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CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED EXPENDITURE OF \$1,000,000 OF TIDELANDS TRUST FUNDS BY THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 1555, STATUTES OF 1971, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING MAINTENANCE DREDGING, LOCATED ON GRANTED TIDELANDS, CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, LOS ANGELES COUNTY

GRANTEE:

City of Redondo Beach Harbor Department P.O. Box 270 Redondo Beach, CA 90277-0270

The city of Redondo Beach, as trustee of the State, is requesting approval for the expenditure of \$1,000,000 from the tidelands trust fund in order to conduct maintenance dredging within the Redondo Beach Harbor. The Commission has the authority to review the proposed expenditure of tidelands trust funds pursuant to Chapter 1555, Statutes of 1971, which requires Commission review of capital expenditures of trust funds by the city of Redondo Beach in excess of \$250,000. It is important to note that the grant to the City does not reserve the minerals to the State and therefore, a dredging lease is not required for this maintenance dredging project. The only review authority the California State Lands Commission has is that over the expenditure of tidelands trust funds.

The present use of the lands affected by the proposed expenditure is a small craft harbor and the purpose of the dredging project is to remove the buildup of sand inside the harbor. It is anticipated that the project will take about three weeks and will take place in October or November of 2004. The dredged material will be deposited on the City's beaches. As the harbor was developed as a public small craft recreational harbor, dredging the harbor is critical to providing access to this public amenity.

Commission staff has reviewed the proposed project and the City's financial status and believes the proposed project is consistent with the public trust and statutory trust under which these lands are held, and recommends that the Commission consent to the proposed expenditure.

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OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

- 1. Concur with the city of Redondo Beach's determination that the proposed activities are exempt from the requirements of the CEQA pursuant to Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land Section 15304 (g) of the State CEQA Guidelines.
- 2. The Commission, in its consideration of the proposed expenditure of Tidelands Trust Funds, will be acting pursuant to its authority pursuant to Chapter 1555, Statutes of 1971.

EXHIBIT:

A. Location and Site Map

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

- 1. CONCUR WITH THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH'S DETERMINATION THAT THE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES ARE EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO CLASS 4 MINOR ALTERATIONS TO LAND SECTION 15304 (g) OF THE STATE CEQA GUIDELINES.
- 2. FIND THAT THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH HAS SUFFICIENT TIDELANDS TRUST FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT PROPOSED.
- 3. FIND THAT THE EXPENDITURE OF TRUST FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING MAINTENANCE DREDGING, IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PUBLIC'S TRUST NEEDS IN THE HARBOR AND IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE.
- 4. APPROVE THE PROPOSED EXPENDITURE OF \$1,000,000 OF TIDELANDS TRUST FUNDS BY THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING MAINTENANCE DREDGING ON GRANTED TIDELANDS IN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 1555, STATUTES OF 1971.

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