CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED EXPENDITURE OF $717,600 OF TIDELANDS TRUST FUNDS BY THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 193, STATUTES OF 1975

GRANTEE:
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BACKGROUND:
The city of Santa Barbara, as trustee of the State, is requesting approval for the expenditure of $717,600 from the tidelands trust fund to reconfigure a portion of the existing Marina 4, B Finger, located within Santa Barbara Harbor. The Commission has the authority to review the proposed expenditure of tidelands trust funds pursuant to Chapter 193, Statutes of 1975, which requires Commission review of capital expenditures of trust funds by the city of Santa Barbara in excess of $250,000.

Currently this area has the capacity to berth one large vessel or two moderately sized vessels parallel to the end of the dock. The proposed reconfiguration will allow up to three large vessels to berth perpendicular to the end of the dock. The demand for berthing any length vessel in Santa Barbara Harbor is high, especially for large vessels.

The proposed work will include the removal of four dolphin piles, two guide piles and a floating walkway, which extends from the end of the existing dock to the vessel that is currently berthed in the area. This area will be reconfigured by installing 16 new steel piles (four rows of four piles), with the vessels now facing bow out to the Federal Channel.

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

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:
1. The $717,600 requested by the City includes the project cost of $598,000 (in 2006 dollars) and a 20% cost overrun allowance. The Waterfront Department has allocated $598,000 through its 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program for this project. The Waterfront Department has $6,000,000 in reserve funds for this project.

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

3. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines [Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15060(c)(3)], the staff has determined that this activity is not subject to the provisions of the CEQA because it is not a "project" as defined by the CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

   Authority: Public Resources Code section 21065 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, sections 15060(c)(3) and 15378.

4. This activity involves lands which have NOT been identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 6370, et seq. However, the Commission has declared that all state school lands and submerged lands are "significant" by nature of their public ownership (as opposed to "environmentally significant"). Since such declaration of significance is not based upon the requirements and criteria of Public Resources Code sections 6370, et seq., use classifications for such lands have not been designated. Therefore, the finding of the project's consistency with the use classification as required by Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2954 is not applicable.

EXHIBIT:
A. Location and Site Map

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:
CEQA FINDING:
FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15060(C)(3) BECAUSE THE ACTIVITY IS NOT A PROJECT AS DEFINED BY PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21065 AND TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15378.

AUTHORIZATION:
1. FIND THAT THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA HAS SUFFICIENT TIDELANDS TRUST FUNDS FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT.

2. FIND THAT THE RECONFIGURATION OF END OF MARINA 4, B FINGER IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PUBLIC TRUST AND IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE.

3. APPROVE THE PROPOSED EXPENDITURE OF $717,600 OF TIDELANDS TRUST FUNDS BY THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECONFIGURING THE END OF MARINA 4, B FINGER, WITHIN THE SANTA BARBARA HARBOR, CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY.
This exhibit is solely for purposes of generally defining the lease premises, is based on unverified information provided by lessee or other parties, and is not intended to be, nor shall it be construed to as a waiver or limitation of any state interest in the subject or any other property.