

CALENDAR ITEM

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CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED EXPENDITURE OF \$440,000 OF PUBLIC TIDELANDS TRUST FUNDS BY THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH FOR THE GALVESTON WALL REPAIR PROJECT WITHIN LEGISLATIVELY GRANTED SOVEREIGN LAND IN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, LOS ANGELES COUNTY

TRUSTEE:

City of Redondo Beach
415 Diamond Street
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

The City of Redondo Beach (City) is trustee of sovereign tide and submerged lands granted to it by the Legislature pursuant to Chapter 57, Statutes of 1915 and as amended by Chapter 1555, Statutes of 1971 (statutory trust grant).

BACKGROUND:

The Galveston Wall is an approximately 1,000-foot long, eight-foot high structure located at the northern end of King Harbor. The wall was constructed as part of the original harbor during the 1960's and serves as a barrier protecting the inner harbor from tidal action. The concrete and rebar wall has significantly deteriorated over the past 50 years due to the continuous wave action and exposure to salt water and the elements. A storm in Winter of 2012 caused further damage to the wall.

THE PROJECT:

The City is requesting approval for the expenditure of \$440,000 of tidelands trust funds for the Galveston Wall Repair Project (Project) at King Harbor. The project calls for the removal and disposal of the external four-inch portion of the concrete wall until all existing steel rebar is exposed, installation of new steel reinforcement, and the placement of formed and poured-in-place concrete. A wave barrier will be erected during construction. The Project site is located on land legislatively granted, in trust, to the City as shown on Exhibit A.

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STAFF ANALYSIS:

Pursuant to the City's statutory trust grant, the City is required to notify the Commission prior to the disbursement of trust funds for a capital improvement project over \$250,000. The estimated cost of the proposed project is \$440,000, for which tidelands trust revenue will be expended. The total cost of the proposed Project is estimated at \$325,000 with the remaining \$115,000 set aside to cover project contingency costs (the possibility of more extensive damage to the core of the wall than anticipated). The City proposes to award the construction contract in the Fall of 2012 with construction targeted for completion by Winter 2012/2013. Approximately \$9.6 million is currently available in the City's Tidelands Fund.

Commission staff has reviewed the information submitted by the City for the proposed expenditure pursuant to Chapter 57, Statutes of 1915, and as amended by Chapter 1555, Statutes of 1971. Commission staff believes the proposed expenditure is for a use consistent with the Public Trust and statutory trust grant under which the lands are held. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the expenditure as described herein.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Applicant is the trustee of the legislatively granted sovereign lands, in the City of Redondo Beach, pursuant to Chapter 57, Statutes of 1915, as amended by Chapter 1555, Statutes of 1971.
2. In taking action on this staff recommendation, the Commission is exercising its authority pursuant to Chapter 57, Statutes of 1915, as amended by Chapter 1555, Statutes of 1971.
3. Find that the City of Redondo Beach has sufficient public trust funds for the proposed project.
4. The staff recommends that the Commission find that the subject approval of expenditure does not have a potential for resulting in either a direct or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and is, therefore, not a project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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

EXHIBIT:

- A. Site and Location Map

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that the Commission:

CEQA FINDING:

Find that the subject approval of expenditure is not subject to the requirements of CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15060, subdivision (c)(3), because the subject activity is not a project as defined by Public Resources Code section 21065 and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15378.

AUTHORIZATION:

1. Find that the Galveston Wall Repair Project is consistent with the Public Trust and the City's statutory trust grant and is in the best interest of the people of the State of California.
2. Approve the proposed expenditure of approximately \$440,000 of tidelands trust funds for the Galveston Wall Repair Project, City of Redondo Beach, Los Angeles County.

