

**RESOLUTION 2016-79**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CHULA VISTA  
BAYFRONT NATURAL RESOURCES  
MANAGEMENT PLAN, A COORDINATED EFFORT  
BETWEEN THE SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT  
DISTRICT, THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AND THE  
WILDLIFE ADVISORY GROUP**

**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**, On May 4, 2010, the District, the City of Chula Vista (City), the Bayfront Coalition (Coalition), and the Redevelopment Agency for the City of Chula Vista (RDA) entered into the Chula Vista Master Plan Settlement Agreement (Settlement Agreement); and

**WHEREAS**, the Settlement Agreement requires that the District, the City, and RDA cause to be prepared a Natural Resources Management Plan (NRMP) for the Chula Vista Bayfront; and

**WHEREAS**, the Settlement Agreement requires the creation of a Wildlife Advisory Group (WAG) to advise the District and the City on the development and implementation of the NRMP; and

**WHEREAS**, the NRMP is required to meet specific management objectives to protect habitats and enhance the fish and wildlife populations of the Chula Vista Bayfront development; and

**WHEREAS**, the NRMP provides guidance for the implementation of the requirements in the Controlling Documents, which consist of the Settlement Agreement, Coastal Commission Development Policies, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Chula Vista Bayfront and also outlines strategies that may be considered for future grant opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Settlement Agreement also requires the WAG to advise the District and the City on wildlife management issues and restoration plans related to the future development of the Chula Vista Bayfront; and

**WHEREAS**, the Settlement Agreement requires the District and City to provide administrative and staff support to the WAG, as necessary, to perform the functions and achieve the goals described in the Settlement Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, since the WAG's first meeting on May 4, 2011, the group has met over thirty times; and

**WHEREAS**, over the course of these meetings, the WAG developed goals and objectives for the NRMP; and

**WHEREAS**, the NRMP promotes and enhances natural resources in the bay-estuarine, urban setting for a sustainable future that sets far-reaching goals for living with climate change, and envisions a thriving, healthy ecosystem that fosters the human experience of nature; and

**WHEREAS**, the NRMP is an important environmental guidance and implementation document, applicable to all development within the Chula Vista Bayfront project area; and

**WHEREAS**, all projects including both public and private will be evaluated by the District and City relative to furthering the goals, objectives, standards and strategies of the NRMP; and

**WHEREAS**, the NRMP is designed to offer varied opportunities for human encounters with nature that are engaging, tranquil, support human and ecological health and well-being, and are accessible to all; and

**WHEREAS**, once completed, the Chula Vista Bayfront will be a destination for global travelers as well as local residents and visitors, reflect strong planning and design principles for sustainability of resources, economic feasibility, and community benefit; and

**WHEREAS**, the NRMP was prepared in consultation with District and City staff and six separate WAG ad hoc committees in addition to several WAG meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, the NRMP was written to achieve the management objectives of the Settlement Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the NRMP includes establishing fenced buffer areas with specific types of fencing; prohibiting activities near and adjacent to buffer areas; enforcing leashing of cats and dogs at all times; buildings and structures designed to prevent bird strikes and predators from perching; establishing design guidelines for walkways, pathways, lighting, noise, landscaping, stormwater management, roads, and footpaths; providing year-round predator control, increased enforcement, signage, volunteer events and interpretive walks to educate residents and visitors; implementing integrated pest management; limiting boating impacts; reviewing alternatives for conducting restoration of existing wetlands; public park restrictions; and implementing water quality improvement projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Settlement Agreement states as a management objective that, the District, City, and RDA are not required to expend funds for NRMP implementation until project-related revenues are identified and impacts initiated; and

**WHEREAS**, the first draft of the NRMP was available for public comment on July 1, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, during public comment the WAG provided approximately 300 comments which were reviewed and District and City staff; and

**WHEREAS**, District and City staff worked with a WAG ad-hoc committee on a nearly weekly basis to revise the NRMP and to resolve as many outstanding issues as possible prior to the second public review of the NRMP; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 2, 2015, the second draft of the NRMP was available for a 45 day public review via the Districts website; and

**WHEREAS**, the WAG specifically requested that the review period include two WAG meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, the WAG met on December 3 and 10, 2015 to obtain consensus on 143 comments from WAG members which were submitted on December 16, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, other public comments on the draft plan included 3 comments from a Chula Vista resident and 31 comments on the implementation table from the Chair of the WAG; and

**WHEREAS**, District and City staff and the WAG ad-hoc committee met several times to review the response to comments on the second draft of the NRMP and the responses to comments were provided to the WAG on February 29 and April 25, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the NRMP was revised to incorporate responses to the comments; and

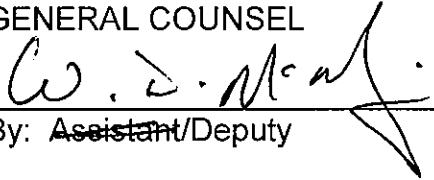
**WHEREAS**, the WAG met on May 5, 2016 and voted to approve the NRMP and recommend forwarding the NRMP to the District and City Boards for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the Settlement Agreement requires that the District and City approve the Natural Resources Management Plan and District staff recommends that the Board approve the Chula Vista Bayfront Natural Resource Management Plan and, pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, direct District staff to prepare

written notice of such approval to each party who signed the Settlement Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District does hereby approve the Chula Vista Bayfront Natural Resources Management Plan, and the Executive Director or her designee is hereby directed to provide written notice of such approval to each party of the Chula Vista Master Plan Settlement Agreement.

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

EXCUSED: Moore and Valderrama.

ABSENT: None.

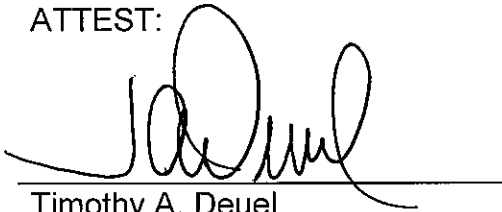
ABSTAIN: None.



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Marshall Merrifield, Chairman  
Board of Port Commissioners

ATTEST:



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Timothy A. Deuel  
District Clerk

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