

# Balboa Islands Seawall Rehabilitation Project



Tidelands Management Committee  
October 29, 2014

# Seawall Requirements

- A. Structurally-sound seawall system
- B. Islands protected from flooding
- C. Docks and beach are accessible



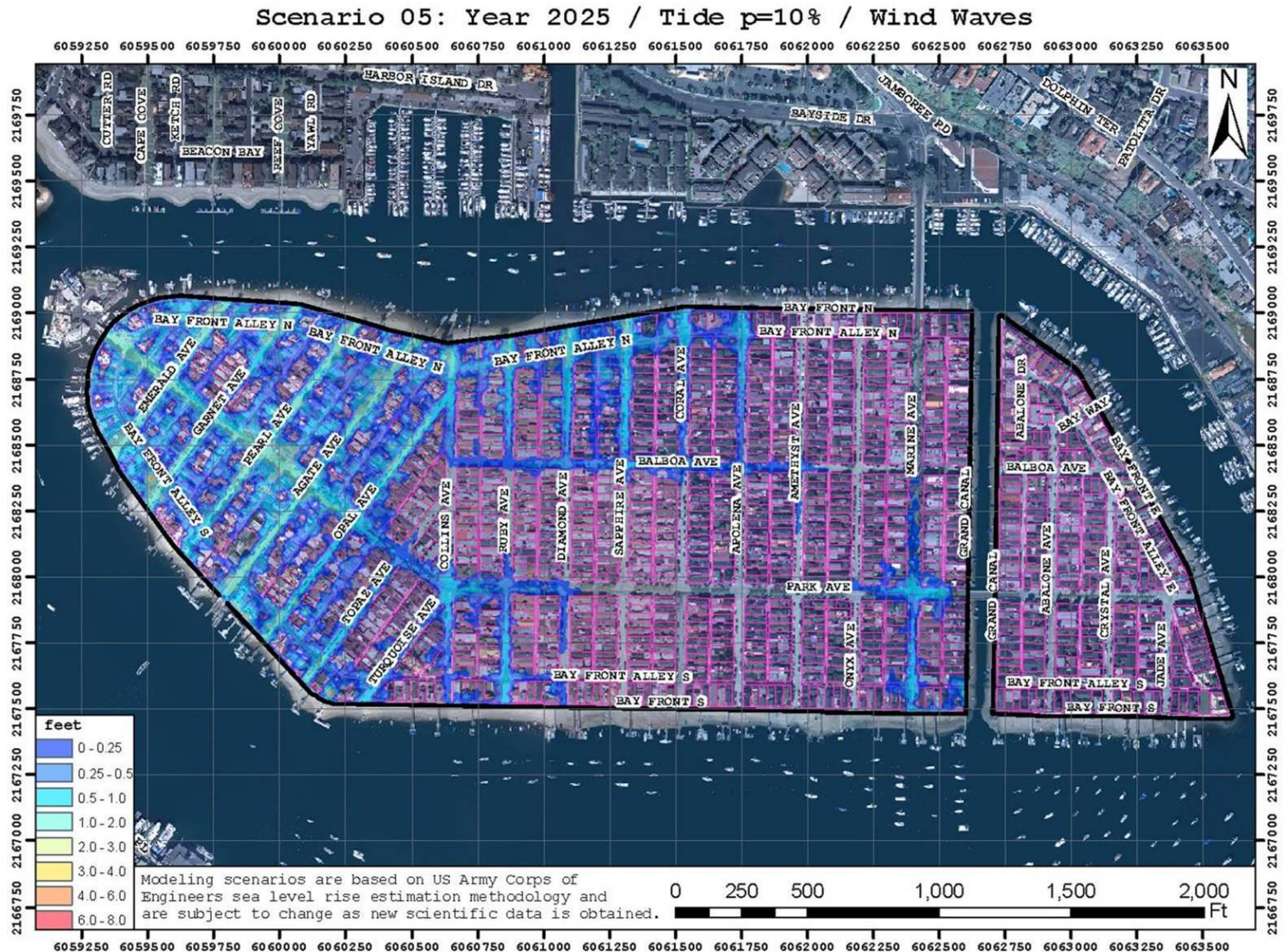


North Side of Balboa Island  
10/9/14 – 10 AM: 6.5' High Tide (MLLW)  
**10 inches of freeboard!**



