RESOLUTION 2018-092

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT AND COMMANDER, NAVY REGION SOUTHWEST REGARDING COORDINATION AND COOPERATION RELATED TO SEA LEVEL RISE IN THE SAN DIEGO REGION FOR A PERIOD OF SIX YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE (FULL EXECUTION)

- 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, Section 21 of the Port Act states that the District Board of Port Commissioners (BPC) may pass all necessary ordinances and resolutions for the regulation of the District; and
- **WHEREAS**, the District and the Commander, Navy Region Southwest (CNRSW) are the two major agencies with management responsibilities for the waterfront of San Diego Bay (Bay); and
- **WHEREAS**, the District and CNRSW recognize the need to coordinate sea level rise preparedness to support their operations, safeguard infrastructure, and promote environmental quality; and
- WHEREAS, building on the District's partnership with CNRSW for implementation of the bay-wide Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP), District staff recommends that the District and CNRWS enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to share information, re-evaluate the best available scientific information and modeling related to sea level rise, and collaborate to identify complementary adaptation policies and measures; and
- **WHEREAS**, the vitality of the Bay's waterfront and surrounding region is dependent upon maritime and coastal activities;
- **WHEREAS**, the sustainability of military operations in the Bay are critical to national security; and
- **WHEREAS**, as both the District and CNRSW plan for sea level rise, it is appropriate for both agencies to ensure consistency and coordination to ensure that strategies do not conflict nor worsen the conditions of the Bay; and
- WHEREAS, the MOA will be in place for a period of six years from the effective date, which takes place on the date of the last signature; and

WHEREAS, the MOA may be renewed or extended as both agencies deem appropriate upon its conclusion; and

WHEREAS, the MOA provides an organizational structure for collaboration and the sharing of non-confidential information, studies, and data related to sea level rise and its impacts; and

WHEREAS, the MOA also establishes responsibilities between the District and CNRWS and identifies milestones for initiating these responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the MOA does not commit either agency to financial obligations; and

WHEREAS, this MOA will be the first of its kind between the U.S. Navy and a west coast port in the United States and will continue the partnership between the two largest waterfront managers along San Diego Bay to jointly plan for and leverage resources to address sea level rise.

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

That the Executive Director, her authorized designee or the Chairman of the Board of Port Commissioners is hereby authorized on behalf of the San Diego Unified Port District to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the San Diego Unified Port District and Commander, Navy Region Southwest regarding coordination and cooperation related to sea level rise in the San Diego region for a period of six years from the effective date (full execution).

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

GENERAL/COUNSEL

By: Assistant/Senior/Deputy

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 8th day of May 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: Bonelli, Castellanos, Merrifield, Valderrama, and Zucchet

NAYS: None.

EXCUSED: Malcolm, and Moore

ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

Rafael Castellanos, Chairman Board of Port Commissioners

ATTEST:

Donna Morales District Clerk

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