RESOLUTION 2013-81

RESOLUTION SELECTING AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PACIFIC MARITIME FREIGHT, INC. DBA PACIFIC TUGBOAT SERVICE FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL IN THE A-8 ANCHORAGE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$219,500 WHICH IS 100% GRANT FUNDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING WATER QUALITY AND NAVIGATION

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, the Board of Port Commissioners (BPC) adopted BPC Policy No. 110 establishing a procedure for the administration of contracts and the purchasing of supplies, materials, and equipment and establishing a policy governing the processing and administration of contracts; and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2008, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2522, the BPC amended Unified Port District Code Section 4.36 to prohibit free and long-tem anchoring in the A-8 and A-9 Disabled Anchorages, designated for disabled vessel owners, effective October 1, 2008 due in part to derelict and abandoned vessels sinking, causing environmental concerns and marine debris; and

WHEREAS, to date, the District has successfully removed over 315 tons of debris including over 75 sunken vessels, 50- and 25-ton barges, batteries, engines, generators, fuel and other storage tanks, bicycles, various electronics, and a bathtub with a cost to remove the debris augmented with over \$340,000 in grant funding provided by National Oceanic Atmosphere Administration (NOAA), the State Board Cleanup and Abatement Account, and the District's Environmental Fund; and

WHEREAS, during the tri-annual eelgrass survey of San Diego Bay in June 2011 the side-scan sonar survey of the A-8 Anchorage and 350-acre surrounds identified 945 items of debris including an estimated 536 items of debris smaller than one meter, 309 items ranging between one and three meters (two being vessels), and 100 times larger than three meters (11 being vessels); and

WHEREAS, based upon the survey results the District applied for and was awarded \$120,000 in grant funding from NOAA from the Community-Based Marine Debris Prevention and Removal Project Grant, and was awarded \$99,500 from the State Water Resources Control Board's clean-up and abatement account to allow debris removal activities to continue; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2013, District staff issued Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 13-07 seeking qualified firms to conduct debris removal, recycling and disposal operations in the A-8 Anchorage and staff held an RFP information exchange on February 26, 2013 which was attended by 15 firms and which resulted in four (4) proposals being received on March 4, 2013; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2013, a selection panel comprised of staff from Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Environmental and Land Use Management interviewed all four firms submitting proposals: Pacific Maritime Freight, Inc. dba Pacific Tugboat Service, TerraCosta Engineering Inc. and Merlin Marine Corporation, Tidal Marine Construction, and C&W Diving Services, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the recommended firm, Pacific Maritime Freight, Inc. dba Pacific Tugboat Service demonstrated the most experience in debris removal and salvage operations in San Diego Bay and elsewhere at a reasonable cost and has performed debris removal in the A-8 Anchorage previously in a satisfactory manner.

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 is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with Pacific Maritime Freight, Inc. dba Pacific Tugboat Service, a California corporation for debris removal in the A-8 Anchorage for an amount not to exceed \$219,500 which is 100% grant funded for the purpose of improving water quality and navigation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 7th day of May, 2013, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

EXCUSED: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

Ann Y. Moore, Chair

Board of Port Commissioners

ATTEST:

Timothy A. Deuel

District Clerk

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