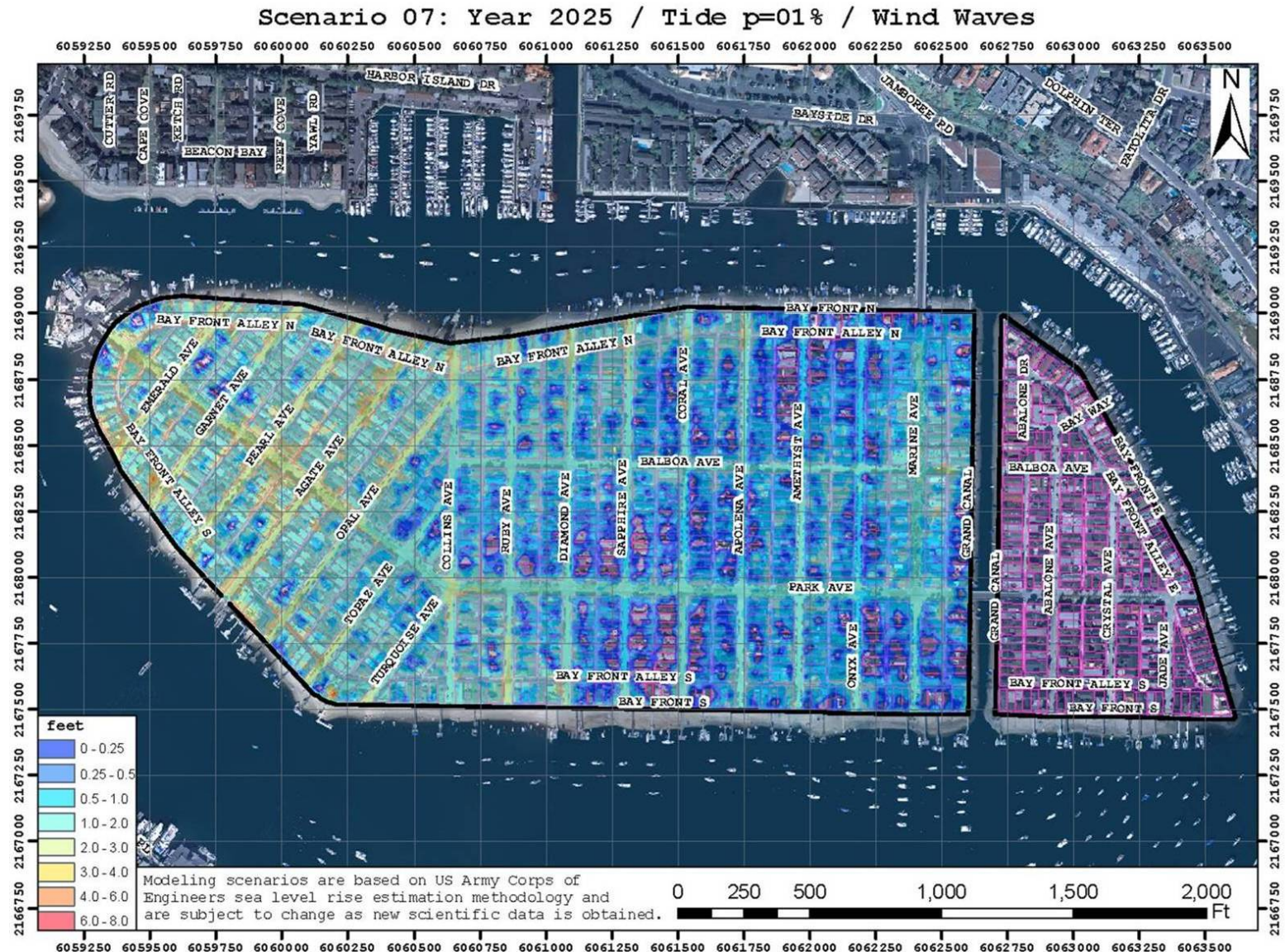


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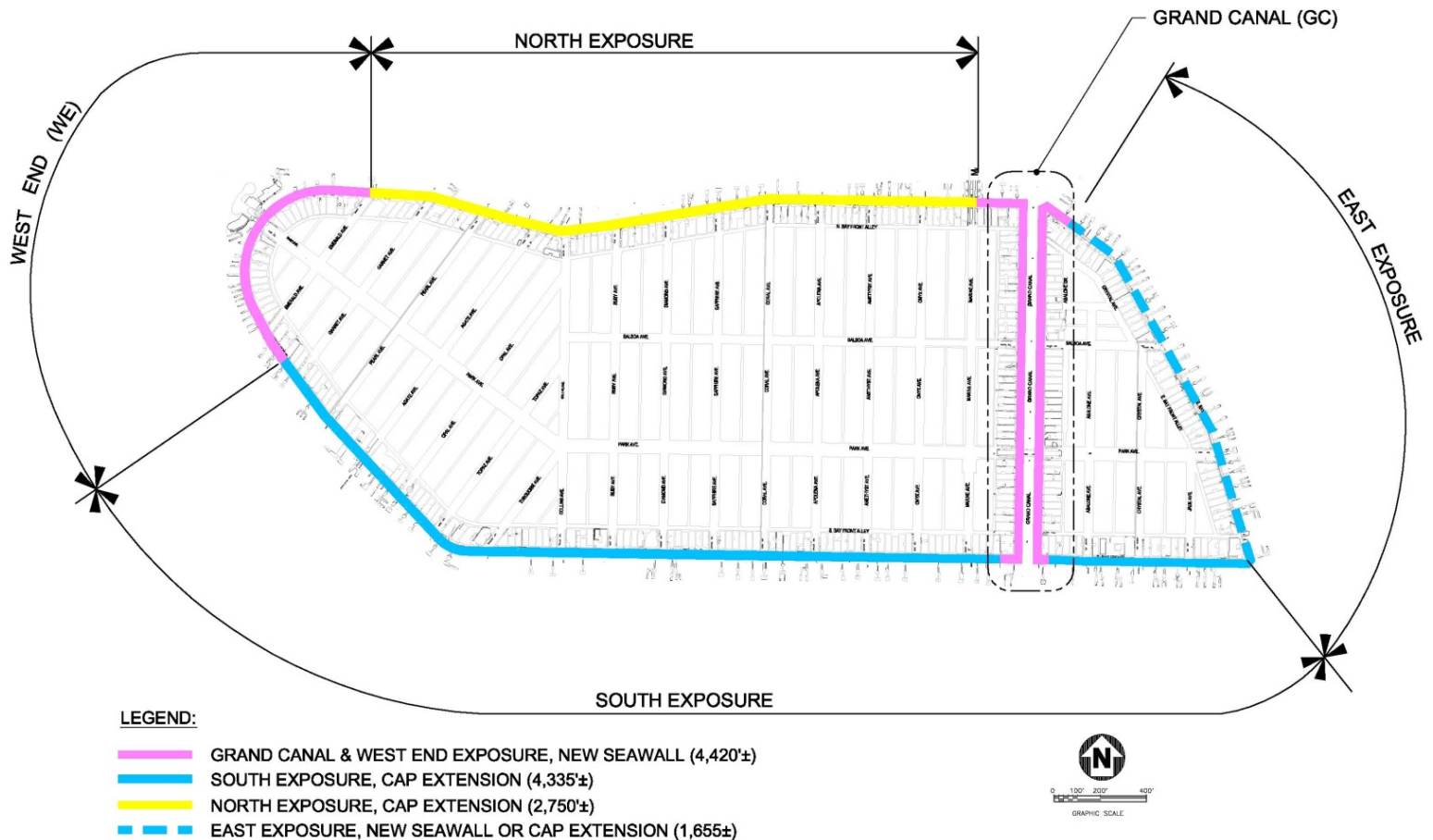
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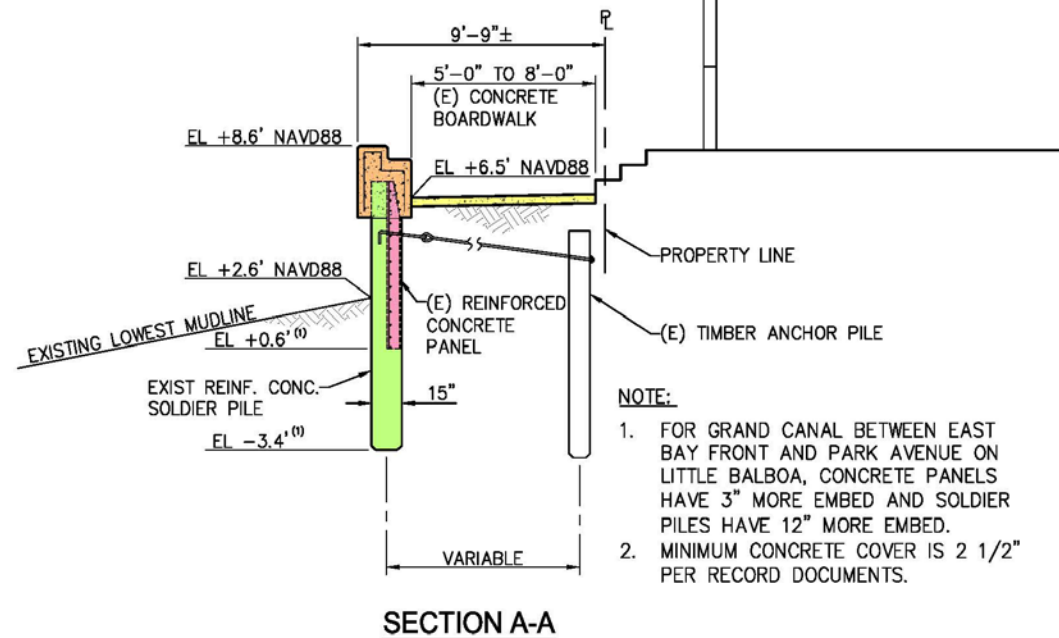
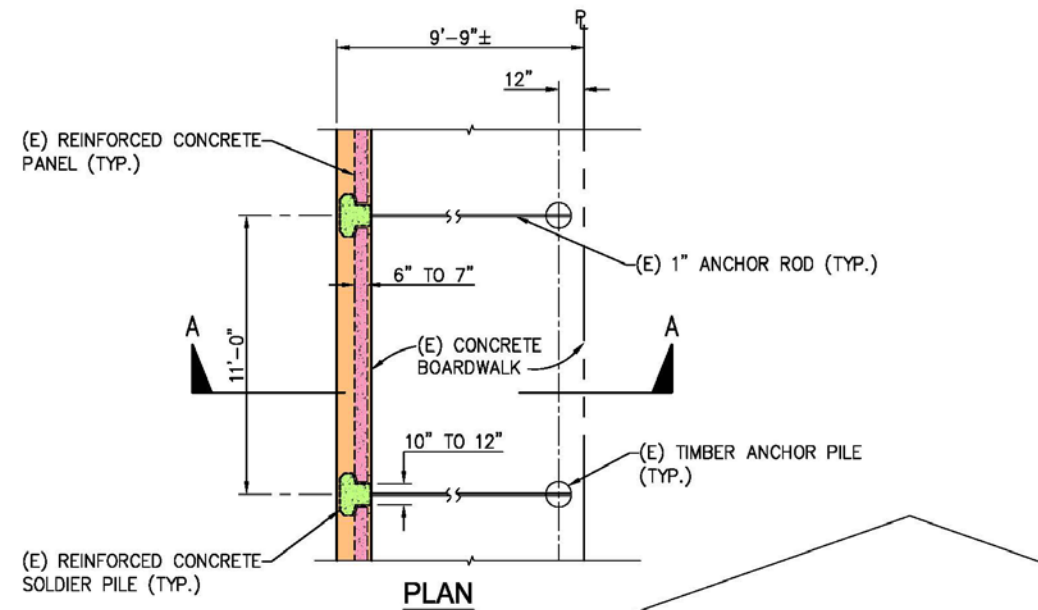
# Locations for Seawall Rehabilitation and Capping





