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CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED EXPENDITURE OF \$441,600 OF PUBLIC TIDELANDS TRUST FUNDS BY THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE MUNICIPAL PIER PROJECT WITHIN LEGISLATIVELY GRANTED SOVEREIGN LAND IN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, LOS ANGELES COUNTY

TRUSTEE:

City of Redondo Beach 415 Diamond Street Redondo Beach, CA 90277

The City of Redondo Beach (City) is trustee of sovereign tide and submerged lands granted to it by the Legislature pursuant to Chapter 57, Statutes of 1915 and as amended by Chapter 1555, Statutes of 1971 (statutory trust grant).

THE PROJECT:

The proposed expenditure of \$441,600 of tidelands trust funds will fund the Municipal Pier Project (Project). The proposed Project consists of resurfacing the existing pier and adjacent bicycle path, providing new light fixtures and landscaping, and replacing and upgrading electrical and drainage systems. The Project site is located on land legislatively granted, in trust, to the City as shown on Exhibit A.

BACKGOUND:

The City is proposing to revitalize the municipal pier common area including: public walkways, furnishings, lighting, hardscape, and landscape. The subject area consists of a 25,000 square foot area at the base of the pier, at Torrance Boulevard, that will comprise both uplands and tidelands. The pier and bike path resurfacing component of the project will include installing new neutral tone paver stone and concrete. New lighting, benches, and trash cans will be installed in the area and will allow for a safe, comfortable and clean environment for the public. The electrical panel, which has degraded due to salt water exposure, will be replaced and upgraded to improve reliability, safety, and to accommodate the plans for lighting. In addition, damaged drain covers will be replaced and new drains and waterproof sealing will be installed.

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Pursuant to the City's statutory trust grant the City is required to notify the Commission prior to the disbursement of trust funds for a capital improvement project over \$250,000. The estimated cost of the proposed project is \$441,600, for which tidelands trust revenue will be expended. Approximately \$15,136,263 is currently available in the City's Tidelands Fund. The total cost of the proposed Project is estimated at \$781,426 with approximately 56 percent (or \$441,600) of the cost tied to tidelands improvements. The remaining \$339,922, tied to the upland portion of the project, will be funded the City. The City proposes to award the construction contract in February 2012 with construction targeted for completion in June 2012.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

Commission staff has reviewed the information submitted by the City for the proposed expenditure pursuant to Chapter 57, Statutes of 1915, and as amended by Chapter 1555, Statutes of 1971.

Commission staff believes the proposed expenditure is for a use consistent with the Public Trust and statutory trust grant under which the lands are held. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the expenditure as described herein.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

- 1. Applicant is the trustee of the legislatively granted sovereign lands, in the City of Redondo Beach, pursuant to Chapter 57, Statutes of 1915, as amended by Chapter 1555, Statutes of 1971.
- 2. In taking action on this staff recommendation, the Commission is exercising its authority pursuant to Chapter 57, Statutes of 1915, as amended by Chapter 1555, Statutes of 1971.
- 3. Find that the City of Redondo Beach has sufficient public trust funds for the proposed project.
- 4. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15060, subd. (c)(3)), the staff has determined that this activity is not subject to the provisions of CEQA because it is not a "project" as defined by CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21065 and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, sections 15060, subdivision (c)(3), and 15378.

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FURTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED:

The City must obtain all the necessary authorizations for the project, including but not limited to: the United States Army Corps of Engineers, California Coastal Commission, and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, as well as construction permits from the City Building and Engineering Departments.

EXHIBIT:

A. Site and Location Map

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that the Commission:

CEQA FINDING:

Find that the activity is not subject to the requirements of CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15060, subdivision (c)(3), because the activity is not a project as defined by Public Resources Code section 21065 and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15378.

AUTHORIZATION:

- 1. Find that the Municipal Pier Rehabilitation Project is consistent with the Public Trust and the City's statutory trust grant and is in the best interest of the people of the State of California.
- 2. Approve the proposed expenditure of approximately \$441,600 of tidelands trust funds to fund the Municipal Pier Project, City of Redondo Beach, Los Angeles County.

