CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED EXPENDITURE OF $615,000 OF TIDELANDS TRUST FUNDS BY THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 193, STATUTES OF 1975, FOR THE SANTA BARBARA BREAKWATER CAP REPAIR PROJECT, PHASE II, LOCATED ON LEGISLATIVELY GRANTED TIDELANDS, CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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PROPOSED EXPENDITURE OF TRUST FUNDS:
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 16 sections of the breakwater cap.

The proposed project is the second phase of a ten-year plan to repair the Breakwater. Phase I was approved by the Commission at its August 2003 meeting and was completed in December 2004. Construction of Phase II includes the replacement of an additional 16 panels and is scheduled for the fall of 2006. The proposed repair for Phase II involves demolition and replacement of approximately 384 lineal feet (16 sections) of concrete wall and sidewalk.

The breakwater cap provides public access to the breakwater and sand spit. The proposed project is an opportunity to maintain and repair a valuable protective structure that protects the Santa Barbara Harbor from coastal storms.

The City, as trustee of the State, is seeking Commission authorization to spend $615,000 on the second 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 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. The city of Santa Barbara, the CEQA lead agency, filed a Notice of Exemption dated May 1, 2006, 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.

EXHIBIT:
A. Location and Site Map

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDING:
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.

FINDINGS:
1. FIND THAT THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA HAS SUFFICIENT TIDELANDS TRUST FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT PROPOSED (PHASE II).
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2. FIND THAT THE BREAKWATER CAP REPAIR PROJECT WILL ENHANCE PUBLIC ACCESS, IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PUBLIC'S TRUST NEEDS IN THE HARBOR, AND IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE.

AUTHORIZATION:
APPROVE THE PROPOSED EXPENDITURE OF $615,000 OF TIDELANDS TRUST FUNDS BY THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA FOR PHASE II OF THE BREAKWATER CAP REPAIR PROJECT IN SANTA BARBARA HARBOR, CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 193, STATUTES OF 1975.
Exhibit A
Location and Site Map

LOCATION AND SITE MAP
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Santa Barbara Breakwater Cap Repair
Project (Phase II)
Santa Barbara Harbor
City of Santa Barbara
County of Santa Barbara

This Exhibit is solely for purpose of generally defining the project area, is based on unverified information provided by lessee or other parties, and is not intended to be, nor shall it be construed as, a waiver or limitation of any state interest in the subject or any other property.

J.L. 06/24/06