# Existing Seawall Along Grand Canal

Constructed:  
1930, 1935



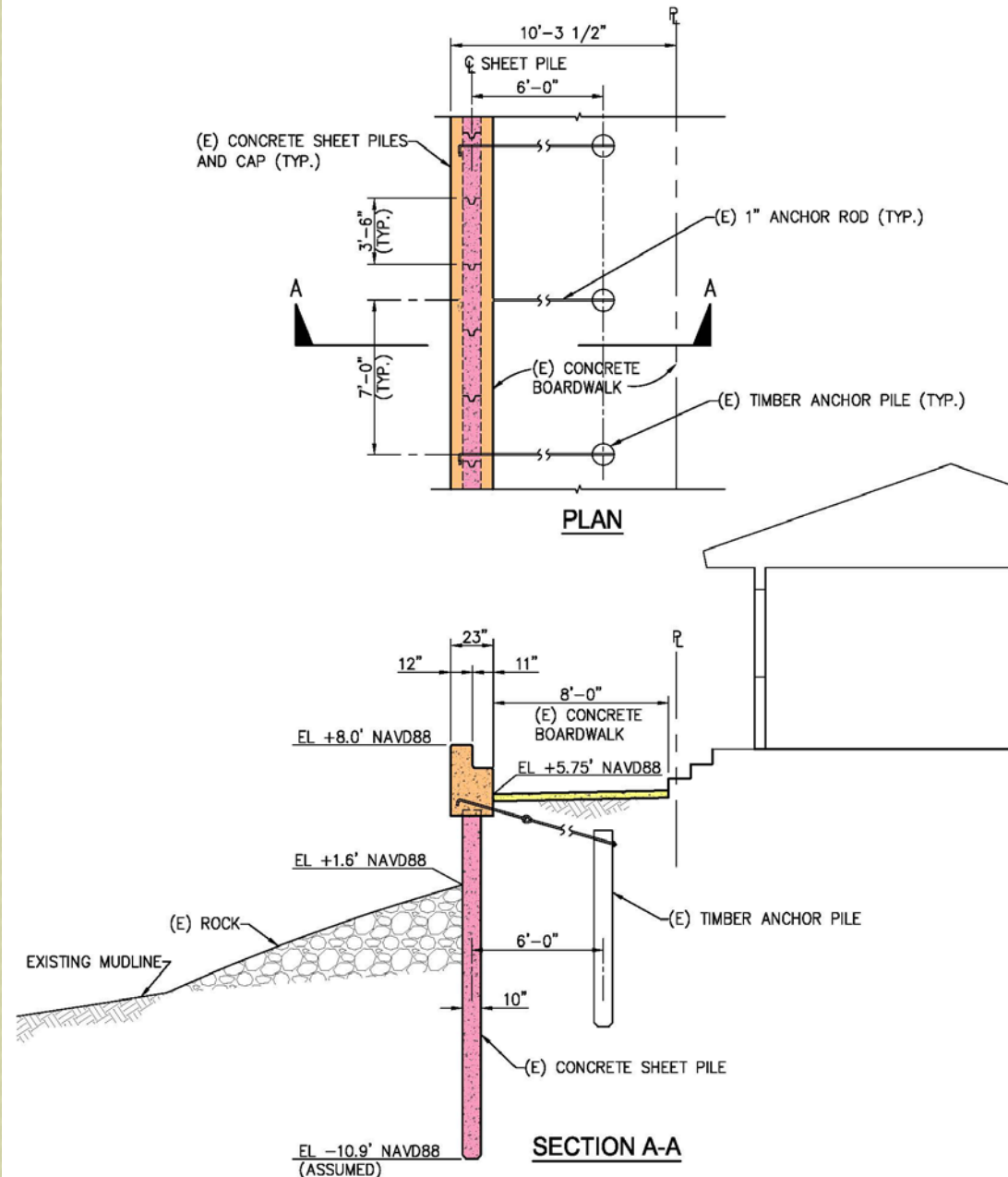
CASE 1 - EXISTING CONDITION at GRAND CANAL



