RESOLUTION 2015-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL FUND, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$143.010, FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES AND WATER QUALITY PROGRAMS WITH TWO ORGANIZATIONS: THE **REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD** FOR A FISH CONSUMPTION STUDY (A ONE-YEAR AGREEMENT FOR \$22,500) AND THE LIVING COAST DISCOVERY CENTER FOR THE ENDANGERED LIGHT-FOOTED CLAPPER RAIL PROPAGATION PROGRAM (A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF FOR THE \$70,510); AND PURCHASE OF SATELLITE TAGS TO BE PLACED ON THE ENDANGERED EASTERN PACIFIC GREEN SEA TURTLES TO TRACK TURTLE MOVEMENTS (IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000)

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, on June 6, 2006, pursuant to Resolution No. 2006-111, the Board of Port Commissioners (BPC) adopted BPC Policy No. 730, which established the District's Environmental Fund; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in BPC Policy No. 730, the purpose of the Environmental Fund is to fund projects that address air, water and sediment quality, sustainability, natural resources management, habitat creation or protection, reclaiming natural shoreline conditions, and/or other issues in the Bay and/or the tidelands; and

WHEREAS, BPC Policy No. 730 provides that projects proposed to be funded through the Environmental Fund be reviewed by staff and ranked on a Project List pursuant to criteria set forth in BPC Policy No. 730; and

WHEREAS, in order for a project to receive funding from the Environmental Fund, the project must be approved by the BPC; and

WHEREAS, staff has evaluated the following requests for Environmental Fund distribution pursuant to the criteria set forth in BPC Policy No. 730: (1) \$22,500, to fund a San Diego Bay fish consumption study spearheaded by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board "RWQCB"; (2) \$70,510, to fund the Living Coast Discovery Center's endangered light-footed clapper rail

propagation program; and (3) \$50,000, to fund the Port/Navy and National Marine Fisheries Service's endangered Eastern Pacific green sea turtle tracking program; and

WHEREAS, based on staff's ranking and in conformance with BPC Policy No. 730, and with the Environmental Advisory Committee's support, staff recommends the funding of these three projects through the Environmental Fund, in the amounts set forth above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District authorizes funding from the Environmental Fund, for a total amount not to exceed \$143,010, for endangered species and water quality programs with two organizations: the Regional Water Quality Control Board, for a fish consumption study (a one-year agreement for \$22,500) and the Living Coast Discovery Center, for the endangered light-footed clapper rail propagation program (a three-year agreement for a total amount of \$70,510); and for the purchase of satellite tags to be placed on the endangered Eastern Pacific green sea turtles to track turtle movements (in the amount of \$50,000).

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

GENERAL-COUNSEL By: Assistant/Deputy

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 14th day of April, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Bonelli, Castellanos, Malcolm, Merrifield, Nelson, and Valderrama. NAYS: None. EXCUSED: Moore. ABSENT: None.

Dan Malcolm, Chairman Board of Port Commissioners

ATTEST:

Timothy A. Deuel District Clerk

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