

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. C33 was approved as Minute Item No. 33 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its 4-17-06 meeting.

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CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED EXPENDITURE OF \$415,000 OF TIDELANDS TRUST FUNDS BY THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 193, STATUTES OF 1975, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING FISH FLOAT NORTH STRUCTURE AND GANGWAY, LOCATED ON GRANTED TIDELANDS, CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

GRANTEE:

City of Santa Barbara
Waterfront Department
P.O. Box 1990
Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990

The city of Santa Barbara, as trustee of the State, is requesting approval for the expenditure of \$415,000 from the tidelands trust fund to replace the existing Fish Float North structure and gangway located within the Santa Barbara Harbor. The Commission has the authority to review the proposed expenditure of tidelands trust funds pursuant to Chapter 193, Statutes of 1975, which requires Commission review of capital expenditures of trust funds by the city of Santa Barbara in excess of \$250,000.

Presently, the 28-year old facility provides berthing for 11 commercial fishing vessels ranging from 32-50 feet in length. The existing concrete docks are degrading rapidly. Many of the piles are severely damaged or rotting and do not provide the desired security for vessels berthed there. The proposed project involves the replacement of a significant amount of the facility without expanding its size or number of slips.

The proposed work involves demolition and removal of the docking system, gangway, utility conduits, and 12 of the existing 22 piles. A crane on a floating barge will be used to extract the 12 piles as well as the docking system. The wood, concrete, steel, and utility conduits will be removed from the site and taken to an appropriate facility for recycling (if feasible) or disposal. Ten of the existing 22 piles will be left in place to be incorporated into the new docking system.

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Once the existing structure is removed, the new structure will be installed. Sections of the new docking system will be fabricated off-site and transported to Santa Barbara. The sections will be assembled at the Launch Ramp or City Pier and floated into place at Fish Float North. Piles will be driven and/or jetted in the same locations as the existing piles. Once the piles are in place, the gangway will be installed using a small crane working from the City Pier. Utilities including water, electrical, and phone, will be installed last and provided for each slip. Construction is scheduled to last approximately 20 working days.

Commission staff has reviewed the proposed project and the City's financial status. Commission staff believes the proposed project is consistent with the public trust and statutory trust under which the lands are held, and recommends that the Commission approve the proposed expenditure.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. The Waterfront Department has allocated \$315,000 from its capital reserve/Harbor Preservation Fund for the project, with an additional \$100,000 funded through the Department's operating reserves. The Waterfront Department has sufficient funds for this \$415,000 project.
2. The Commission, in its consideration of the proposed expenditure of Tidelands Trust Funds, will be acting under its authority pursuant to Chapter 193, Statutes of 1975.
3. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA as a categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction; Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15302.
4. This activity involves lands which have NOT been identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 6370, et seq. However, the Commission has declared that all state school lands and submerged lands are "significant" by nature of their public ownership (as opposed to "environmentally significant"). Since such declaration of significance is not based upon the requirements and criteria of Public Resources Code sections 6370, et seq., use classifications for such lands have not been designated. Therefore, the

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finding of the project's consistency with the use classification as required by Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2954 is not applicable.

EXHIBIT:

- A. Location and Site Map

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDING:

FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15601 AS A CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 2, REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION; TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15302.