# Existing Seawall at Balboa Island West End

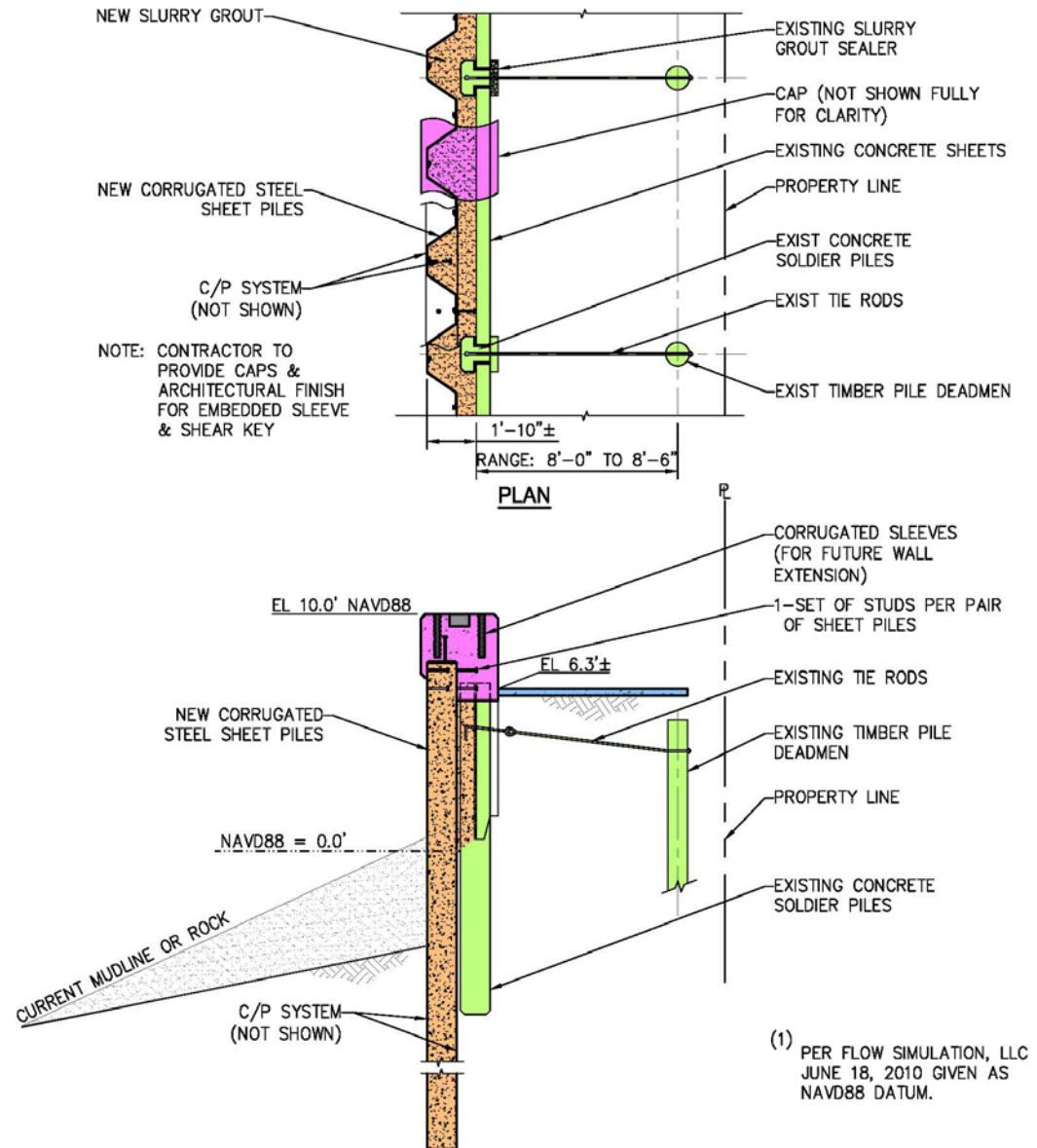
Constructed:  
pre-1935

Rock reinforcement  
installed 1985



CASE 2 - EXISTING CONDITION at WEST END

# New Seawall Option: New Steel Sheet-Pile Walls along Grand Canal and West End



**OPTION 1 - NEW STEEL SHEET PILE SYSTEM**  
**GC & WE (WATERSIDE)**



# What about a Seawall Retrofit?

- If the seawalls along the Grand Canal and the West End are reinforced, can we expect another 20-25 years of service?
- Should the seawalls be tested to see if they are appropriate candidates for retrofit?

# Existing Seawall Condition

- 85yr old walls, with an approx. 75yr original lifespan
- Walls are exhibiting obvious signs of deterioration and stress.
- Existing walls subject to seismic risk
- Depth of wall in the mudline is very shallow. (Grand Canal)
- Many unknowns: seawall rebar, sheetpile condition below mudline, tiebacks



# General Wall Condition Summary

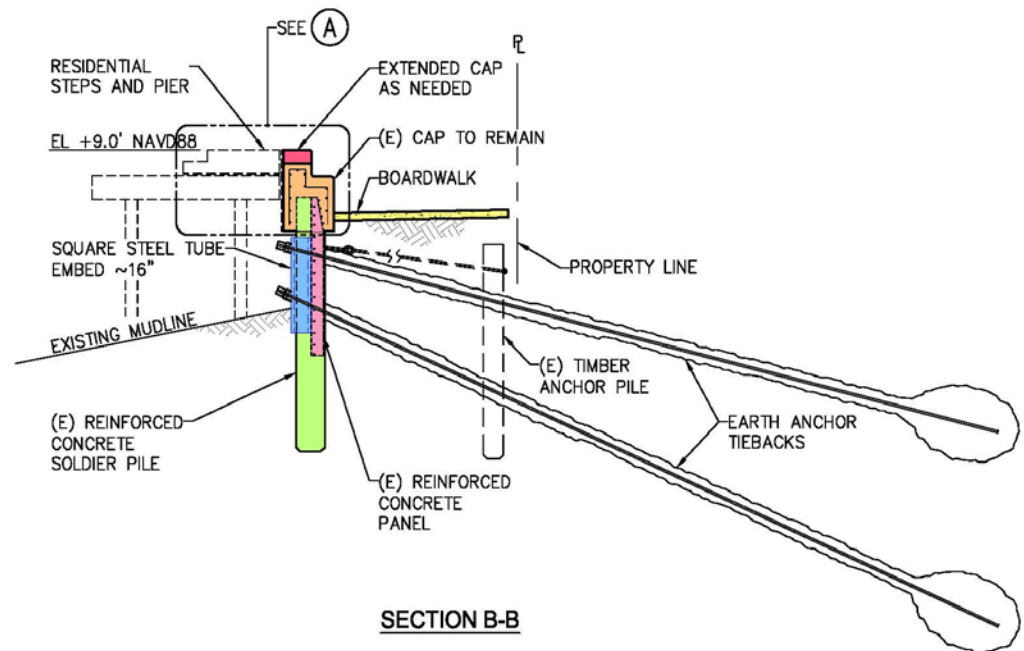
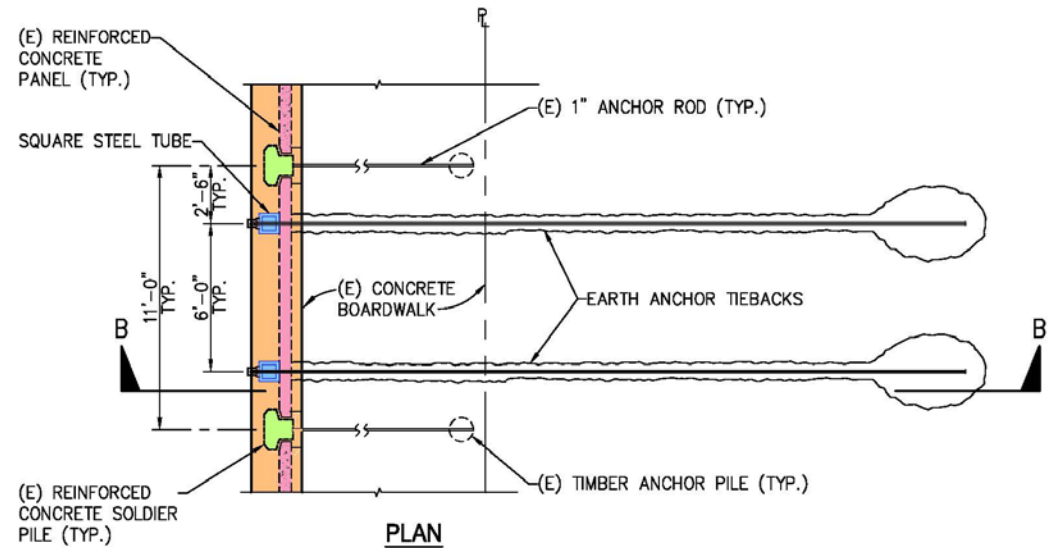
	Knowns		Unknown
	Positive Indication	Negative Indication	
Condition of Concrete		Exposed aggregate	X
Tie-Rod Corrosion/ Condition (Prior Knowledge)		Corroded or broken	
Rebar Condition			X
Rebar Corrosion	Not evident		
Sheet Pile Cracks			X
Performance of Wall Repairs and Maintenance	X		
Sheet Pile Condition Below Mudline			X
Signs of Settlement		X	
Signs of Wall Movement		X	
Seawall Age		X	

