

RESOLUTION 2013-198

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING FROM
THE ENVIRONMENTAL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$37,200 OVER THREE YEARS FOR A PROJECT
WITH THE CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DISTRICT TO FUND BUS TRANSPORTATION TO
THE LIVING COAST DISCOVERY CENTER FOR
THE COASTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the San Diego Unified Port District (District) is a public corporation created by the legislature in 1962 pursuant to Harbors and Navigation Code Appendix 1, (Port Act); and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Port Act provides the District may use the powers and authority granted pursuant to this section to protect, preserve, and enhance physical access to the bay, the natural resources of the bay, including plant and animal life and the quality of water in the bay; and

WHEREAS, BPC (Board of Port Commissioners) Policy No. 730 provides the funding and decision-making direction necessary to select and execute projects aimed at improving the condition of the San Diego Bay and surrounding District tidelands; and

WHEREAS, BPC Policy No. 730 established the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) and Environmental Fund; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Environmental Fund, as defined in BPC Policy No. 730, is to restore or enhance San Diego Bay and surrounding Port tidelands by funding projects that address air, water and sediment quality, sustainability, natural resources management, habitat creation or protection, reclaiming natural shoreline conditions, and/or other environmental issues in the Bay and/or the District tidelands; and

WHEREAS, BPC Policy No. 730 requires that EAC review and provide input and recommendations on all District environmental programs and initiatives and to provide comments on funding projects aimed at improving the condition of the San Diego Bay and surrounding District tidelands; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 2006 through BPC Policy No. 730, the Environmental Fund has funded 64 projects to benefit San Diego Bay and surrounding District tidelands; and

WHEREAS, Environmental Fund money has leveraged grant funding and matching funds worth more than \$4 million; and

WHEREAS, to continue the success of the Environmental Fund, in July 2012, the BPC authorized the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit projects that benefit the San Diego Bay and the surrounding District tidelands; and

WHEREAS, the RFP was sent to local universities, non-profit organizations, former environmental fund recipients, and posted on the District's website; and

WHEREAS, an information exchange meeting was held on August 28, 2012 and proposals were due on October 24, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Thirty-four (34) proposals were received and posted on the District's website; and

WHEREAS, the EAC recommends certain criteria to determine how projects will be selected; and

WHEREAS, the top scoring projects were presented to the EAC for comments and based on the selection criteria and EAC comments, staff recommended the Chula Vista Elementary School District to fund transportation to the Living Coast Discovery Center for a Coastal Education program in the amount of \$12,400 per year for three years for a total amount of \$37,200; and


WHEREAS, funding for fiscal years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 would be subject to BPC appropriation of the funds respective fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, this project is consistent with the COMPASS Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2012-2017, specifically in respect to advancing the goal towards maintaining a "Port with a healthy and sustainable bay and its environment."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, as follows:

That the Executive Director or his designated representative on behalf of the San Diego Unified Port District is hereby authorized to approve funding from the Environmental Fund in the amount of \$12,400 for fiscal year 2013-2014, \$12,400 for fiscal year 2014-2015 and \$12,400 for fiscal year 2015-2016, totaling \$37,200 for a project with the Chula Vista Elementary School District to fund bus transportation to the Living Coast Discovery Center for the Coastal Education Program; provided however funding for fiscal years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 is subject to BPC appropriation of the funds for the respective fiscal year.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



PORT ATTORNEY
Deputy

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 19th day of November, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: Castellanos, Merrifield, Moore, Nelson, Smith,

NAYS: None.

EXCUSED: Malcolm, Valderrama

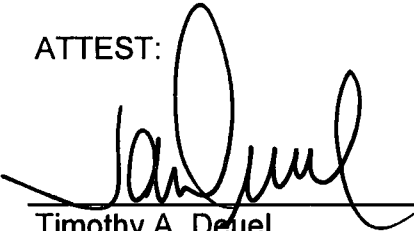
ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.



Ann Y. Moore, Chair
Board of Port Commissioners

ATTEST:



Timothy A. Deuel
District Clerk

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