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CALENDAR ITEM

RATIFICATION OF EXPENDITURE OF REVENUES FOR EMERGENCY RESTORATION OF PROTECTIVE BARRIER DAMAGED WHEN STORMS WASHED ALL SAND AWAY FROM HARBOR SANDBAR

APPLICANT: City of Santa Barbara
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By Chapter 78 of the Statutes of 1925, as most recently amended by Chapter 193 of the Statutes of 1975, the Legislature granted to the City of Santa Barbara certain tidelands and submerged lands in Santa Barbara harbor. Pursuant to the terms of this grant the City must report to the Commission proposed expenditure of revenues in excess of $250,000 in the aggregate for any single capital improvement on the granted lands.

In March 1983, the Commission approved an expenditure for emergency repairs to the main pier and replacement of utilities and docks damaged by severe winter storms when giant waves swept over the breakwater, cut off utilities and undermined the breakwater. Following this, even normal waves threatened lives and property, and a rock protective wall was built.

On August 5, city officials reported to staff of the Commission that heavy surf washed all sand away from the harbor sandbar, which also operated as a protective barrier. The 900 foot long timber bulkhead constructed of pilings and boards

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that stabilized the sandbar was being hammered away by the surf. The city retained Moffat and Nichol, Engineers, to provide analysis and design for interim protective measures to be taken immediately. The city requested Commission approval for emergency restoration of the protective sandbar bulkhead.

By August 16, the City Council declared a State of Emergency, and waived formal bidding and contracted for interim repair of the bulkhead, at a cost of less than $250,000, to begin August 29.

The second element of the work will consist of the placement of a filter blanket over the quarry run layer and the placement of larger two to three ton armor rock extending to the top of the bulkhead, to an elevation of +10 MLLW. The cost of this final repair work is estimated to be $300,000.

Staff believes that the restoration of a barrier is in the statewide public interest and is necessary to the promotion of commerce and navigation and to the protection of the public. Therefore, staff recommends that the Commission ratify the proposed expenditure for emergency sandbar reconstruction.

AB 884: N/A.

EXHIBIT: A. Site Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. RATIFY THE EXPENDITURE OF REVENUES IN EXCESS OF $250,000 IN THE AGGREGATE FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE HARBOR SANDBAR BARRIER.

2. DIRECT STAFF TO REQUEST THAT THE CITY PROVIDE A STATEMENT OF ACTUAL MONIES EXPENDED TO COMPLETE NECESSARY REPAIRS, AND THE SOURCE(S) OF THE MONIES EXPENDED. PLANS FOR ANY ADDITIONAL PROJECTS THAT MAY INVOLVE EXPENDITURE OF REVENUES OF $250,000 IN THE AGGREGATE SHOULD BE SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW UNDER THE GRANT STATUTE.

3. FIND THAT THE EMERGENCY RECONSTRUCTION OF THE SANDBAR PROPOSED BY THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF CEQA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 15269 OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES.
This map is prepared in response to Chapter 1535 Statutes of 1970, as amended and does not constitute any statement as to boundaries.