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June 08, 2021

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ZUMA BEACH MAINTENANCE YARD UST PROJECT ESTABLISH AND APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECT
APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 87694
(THIRD DISTRICT) (FY 2020-21, 3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Beaches and Harbors is seeking Board approval to establish the Zuma Beach Maintenance Yard Underground Storage Tanks (UST) Project, Capital Project No. 87694, with a budget of \$817,000, and adjust appropriation to complete the project, which will be delivered by the Department of Public Works Geotechnical and Materials Engineering Division through an as-needed contract previously approved by the Board.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed Zuma Beach Maintenance Yard UST Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this letter and in the record of the project.
2. Establish and approve the proposed Zuma Beach Maintenance Yard UST Project, Capital Project No. 87694, with a total project budget of \$817,000.
3. Approve an appropriation adjustment to transfer \$517,000 of residuals from the completed Capital Projects listed herein and fund the Zuma Beach Maintenance Yard UST Project, Capital Project No. 87694.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find that the proposed Zuma Beach Maintenance Yard Underground Storage Tanks (UST) Project (Project) is statutorily and categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); establish and approve the Project, Capital Project Number 87694, including a total budget of \$817,000; and adjust appropriation to transfer residuals from the completed Capital Projects listed herein and fund the Project.

Background

The Zuma Beach Maintenance Yard is located within the beach parking lot at 30100 Pacific Coast Highway in the City of Malibu and supports the Department of Beaches and Harbors' (DBH) northern district maintenance activities year-round. Existing UST in the fenced maintenance yard were utilized to store and supply diesel and unleaded for a fueling service facility utilized for DBH's fleet of vehicles and equipment as well as first responders' vehicles. The existing facility has been especially important during disasters such as the 2018 Woolsey Fire.

However, recent routine testing of existing UST revealed that they were no longer compliant with applicable codes and regulations. Repairing the existing UST was deemed infeasible; for this reason, fueling operations were closed.

Closure of the existing UST constitutes an emergency in that it demands immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss of essential public services. It is imperative that the fuel tank and associated infrastructure be replaced and the fueling service facility reopened as it is used by the County Fire Department, Fire Department Lifeguard Division, and Sheriff's Department in addition to DBH, both for routine essential public services as well as during catastrophic events.

The fueling service facility is needed for DBH vehicles and equipment which are utilized in the provision of essential public services e.g. cleaning and maintaining beach restrooms, collecting refuse, and sanitizing beach sand. Under the COVID-19 pandemic, beach restrooms are cleaned more frequently and the amount of refuse accumulating along the beaches has increased. More frequent restroom cleaning translates to more vehicle trips and results in fuel being expended more quickly, which emphasizes the need for the on-site fueling service facility.

Closure of the Zuma Beach fueling service facility creates a risk to public health, safety, or welfare. The nearest County fueling site is eight (8) miles east via Pacific Coast Highway. During times of heavy traffic, travel to and from the alternative fueling service facility can take over one hour. And traffic on Pacific Coast Highway shuts down in the event of serious vehicle collisions and catastrophic events such as the Woolsey fire, meaning that closure of the Zuma Beach fueling service facility will leave DBH and first responders without fuel when the highway is closed.

For these reasons, an above-ground storage tank (AST) was recommended to replace the UST and resume fueling operations to support essential public services. Additionally, a separate, previously abandoned UST was identified on the site. The previously abandoned UST will also be removed through the proposed project.

Zuma Beach Maintenance Yard UST Project

The proposed project includes site investigations; design, and permitting; purchase and installation of a replacement split diesel and unleaded AST within the fenced maintenance yard; decommissioning and removal of existing USTs; site restoration; and expected remediation of soil/sand. Purchase and installation of the AST is anticipated to be substantially completed in Summer 2021.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions will promote and further Board-approved Strategic Plan Goal III, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, Strategy III.3.2, Manage and Maximize County Assets, by replacing critical public infrastructure and supporting emergency preparedness. In addition, approval of the recommended actions will further Strategic Plan Goal II, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Strategies II.2.2. and II.2.4, Expand Access to Recreational and Cultural Opportunities and Promote Active and Healthy Lifestyles, by supporting DBH's beach operations and thereby promoting safe and healthy access to the County's coastline.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total estimated project cost is \$817,000. The current estimated costs of remediation are based on preliminary environmental testing; however, total estimated remediation costs will be determined during the UST's final regulatory closure and removal processes. Preliminary project costs totaling \$94,580, including site investigations, environmental testing, and regulatory permits, were funded from DBH's FY 2020-21 operating budget and may be reimbursed from the Capital Project.

