

RESOLUTION 2013-199

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,383 AND AN AGREEMENT FOR A PROJECT WITH THE LIVING COAST DISCOVERY CENTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM; SPECIAL EXHIBITS AND LECTURE SERIES; ANIMAL SUPPLIES; SHUTTLE BUS AND THE ENDANGERED LIGHT-FOOTED CLAPPER RAIL PROPAGATION 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, Board of Port Commissioners (BPC) 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 (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 District 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 funding the Living Coast Discovery Center environmental education; special exhibits and lecture series; animal supplies; shuttle bus and endangered light-footed clapper rail propagation programs in the amount of \$51,333 per year for three years for a total amount not to exceed \$154,000; and

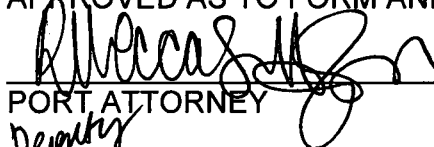
WHEREAS, the BPC considered the funding of \$51,333 per year for three years for a total amount not to exceed \$154,000 on October 8, 2013, and pursuant to Resolution 2013-169, approved its support of funding in the amount of \$51,333 for one year and requested that the BPC have the opportunity to review and approve the contract for the funding at the next BPC meeting; and

WHEREAS, the approval of the funding and contract for the same is Categorically Exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule Exemption) and Section 4 of the District's Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA and the District will file a Notice of Exemption with the County of San Diego Clerk, requiring a \$50 administrative fee will, which will also be paid by the Environmental Fund.

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

That the BPC approves the funding from the Environmental Fund in the amount of \$51,383 for fiscal year 2013-2014 for (A) a project with the Living Coast Discovery Center for environmental education; special exhibits and lecture series; animal supplies; shuttle bus and endangered light-footed clapper rail propagation programs and (B) the filing of the Notice of Exemption for the project. Further, that the Executive Director or his designated representative is hereby authorized to execute an Agreement between the San Diego Unified Port District and Living Coast Discovery for Environmental Education; Special Exhibits and Lecture Series; Animal Supplies; Shuttle Bus and Endangered Light-Footed Clapper Rail Propagation Programs for a total amount not to exceed \$51,333 for a period between November 20, 2013 and November 19, 2014.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:


PORT ATTORNEY
Deputy

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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:

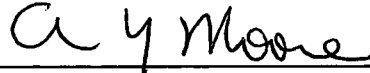
AYES: Castellanos, Merrifield, Moore, Nelson, Smith,

NAYS: None.

EXCUSED: Malcolm, Valderrama

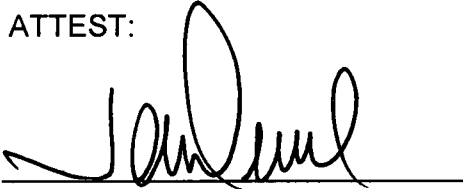
ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.



Ann Y. Moore, Chair
Board of Port Commissioners

ATTEST:



Timothy A. Deuel
District Clerk

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