CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF PROPOSED EXPENDITURE OF TIDELANDS TRUST FUNDS BY THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 193, STATUTES OF 1975, FOR THE SANTA BARBARA BREAKWATER CAP REPAIR AND GROUTING PROJECT IN THE SANTA BARBARA HARBOR, CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

GRANTEE:
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BACKGROUND:
The city of Santa Barbara Waterfront Department proposes a maintenance and repair project at the Santa Barbara Breakwater (Exhibit A). The proposed project will remove and replace sixteen sections of the breakwater cap and fill voids in the breakwater with rock and concrete grout (Exhibit B).

The proposed project is the first phase of a ten-year plan to repair the Breakwater. The phases are scheduled to take place every other year: in Year 1 replacing 16 sections of the Breakwater cap and grouting; Year 3 replacing 16 sections of the Breakwater cap; Year 5 replacing 16 sections of the Breakwater cap; Year 7 replacing 15 sections of the Breakwater cap; and Year 9 replacing the entire walkway surface.

The proposed project is an opportunity to maintain and repair a valuable protective structure for the Santa Barbara Harbor and to prevent sand infiltration into the interior Marina One fairway, which has reduced the depth of the fairway, causing grounding of boats moving in and out of the harbor.

The City, as trustee of the State, is seeking Commission authorization to spend $438,000 on the first phase of the ten-year plan to repair the Breakwater. The Commission has the authority to review the proposed expenditure of tidelands trust funds pursuant to Chapter 193, Statutes of 1975, section 6, which requires...
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Commission review of capital expenditures of trust funds by the city of Santa Barbara in excess of $250,000.

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.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. On May 20, 2003, the United States Army Corps of Engineers issued a Certification of Compliance with Department of the Army Permit for the Project (#200-00798-MWV). On May 28, 2003, the California Coastal Commission issued a Waiver of Coastal Development Permit Requirement for the project (Waiver #4-03-030). The city of Santa Barbara, the CEQA lead agency, filed a Notice of Exemption dated June 9, 2003, that states that the project is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines sections 15301(d), repair of damaged structures, and 15302(c), reconstruction of existing structures. Staff concurs in the City’s determination.

2. The Commission, in its consideration of the proposed expenditure of Tidelands Trust Funds, will be acting pursuant to its authority pursuant to Chapter 193, Statutes of 1975.

EXHIBITS:

A. Location and Site Map
B. Project Plans

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. CONCUR WITH THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA’S DETERMINATION THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTIONS 15301(d), RESTORATION OR REHABILITATION OF DETERIORATED OR DAMAGED STRUCTURES, AND 15302(c), REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING FACILITIES.

2. FIND THAT THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA HAS SUFFICIENT TIDELANDS TRUST FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT PROPOSED (PHASE I).

3. FIND THAT THE BREAKWATER CAP REPAIR AND GROUTING PROJECT WILL ENHANCE PUBLIC ACCESS, IS CONSISTENT WITH
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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 $438,000 OF TIDELANDS TRUST FUNDS BY THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA FOR PHASE I OF THE BREAKWATER CAP REPAIR AND GROUTING PROJECT IN SANTA BARBARA HARBOR, CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 193, STATUTES OF 1975.
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