# Testing Program Costs

- Cost for core samples, lab tests, report, and presentation at Grand Canal & West End Only:
  - Sampling at approx. 200ft intervals
  - Samples at 3 heights (low, mid and top)
  - \$150,000 to \$200,000



Possible Retrofit  
Option:  
**Vertical  
Struts with  
Tiebacks  
along Grand  
Canal**



Option 1 - Grand Canal

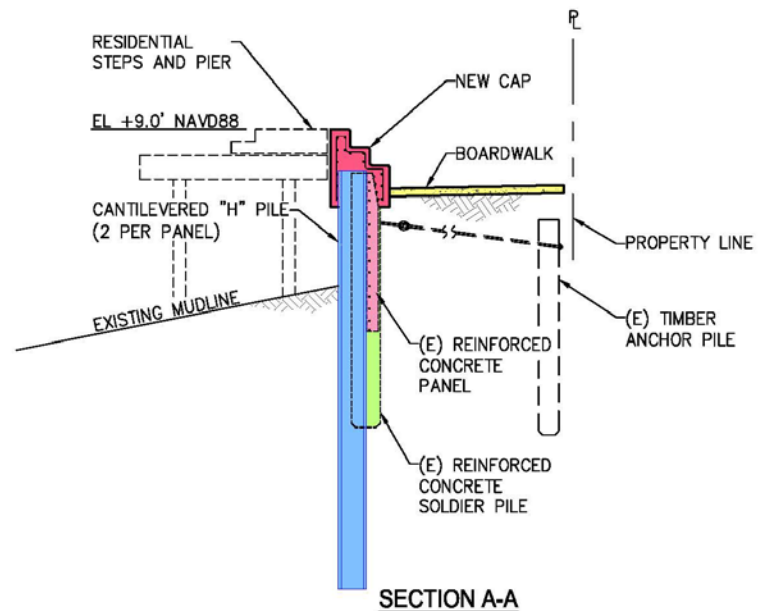
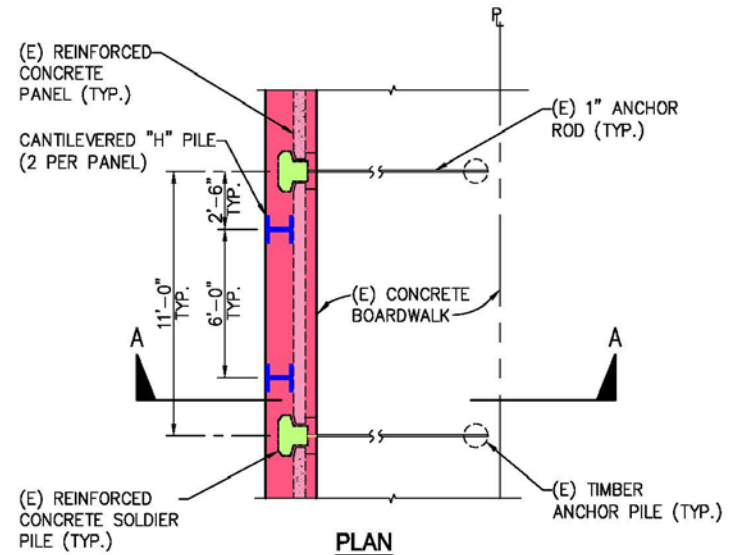
## Vertical Struts/Tiebacks (Grand Canal): Challenges and Concerns

- Installation of lower tieback for the vertical strut will be negatively impacted by tides, thus extending the overall schedule to complete.
- The success of this retrofit is dependent upon the structural integrity of the concrete panels (Grand Canal) and concrete piles (West End).
- Compared to a new wall, there is no cost advantage. Option rejected.



Another possible  
retrofit option:

