RESOLUTION 2017-010

RESOLUTION WAVING BPC POLICY NO. 110, SECTION II (C), TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, TO HOST THREE CALIFORNIA SEA GRANT STATE FELLOWS FOR ONE YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,067.00 AND FOR MUTUAL INDEMNIFICATION

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, California Sea Grant is a unique partnership that unites the resources of the federal government, the State of California, and universities across the state to create knowledge, products, and services that benefit the economy, the environment, and the citizens of California; and

WHEREAS, California Sea Grant is one of 33 state programs funded by the National Sea Grant College Program, which is part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and is also supported by matching funds from the state and private sources; and

WHEREAS, California Sea Grant is administered by the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) and The Regents of the University of California San Diego (UCSD); and

WHEREAS, California Sea Grant Program provides a unique educational and professional opportunity for graduate students who are interested in coastal and marine resources, and the policy decisions affecting those resources; and

WHEREAS, the District requested and was accepted to become a host agency and will provide an educational opportunity to Sea Grant Fellows who will in turn, provide substantial professional contributions and will work with other District staff and/or leadership, as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, on an annual basis, Sea Grant conducts an open solicitation to graduate students throughout the State of California university system which requires graduate students to submit an application to California Sea Grant, which screens applicants for appropriate academic background, employment history, community and extracurricular activities, interest in the fellowship, and personal characteristics such as initiative, adaptability, and strong communication and analytical skills, and following a mandatory matching

workshop, placement with host agencies is based on in-person interviews and ranking of preferences by the selected finalists and hosts; and

WHEREAS, three California Sea Grant Fellows are proposed to be working within the District's Aquaculture & Blue Technology Program and the Planning & Green Port Department; and

WHEREAS, Staff is recommending entering into an Agreement with the Regents to allow the District to host three California Sea Grant Fellows for one year in the amount of \$175,067 including mutual indemnification, and also recommending the Board waive BPC Policy No. 110 Section II (C) to rely on the Regents extensive solicitation process.

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

BPC Policy No. 110 is hereby waived and the Executive Director or her designated representative is hereby authorized on behalf of the San Diego Unified Port District to execute an agreement with the Regents of the University of California, to host three California Sea Grant Fellows for one year in the amount of \$175,067 including mutual indemnification.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

GENERAL COUNSEL

By: Deputy

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 10th day of January, 2017, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

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

Robert Valderrama, Chair Board of Port Commissioners

ATTEST:

Timothy A. Deuel District Clerk

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