

RESOLUTION 2015-32

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL MARITIME
VISION TO DEVELOP THE “BLUE ECONOMY”**

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, San Diego has historically been associated with a rich maritime culture that is connected to many different civilizations and influential people, such as the Kumeyaay nation tribes and Spanish explorer Juan Cabrillo; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Bay (Bay) is California’s largest natural harbor south of San Francisco, and it has long been a center for waterborne commerce, as well as a source for food and recreation for the local inhabitants and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Bay is currently home to a world renowned research facility at Scripps Institute of Oceanography, the U.S. Navy’s Pacific Fleet, and a growing cluster of advanced manufacturing and technology companies that will contribute to an economy of the future; and

WHEREAS, according to the San Diego Maritime Industry Report 2012, there are over 1,400 companies located in San Diego, with over 46,000 employees, producing over \$14 billion in direct sales annually in San Diego’s “Blue Economy”; and

WHEREAS, the “Blue Economy” concept is an evolving notion that can be defined as the sum of all economic activity having to do with oceans, seas, harbors, ports, and coastal zones, which combines traditional and emerging maritime technology industries that accelerate economic growth and enhance environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, many of the “Blue Economy” jobs are located on San Diego’s tidelands, including the bulk of marine transportation and shipbuilding jobs, and the industrial base that supports these jobs makes up 24% of land use on the tidelands, and jobs from this sector pay an average wage that is 27% higher than the average for the region; and

WHEREAS, the Port of San Diego is an economic engine, supporting 58,000 jobs through direct and indirect economic impact, and boasting a total

output to the region of \$7.6 billion, and is an environmental steward, promoting the health of almost 6,000 acres of submerged and exposed tidelands in the area; and

WHEREAS, new “Blue Technologies” produced in the region and the emerging “Blue Economy” will complement the District’s mission and will provide opportunities to promote a sustainable and profitable future for San Diego; and

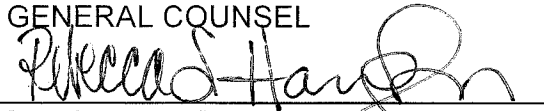
WHEREAS, on March 17, 2015, the City of San Diego (City) and the County of San Diego (County) signed resolutions of unanimous support for the further development of a “Blue Economy” in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the District proposes to join the City and County to support the establishment of a regional maritime vision to develop the “Blue Economy” in the San Diego region.

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

The San Diego Unified Port Board of Port Commissioners supports a maritime vision to develop a “Blue Economy” in the San Diego region.

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:

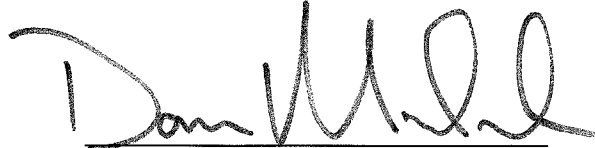
AYES: Bonelli, Castellanos, Malcolm, Merrifield, Nelson, and Valderrama.

NAYS: None.

EXCUSED: Moore.

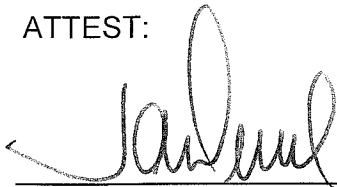
ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.



Dan Malcolm, Chairman
Board of Port Commissioners

ATTEST:



Timothy A. Deuel
District Clerk

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