

RESOLUTION 2019-094

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT UNDER THE BLUE ECONOMY INCUBATOR WITH ECONCRETE INC. FOR A 3-YEAR PILOT PROJECT TO DEMONSTRATE A BIO-ENHANCING CONCRETE SOLUTION FOR MARINE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$241,550. FUNDS FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR ARE BUDGETED; ALL FUNDS REQUIRED FOR FUTURE FISCAL YEARS WILL BE BUDGETED IN THE APPROPRIATE FISCAL YEAR, SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL UPON ADOPTION OF EACH FISCAL YEAR'S BUDGET

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; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Port Commissioners (BPC) adopted BPC Policy No. 110 to establish a policy governing the processing and administration of public projects, consulting and service agreements, the purchasing of supplies, materials and equipment, and grants; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the District established a Blue Economy Incubator (BEI) Program to assist in the creation, development and scaling of new Blue Economy business ventures in and around San Diego Bay, focusing on aquaculture and blue technology; and

WHEREAS, the BEI program acts as a launching pad for sustainable aquaculture and blue tech ventures by removing barriers to entrepreneurs and providing key assets and support services focused on pilot project facilitation; and

WHEREAS, incubator proposals are reviewed following a four-step cross-departmental due diligence process culminating in a staff recommendation to the BPC; and

WHEREAS, the review and selection process balance each proposal's potential social and environmental benefit, alignment with the District's core mission and Public Trust obligation, as well as potential financial return on investment; and

WHEREAS, pilot projects currently supported through the BEI program range from shellfish nursery operations to copper remediation technology, as well

as a drive-in Boatwash, a smart marina application, a marine debris removal vessel, seaweed aquaculture, and soil remediation technology; and

WHEREAS, under the BEI fourth round of proposals, staff is now recommending the BPC authorize a pilot project with ECONcrete Inc. to demonstrate a bio-enhancing concrete solution for marine infrastructure for \$241,550 for three years.

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

That the Executive Director or her designated representative is hereby authorized on behalf of the San Diego Unified Port District to enter into an agreement under the Blue Economy Incubator with ECONcrete Inc. for a three (3) year pilot project to demonstrate abio-enhancing concrete solution for marine infrastructure for a total amount not to exceed \$241,550.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:
GENERAL COUNSEL


By: Assistant/Deputy

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 24th day of July 2019, by the following vote:


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

NAYS: None.

EXCUSED: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.


Garry J. Bonelli, Chairman
Board of Port Commissioners

ATTEST:


Donna Morales
District Clerk

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