# H-Pile Supports along Grand Canal



Option 2 - Grand Canal

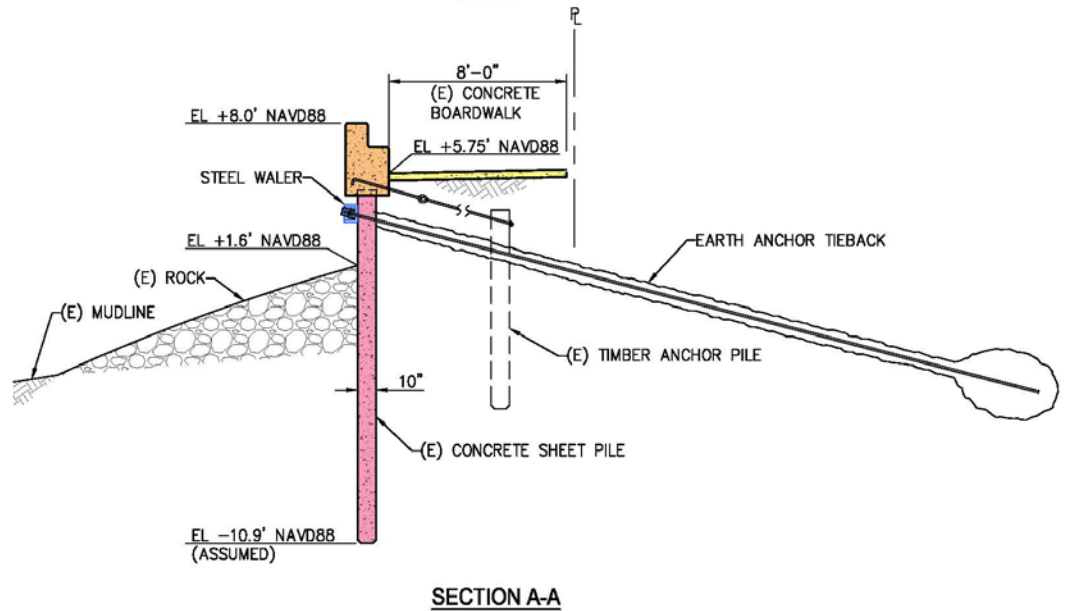
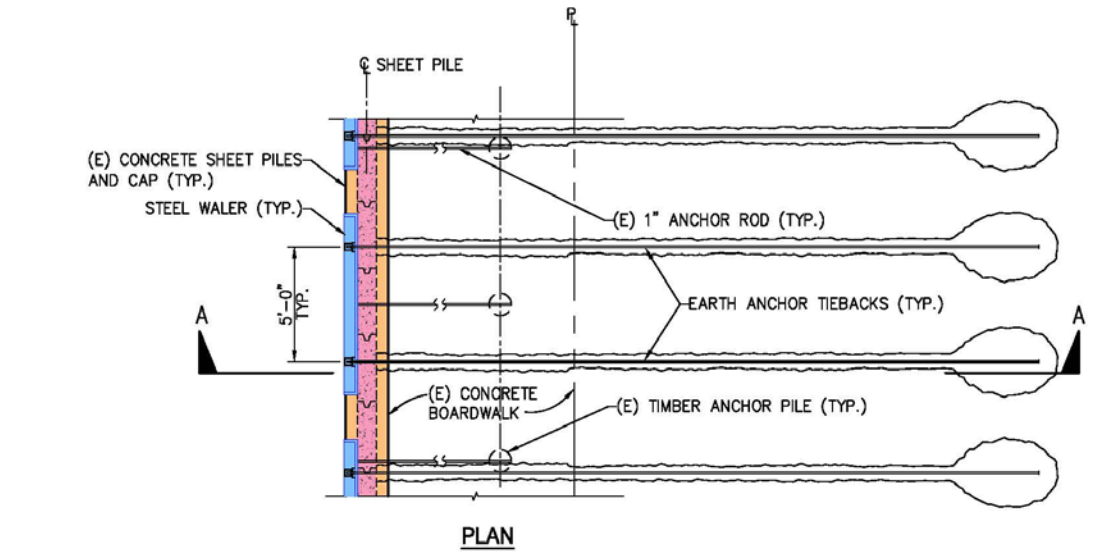
### 3. H-Pile Supports along Grand Canal: Challenges and Concerns

- There will be noise and vibration impacts of diesel hammer equipment to install H-Piles.
- There is the potential for additional damage to seawall during retrofit, as well as residential disturbance/damage.
- Testing required. Compared to the cost for new seawalls, this is a favorable, short-term option.



# Retrofit option for the West End:

## Beam Sections with Anchors



### Retrofit Option - West End

# Beam Segments with Anchors





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## Beam Segments/Anchors at West End: Concerns

- The success of this retrofit using beam segments/anchors is dependent upon the structural integrity of the concrete piles (West End). Testing required.

# Costs: Grand Canal & West End Seawalls

	Seawall Replacement or Rehabilitation	Contingency	Estimated Cost	Lifespan (Approx.)
1	New Seawalls	15%	\$22 million	100 years
2	Vertical Struts & Beam Segments	25%	\$21 million	25 years?
3	H-Pile Supports & Beam Segments	25%	\$10 million	25 years?

# Total Estimated Costs

	Seawall Rehabilitation <sup>1</sup>	Total Cost <sup>2</sup>
1	New Seawalls and Capping <sup>3</sup>	\$35 million
2	H-Pile Supports Retrofit <sup>3</sup> + Beam Segments/Anchors Retrofit <sup>3</sup> and Capping <sup>3</sup>	\$20 million

## Notes:

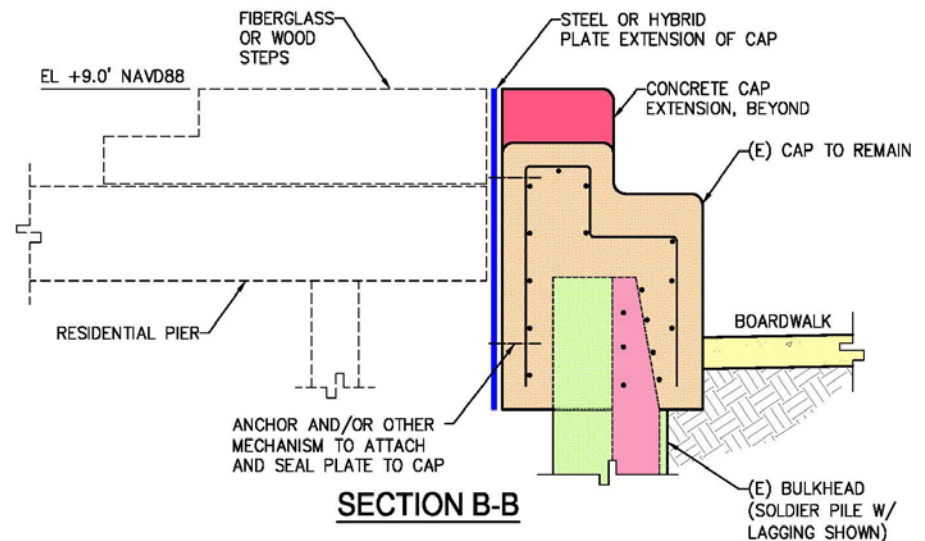
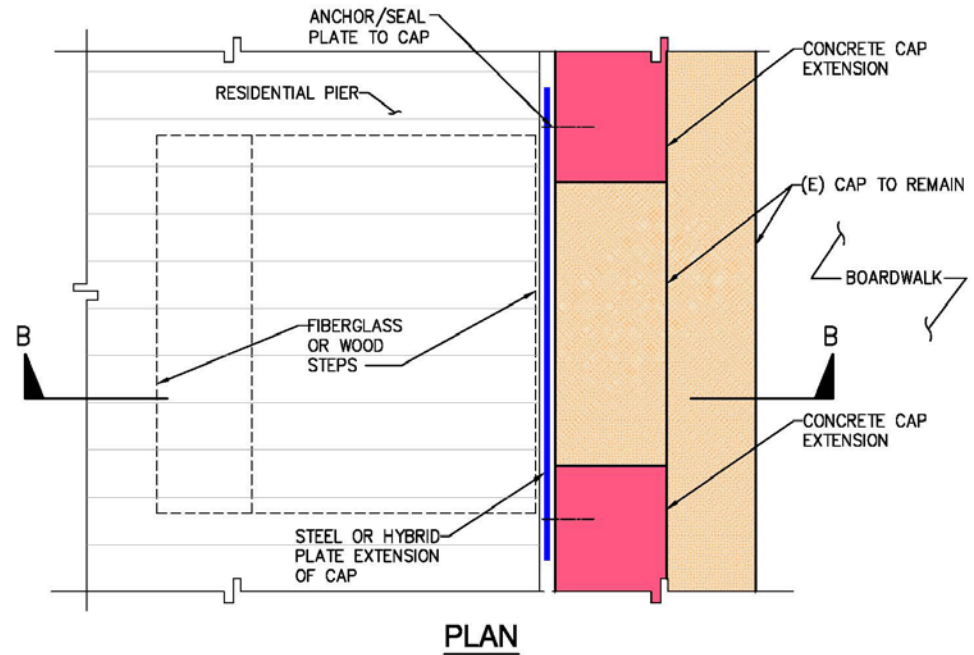
1. Assume 9.0' top of wall elevation. (NAVD88)
2. Includes 15% or 25% contingency.
3. Capped walls and retrofit walls assumed to have a 20-25 year lifespan.



