



Caring for Our Coast

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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:

**ACQUISITION OF MARINE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT
(FOURTH DISTRICT)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Beaches and Harbors is seeking Board approval to allow the Director of the Internal Services Department, as the County's Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the acquisition of a debris work boat at an estimated cost of \$547,000.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act, as it does not meet the definition of a "Project" under Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.
2. Authorize the Director of the Internal Services Department, as the County's Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the acquisition of a debris work boat for the Department of Beaches and Harbors, at an estimated cost of \$547,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department of Beaches and Harbors (Department) maintains a fleet of water-based boats to perform various maintenance functions in the Marina del Rey Harbor including debris pick-up, removal of marine mammal carcasses and hazardous waste containment. The recommended debris boat has improved maneuverability and load-carrying capacity over the existing fleet, functions that will greatly assist staff in performing critical water maintenance tasks.

Acquisition of the recommended debris work boat will allow the Department to replace and salvage two existing boats that are beyond repair, reducing the current fleet of water-based boats from five to four, thus resulting in decreased maintenance costs to the Department and increased productivity with a more capable fleet to perform debris recovery tasks.

Pursuant to County Policy, Board approval is required for capital equipment purchases where the unit cost is \$250,000 or greater.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended action will promote and further the Board-approved Strategic Plan Goal II, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Strategy II.1.3, Make Environmental Sustainability Our Daily Reality, by ensuring the Department can continue to provide clean, safe and sanitary conditions for the public's enjoyment in the County-operated Marina del Rey Harbor.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated cost of the debris boat is \$547,000. The debris boat will replace two existing debris boats owned by the Department that will be salvaged. The equipment acquisition will be financed over five years through the Los Angeles County Capital Asset Leasing (LAC-CAL) equipment financing program. The Department has sufficient appropriation for the equipment lease costs in its FY 2021-22 Budget.

Operating Budget Impact

There is sufficient funding in the Department's Fiscal Year 2021-22 Recommended Budget to fund the equipment leasing costs. No additional net County cost is required for this acquisition.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This request complies with the County Equipment Policy approved by your Board on October 16, 2001. This policy requires that departments obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as it does not meet the definition of a "Project" under Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The acquisition of this equipment is under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent. The acquisition will be competitively solicited in accordance with the standard County purchasing policies and procedures.

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Your approval will ensure that the Department of Beaches and Harbors can continue to provide a clean and safe environment of the Marina del Rey Harbor for the public's enjoyment.

CONCLUSION

Please authorize the Executive Officer of the Board to send an adopted copy of the Board letter to the Department of Beaches and Harbors, Administrative Services Division.

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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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Internal Services Department