icebreaker Event
7:00–8:00 p.m.	Bay Laurel 34	Student Engagement Event (Optional)

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Time	Location	Event
7:00–8:00 a.m.	Bay Laurel Foyer	Breakfast
7:00–8:15 a.m.	Bay Laurel Foyer	Registration
8:15–8:40 a.m.	Bay Laurel CS	Welcome from Teal Dreher, WEDA Pacific Chapter President and Opening Remarks from The Port of Long Beach Managing Director, Suzanne Plezia, P.E.
8:40–9:20 a.m.	Bay Laurel CS	HQUSACE Navigation Updates: Overview of the Enterprise Dredging Delivery Center (EDDC) by Erica Janocha and Dylan Davis, USACE
9:20-9:40 a.m.	Bay Laurel CS	How an Improved Understanding of Sediment Transport and Dredge Material Combined with Regional Sediment Management Can Reduce O&M and CSRM Project Costs, by Jon Marsh, Environmental Tracing
9:40-10:00 a.m.	Bay Laurel CS	Estimating the Opportunity and Value of Advanced Maintenance Dredging by Michael Hanowsky, USACE ERDC
10:00-10:40 a.m.		Coffee/refreshment break
10:40–11:00 a.m.	Bay Laurel CS	Turning Spoils into Resources: Using Bioassay to Evaluate Beneficial Reuse by Peter Arth, Nautilus Environmental

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11:00–11:20 a.m.	Bay Laurel CS	Sand By-Passing as a Component of Southern California's Coastal Resilience by Chris Webb, Jon Finegold, Kim Garvey, Moffat & Nichol
11:20–11:40 a.m.	Bay Laurel CS	Real-Time Turbidity Monitoring: Lessons Learned from Multiple Deployments by John Wright, Field Data Solutions
12:00–1:00 p.m.	Bamboo Garden	Lunch
1:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Bay Lauren CS	City of Newport Beach Plenary Presentation
1:30–1:50 p.m.	Bay Laurel CS	Moving Sand and Shaping Ecosystems: How Pillar Point Harbor with the Creation of Beach and Seagrass Habitats Leveraged the Need to Navigate by Robert Mooney PH.D., Mina Sattari M.Sc., Grace Teller M.Sc., Marine Taxonomic Services, LTD.
1:50–2:10 p.m.	Bay Laurel CS	Re-Thinking Dredge and Dispose: Low-Carbon in-situ Treatment and Beneficial Use of Contaminated Sediments by Louisa Orr, Wardah Azhar, Parsons
2:10-2:30 p.m.	Bay Laurel CS	Safety Onboarding: New Employees, Subcontractors and even Chartered Equipment by Randy Steed, JF Brennan
2:30-2:50 p.m.	Bay Laurel CS	ODESS National Program: An Environmental Reporting Tool by Michael Sessions, USACE DQM
2:50–3:15 p.m.		Break and Field Trip Preparation
3:15 p.m.		Buses Depart for Field Trip
4:00-6:00 p.m.		Field Trip: Newport Harbor Boat Tour

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Time	Location	Event
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Bay Laurel Foyer	Breakfast
8:00–8:20 a.m.	Bay Laurel CS	From Problem to Opportunity – Community-Led Beneficial Reuse of Sediment at Detroit Lake in Oregon by Josh Elliott P.E., Maul Foster & Alongi, Inc.
8:20–8:40 a.m.	Bay Laurel CS	Beneficial Use of Dredged Material: A Case Study from Southeast Alaska by Makenna Brown, Anchor QEA

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8:40–9:00 a.m.	Bay Laurel CS	Use of Activated Carbon for Improved Sediment Remediation Outcomes - Addressing Key Issues in the Treatability Testing, Numerical Modeling, and Approaches for Application by John Collins, Moses A. Ajemigbitse Ph.D., John Hull, AquaBlok Ltd.
9:00–9:20 a.m.	Bay Laurel CS	Adaptive On-Barge Dewatering for Contaminated Sediment Dredging at an EPA Superfund Site by Kustaa Mansfield, Pacific Pile & Marine
9:20–9:40 a.m.	Bay Laurel CS	Sustaining California's Digital Backbone: Sediment Management and Water Infrastructure for Data Center Growth by Joe Wagner P.E., BCNE, BCEE, Woolpert
9:40–10:00 a.m.		Coffee/refreshment break
10:00-10:20 a.m.	Bay Laurel CS	Advances in the Use of Sonar for Marine Vegetation Mapping by Nicholas George, Woolpert
10:20–10:40 a.m.	Bay Laurel CS	Port of Bellingham I&J SCU 1 Waterway Cleanup by Reid Carscadden, Ben Starr, Jamie Stevens, Ben Howard, Port of Bellingham
10:40–11:00 a.m.	Bay Laurel CS	PFAS Toxicity Assessment in Marine Sediment: An Effects-Based Approach to Dredged Material Disposal Decisions by Morvarid Khazraee, Ph.D., WSP
11:00–11:20 a.m.	Bay Laurel CS	WEDA Chapter Business & Closing Remarks