# Topic C: Dock and Beach Access

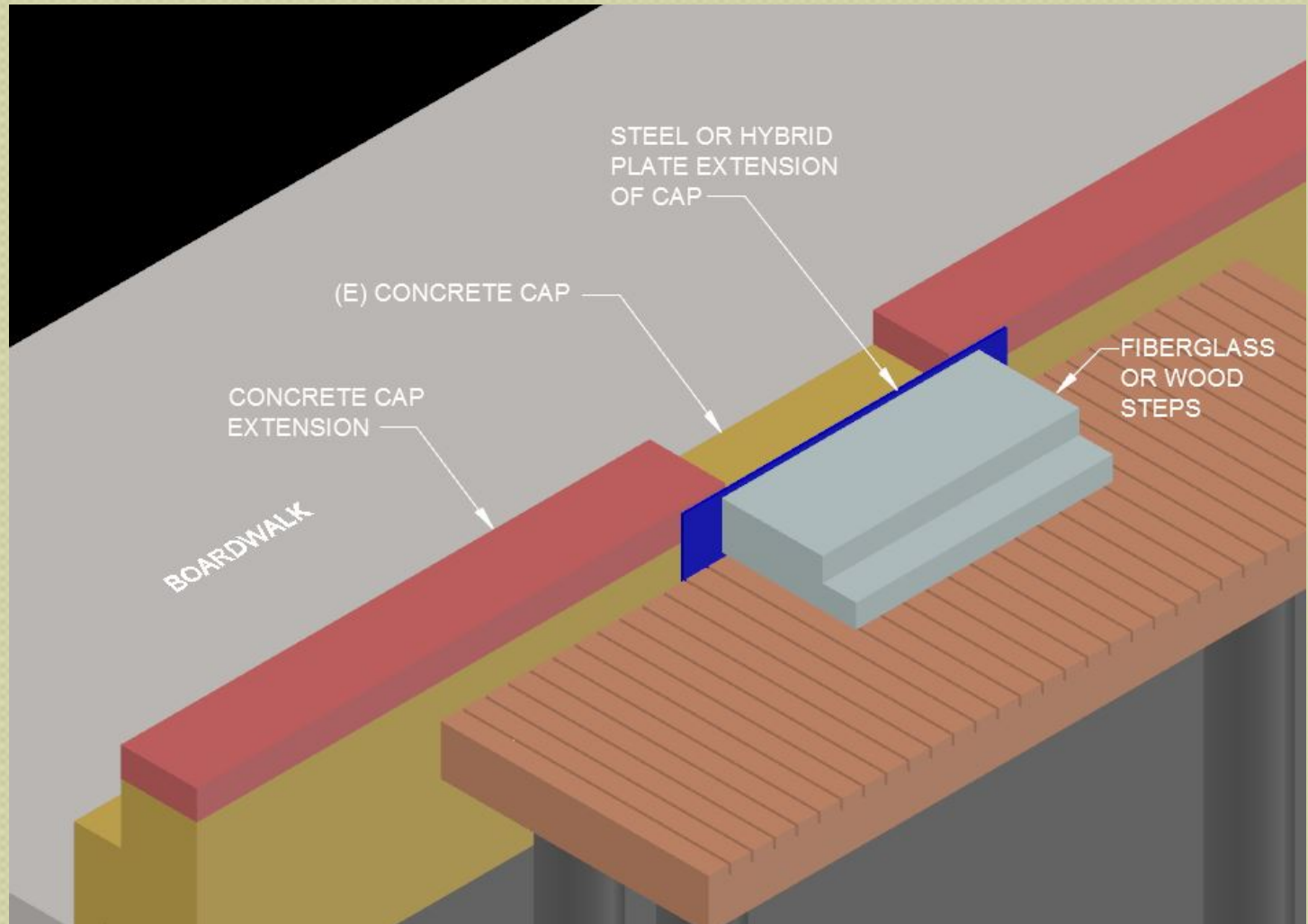


# Proposed Steps Over Extended Cap



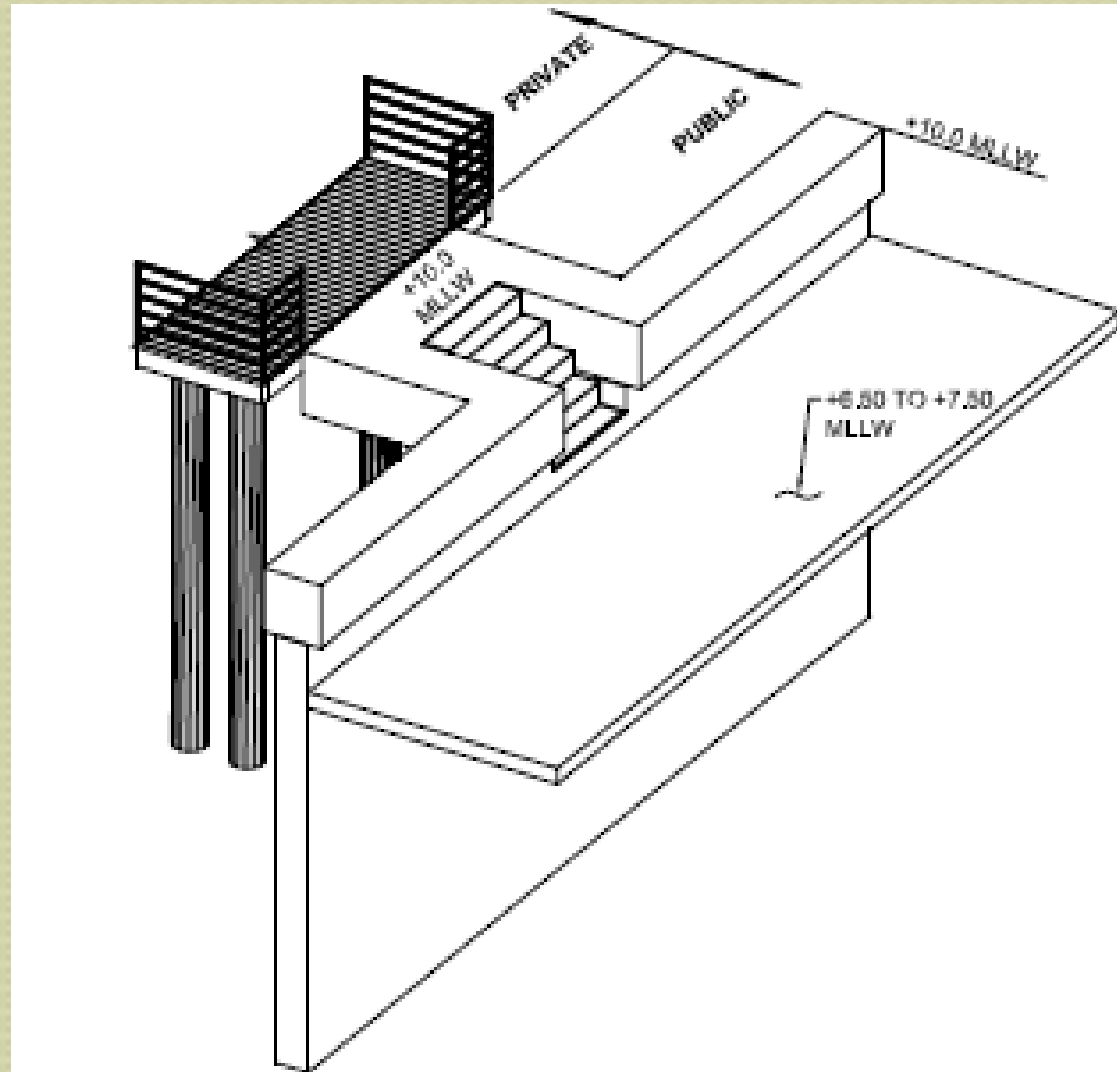
**DETAIL A - CONCEPT**  
(Steps Over Cap Extensions)