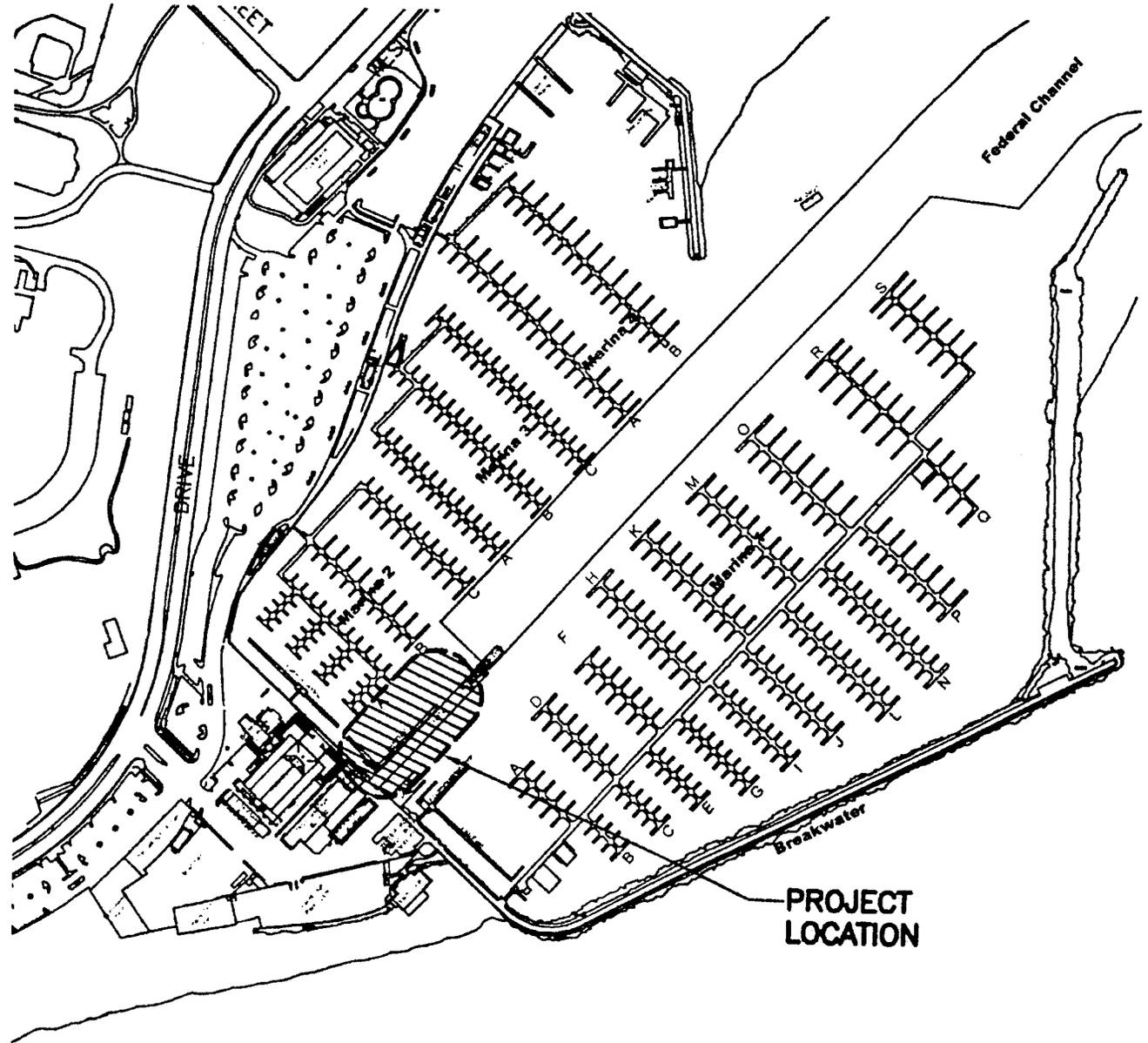
AUTHORIZATION:

1. FIND THAT THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA HAS SUFFICIENT TIDELANDS TRUST FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT.
2. FIND THAT THE REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING FISH FLOAT NORTH STRUCTURE AND GANGWAY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PUBLIC TRUST AND IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE.
3. APPROVE THE PROPOSED EXPENDITURE OF \$415,000 OF TIDELANDS TRUST FUNDS BY THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPLACING THE EXISTING FISH FLOAT NORTH STRUCTURE AND GANGWAY WITHIN GRANTED TIDELANDS IN THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 193, STAUTES OF 1975.

NO SCALE

Exhibit A
Location and Site Map

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Approval of Expenditure
Replacement of Fish Float North
structure and gangway



This exhibit is solely for purposes of generally defining the lease premises, is based on unverified information provided by lessee or other parties, and is not intended to be, nor shall it be construed to as a waiver or limitation of any state interest in the subject or any other property.

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