

## **RESOLUTION 2013-99**

### **RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SUPPORT FOR INCREASED FUNDING FOR LOCAL COASTAL PLANNING**

**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 I, (Port Act); and

**WHEREAS**, the California Coastal Commission (Coastal Commission) is an independent state agency that regulates the use of land and water along the California coast and pursuant to the Coastal Act, certifies Port Master Plan Amendments (PMPA) and considers Coastal Development Permits (CDP) if they are appealed based on a claim of inconsistency with the Port Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result, District staff works collaboratively with local Coastal Commission staff on a regular basis to process PMPAs and appealable CDPs, address project issues, and work toward achieving favorable Coastal Commission staff recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2009, the Coastal Commission has been working with local governments to improve the local coastal planning process including local Coastal Commission staff and representatives of the California League of Cities: Coastal Cities Issue Group and the California State Association of Counties: Coastal Counties Caucus and participating in a series of workshops focused on possible areas of improvement which has resulted in suggested methods such as strengthening relationships between Coastal Commission staff and local jurisdictions, increasing efficiencies in the amendment process, making priorities and expectations more clear, and increasing education on local coastal planning; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to accomplish these improvement goals, however, additional funding to increase state and local staff capacity is necessary and Coastal Commission staff is actively pursuing additional funding through the State budget process and has requested the support of local government agencies in this effort; and

**WHEREAS**, over the next two years, the District intends on bringing many important District and District tenant projects to Coastal Commission staff and Coastal Commissioners for review, consideration and approval and currently the District has several projects in the queue that require Coastal Commission feedback and/or processing; the projects include but are not limited to:

- San Diego Convention Center (SDCC) Expansion and Expansion Hotel PMPA
- SDCC Expansion CDP (non-appealable)
- Hilton Expansion Hotel CDP (non-appealable)
- Water Transportation Center CDP (non-appealable)
- North Embarcadero PMPA
- Shelter Island Boat Launch Ramp PMPA
- East Harbor Island Subarea PMPA
- Pond 20 Long-Range Improvements
- National City Vision Plan
- Participation in Integrated Planning effort for comprehensive PMPA update; and

**WHEREAS**, Coastal Commission staff has indicated that it is not able, without additional resources, to dedicate staff to expedite the evaluation of District and District tenant projects; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 7, 2013, Coastal Commission staff circulated a memo to local coastal government agencies requesting support for enhanced local coastal planning and requesting that the District adopt a resolution expressing support for additional funding to accomplish the following:

- Increase collaborative state-local funding planning and streamline the process for approving and amending or updating Local Coastal Programs (LCP)/Port Master Plans (PMP), including providing additional planning staff for the Coastal Commission.
- Funding for new state LCP/PMP planning grants for local governments.
- Prioritize Coastal Commission staffing and resources in support of early scoping, local coordination and communication on any proposed amendment, to help identify key issues and address potential conflicts, as early as possible.
- Increase early coordination to provide for more predictable and mutually-agreeable processing timelines for each stage of the amendment process, and for mechanisms to provide maximum opportunity for the Coastal Commission and local governments to collaboratively address important and pressing coastal management issues, including addressing the need for updated LCP/PMPs to support new economic development consistent with local needs and the California Coastal Act, and responding to climate change.
- Early coordination that also provides for maximizing local participation and discussion of LCP/PMP issues, and enhances efficiency and accountability in the local coastal planning process.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Port Commissioners that the San Diego Unified Port District hereby supports increased funding for local coastal planning as set forth herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 11th day of June, 2013, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

EXCUSED: None.

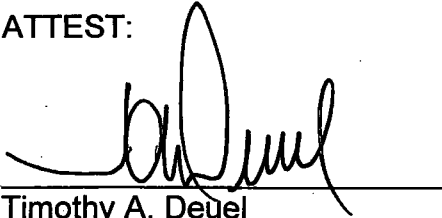
ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.



Ann Y. Moore, Chair  
Board of Port Commissioners

ATTEST:



Timothy A. Deuel  
District Clerk

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