# Private pier access

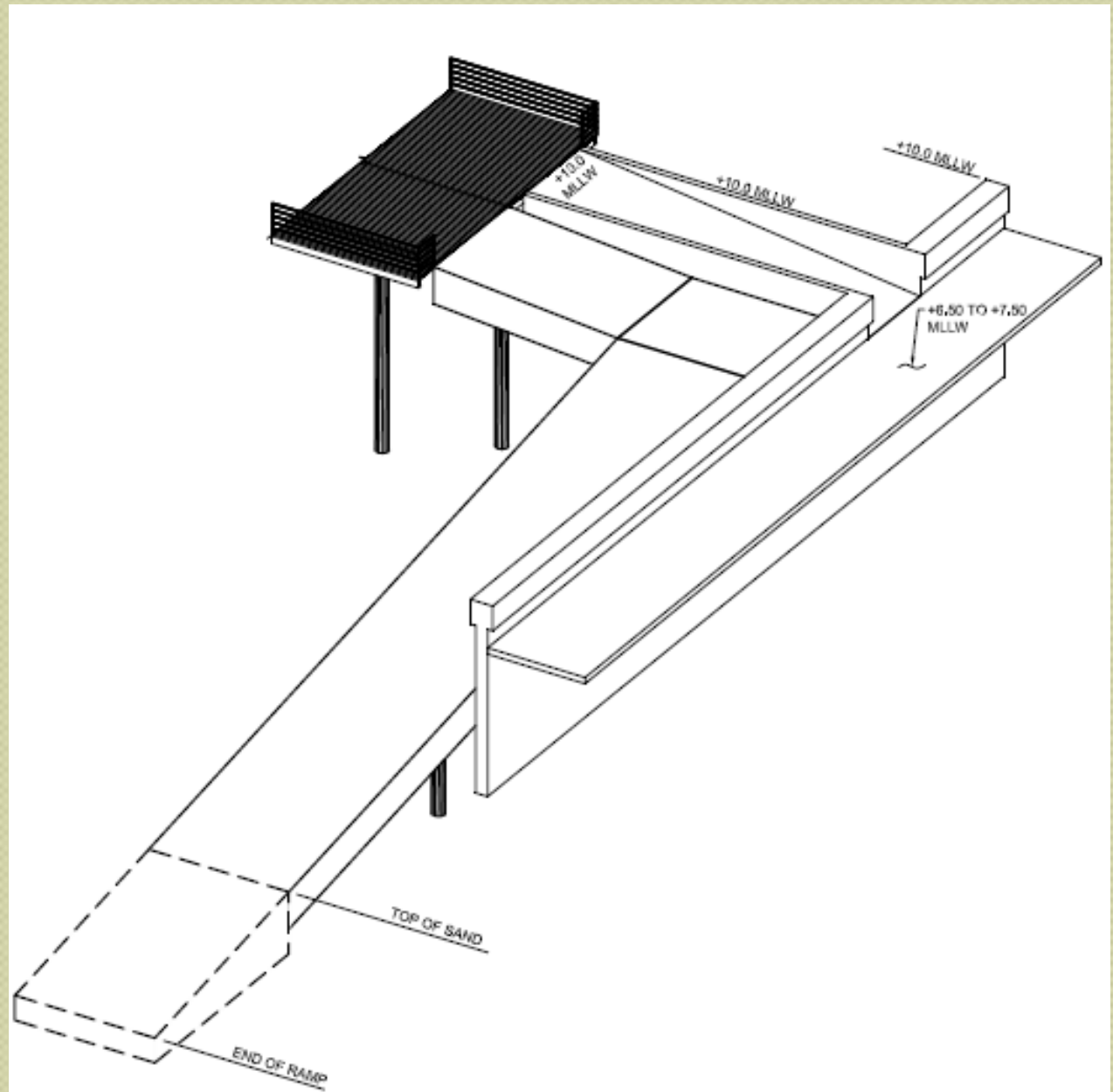




# Private Pier Access from New Seawalls



# Public Pier and Beach Access



# Beach Access Concept





# Webpage and Community Comments

City Webpage:

<http://www.newportbeachca.gov/seawalls>

Comments and concerns:

[seawalls@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:seawalls@newportbeachca.gov)

Staff contact:

**Bob Stein, 949-644-3322**



END

# Top of Seawall Elevation (NAVD88 datum)

Option	West End & Grand Canal		South Side/ North Side	Estimated Costs (million)	Notes
	New Wall	Retro- fit	Cap Extension*		
1a	10.0'		10.0'	\$40	FEMA Insurance benefit
1b	9.5'		9.5'	36	
1c	9.0'		9.0'	31	
2		9.0'	9.0'	30	Vertical Struts/ Tiebacks + Beam Segments/Anchors
3		9.0'	9.0'	17	H-Pile Supports + Beam Segments/Anchors

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\*\* With 15% contingency



# Seawall Rehabilitation Options: Grand Canal and West End

	Grand Canal	West End of Balboa Island
1	New Sheet Pile Seawall	New Sheet Pile Seawall
2	Vertical Struts with Tiebacks	Beam Sections with Anchors
3	H-Pile Supports	Beam Sections with Anchors

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