Approval of the recommended appropriation adjustment (Attachment) will transfer a total of \$517,000, consisting of residual funds from the following completed projects, and complete funding for Capital Project No. 87694:

- \$278,000 from Redondo Beach Topaz Restroom Refurbishment (Capital Project No. 87419)
- \$150,000 from Torrance Beach Restroom Refurbishment (Capital Project No. 87422)
- \$89,000 from Torrance Beach Burn Out Restroom Refurbishment (Capital Project No. 87437)

In addition to the recommended \$517,000 appropriation adjustment, \$300,000 was previously allocated to the proposed Capital Project during the FY 2020-21 Supplemental Budget Phase, completing the \$817,000 project budget.

Operating Budget Impact

Based on the proposed project's description, DBH does not anticipate any additional one-time, start-up, or ongoing costs resulting from the recommended actions. The proposed Project has maintenance and operational requirements that will be fulfilled with existing resources from DBH's Operating Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with the Board's Civic Art Policy, adopted on December 7, 2004 and last amended on

August 4, 2020, the proposed project is exempt from the Civic Art Allocation as the Eligible Project Costs are less than \$500,000. This is because the project's design and construction costs are estimated at \$478,000. An additional \$339,000 is included in the project budget for preliminary costs, including site investigations, environmental testing, and permitting as well as expected remediation costs.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed Project is statutorily and categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which is located within the existing fenced Zuma Beach maintenance yard, includes site investigations, design, and permitting; purchase and installation of a replacement above ground split diesel and unleaded storage tank; decommissioning and removal of existing underground storage tanks; site restoration; and remediation of soil/sand, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 21080(b) of the State Public Resources Code; Sections 15269(b) and (c), 15301, 15302(c), 15304(f), 15311, and 15530 of the State CEQA Guidelines; and Classes 1(l) and (u), 2(e), 4(k) and (m), and 11 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. The proposed Project is also statutorily exempt since it provides for emergency repairs to a publicly owned service facility necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety or welfare; specific actions to replace the fuel tank and associated infrastructure necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency whereas the anticipated period of time to conduct an environmental review would create a risk to public health, safety or welfare; minor alteration of an existing facility; replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity and where the replacement features will be located on the same site; accessory structures; and as necessary minor cleanup actions taken to prevent, minimize, and eliminate the release or threat of release of a hazardous substance costing \$1 million or less.

In addition, based on the proposed Project records, it will comply with all applicable regulations, and it is not located in a particularly sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on active hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inapplicable.

Upon your Board's approval of the recommended actions, DBH will file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk in accordance with Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

DBH will engage the Department of Public Works' Geotechnical and Materials Engineering Division (GMED) to design and deliver the project using a prequalified vendor under an as-needed services contract previously approved by the Board.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Activities under the proposed project will be completed in close coordination with DBH staff to minimize impacts to the existing beach maintenance operations.

CONCLUSION

Please have the Executive Officer of the Board send a copy of the Board letter to the Department of Beaches and Harbors, Planning Division, Capital Projects Section, 13837 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292. Should you have any questions, please contact Warren Ontiveros, Capital Projects Section Manager, at (424) 526-7756 or WOntiveros@bh.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Jones", with a stylized flourish at the end.

GARY JONES
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

June 8, 2021

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HER RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

**ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFORE
FY 2020-21
3 - VOTES**

SOURCES		USES	
BEACHES AND HARBORS REDONDO BEACH TOPAZ RR REFURB A01-CP-6014-65024-87419 CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I DECREASE APPROPRIATION	278,000	BEACHES AND HARBORS ZUMA BEACH MAINTENANCE YARD UST A01-CP-6014-65024-87694 CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I INCREASE APPROPRIATION	517,000
BEACHES AND HARBORS TORRANCE BEACH RR REFURB A01-CP-6014-65024-87422 CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I DECREASE APPROPRIATION	150,000		
BEACHES AND HARBORS TORRANCE BEACH BURN OUT RR REFURB A01-CP-6014-65024-87437 CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I DECREASE APPROPRIATION	89,000		
SOURCES TOTAL	\$ 517,000	USES TOTAL	\$ 517,000

JUSTIFICATION

Appropriation adjustment reflects reallocation of \$517,000 in funding from the Redondo Beach Topaz Restroom Refurbishment, CP No. 87419 (\$278,000); Torrance Beach Restroom Refurbishment, CP No. 87422 (\$150,000); and Torrance Beach Burn Out Restroom Refurbishment, CP No. 87437 (\$89,000); to fully fund the Zuma Beach Maintenance Yard UST project (Capital Project No. 87694).

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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

James Yun, Manager, CEO

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR—

- ACTION
- RECOMMENDATION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

BY *[Signature]*

B.A. NO. 268

DATE May 25, 2021

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

APPROVED AS REVISED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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